

Sailing Instructions - 2025 Oklahoma City Boat Club

1. Rules: (1) All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 according to the definition of "Rule."

(2) Local class association modifications to class rules shall apply.

(3) If the Notice of Race conflicts with these instructions, the Notice will control. This changes RRS 63.5 (c).

(4) These sailing instructions shall apply to all events including when special sailing instructions governing a series or regatta are issued, except as specifically overridden by those special instructions.

(5) The penalty for breaking rules other than those of Part 2, RRS 2, 28 and 31 will be at the discretion of the protest committee, in accordance with RRS 60.5(c)(1)

(6) US Sailing Prescription Appendix V2 Alternative Penalties shall be in effect.

2. Eligibility: (1) Participation is open to any member in good standing of any recognized sailing organization.

(2) All boats are required to comply with Lake Hefner registration laws, including carrying all required safety equipment. For local boats, this includes current Oklahoma State registration and Oklahoma City lake permit. Appropriate stickers must be properly displayed.

3. Notices to Competitors: Official notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the OCBC clubhouse.

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions: (1) Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Race Committee and posted at least one hour before the start of the first race in which the change is effective; provided, notice of a change in the schedule of races will be given by whatever practicable means is available that is reasonably calculated to give notice to all competitors.

(2) Oral changes may be given on the water (RRS 90.2(c)).

5. Signals Made Ashore: (1) Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal pole near the entrance to A Dock or a staff on the Race Committee signal vessel moored in the harbor.

(2) One sound signal with no flag (harbor gun) means "Next race will begin in approximately one hour."

(3) Lowering the abandonment or postponement signal with one sound signal means, "The postponed or abandoned race will be sailed as soon as practical." This modifies Race Signals "AP" and "N."

6. Schedule: (1) The first warning signal for series races will be as follows:

Saturday family: 1740-1800 Harbor Start

Sunday: 1400 (2 races)

Tuesday & Wednesday: 1900 (1800 in September).

(2) Start times for regattas and special races will be announced in their respective Notices of Race.

11. Change of Course after start: Rule 33 is modified to provide that,

(1) The Race Committee may indicate the new

7. Courses: (1) Except for "harbor start" races, the courses will be displayed on a Course Board on the Race Committee vessel by listing in order the permanent marks to round. When the number of a mark is followed by "S", the mark is to be left to starboard. Otherwise, all marks are to be left to port. Order of start of divisions will also be shown on the Course Board. For a "harbor start" race, courses will be posted on the Official Notice Board. (2) The Race Committee may alternatively designate courses as defined in the attached Addendum A. (3) Offset marks will be small tetrahedrons about 2 1/2 feet in height, approximately 100 feet perpendicular to the wind from the weather mark and indicated on the course board. The offset mark must be rounded after its main mark and on the same side (port or starboard rounding). (4) There may be an alternate weather mark for LVL250 fleet.

8. Safety: (1) Boats shall check-in before the first warning signal of the day sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee vessel displaying code flag "L". The boat shall hail her proper sail number or any other pertinent information for scoring [DP].

9. The Start: Races shall be started in accordance with Rule 26 with the following modifications. (1) Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made. Boats in violation of 9.1 may be subject to protest by the Race Committee

(2) The starting line will be between an **orange** flag displayed on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and a starting mark.

(3) A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal for their division shall be scored DNS. This changes Appendix A4.

(4) The "Class Flags" referred to in Rule 26 are:

FLAG	DIVISION
WHITE	Centerboard
YELLOW	Spinnaker
PURPLE	All Others or All Together

All Others means all classes not specifically listed on the course board.

(5) Appendix U starting procedure (Sound System) may be used when warranted. .

10. Recalls: (1) Rule 29.2 is modified to provide, when there are multiple starts, that a division for which a general recall has been signaled shall return across the extensions of the starting line ("around the ends"), and start in a separate start after the last division to start. Each subsequent recalled division shall start in a separate start after the previous recalled division.

(2) The Race Committee may hail or broadcast on VHF 68 numbers of individually recalled boats. Failure to notify, order or timing of notice or failure of a boat to receive notice shall not be grounds for redress.

course by displaying a mark number of a permanent mark instead of a compass heading. The new mark replaces any later rounding of the original mark.

(2) The Race Committee may adjust any leg of the course by moving the mark(s) up to 10 degrees in bearing and 0.1 nm in length without signaling a change of course. This changes RRS 33.

12. The Finish: (1) Normally the finish line will be between a **blue** flag on the Race Committee vessel and the last mark of the course, or a temporary mark.

13. Alternative Penalties: Penalties as described in Appendix V 1 and V 2 This modifies Rule 44.1. One turn penalty under 44.1 for a Part 2 violation.

14. Time Limit: This instruction applies only to races not announced as "long distance" races.

(1) The lead boat in a starting division must complete the first leg of the course within 30 minutes after her start signal and must finish the race within two hours. For any division in which the lead boat fails to satisfy both requirements, the race shall be abandoned. This shall not affect any division in which the lead boat does satisfy the requirements.

(2) Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat in their division to finish will be recorded "Time Limit Expired (TLE)." This changes Rule 35 and Appendix A4.

15. Protests/Redress: (1) Rule 60.2 is modified to add that a boat intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee at the finish, if possible, of the boat being protested.

(2) Delivery of a protest to the Race Committee referred to in Rule 60.3(b) shall be within 30 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat docks. (3) When applicable, Appendix V: Alternative Penalties, shall be used.

(4) Protest and redress hearings shall take place no earlier than 1900 hrs on the day following the race and heard approximately in the order received, or at other times only at the convenience of the protest committee after consulting all parties. Hearings may be conducted at the club or virtually, by phone or internet, as determined by the Protest Committee.

16. Scoring: (1) Handicap fleet scoring will use Lake Hefner PHRF Fleet handicaps with Time-on-Time correction. Each boat must hold a valid certificate, which may be obtained from the Rating Committee in accordance with posted rules. It is permissible for a handicap boat to use a whisker pole longer than her J measurement if the over-length pole is listed on her certificate. Centerboard handicap shall be scored using the Portsmouth Handicapping system, with wind factors when practical.

(2) The latest rating on file with the scoring program shall be used for the purpose of scoring a boat in any handicapped race or handicapped fleet.

(3) Appendix A of the Rules will apply with the modifications listed below. The number of races scheduled will be specified in the OCBC Schedule of Races or in the Notice of Race. One completed race shall constitute a series.

(4) Appendix A5.2 is modified to state a boat that is disqualified (DSQ or DNE) shall receive points equal to two more than the number of entrants and all others that did not finish or retired after finishing shall receive one more than the number of entrants in a regatta.

(5) Appendix A8 is modified to state a boat that is disqualified (DSQ or DNE) shall receive points equal to two more than the number that started; a boat that came to the starting area but did not start (DNS), was scored OCS or retired after finishing (RAF) shall receive points equal to one more than the number that started and a boat that did not finish (DNF or WDR) shall receive points equal to one more than the number that did finish.

(6) A boat that is scored TLE shall receive points equal to one more than the number of boats that finished within the time limit. This modifies Appendix A5.

(7) Only if four or more races are completed in a series then a boat's worst race shall be excluded. If eight or more are completed then the worst two and if twelve or more then the worst three shall be excluded. This changes Appendix A2. The restriction specified by Rule 90.3(b) as to non-excludable scores shall still apply.

17. Fleets: (1) For a regatta, three boats registered in a class shall make a fleet.

(2) For a series, three boats in a class, ranking as starters in the first race, shall make a fleet. Also, a fleet may exist for any class that petitions the Race Committee or Scoring Committee before the first race to be scored as a fleet even if it produces fewer than three boats in the first race. Such request, if granted, cannot be withdrawn or reversed after the start of the first race.

(3) Additionally, there may be Spinnaker Handicap, Non-Spinnaker Handicap, and Centerboard Handicap fleets.

(4) The handicap classes may be separated into divisions. Any such divisions will be based on handicap ratings as determined by the Race Committee.

18. Prizes: Prizes may be awarded in each fleet based on the average number of boats, per race, ranking as starters in the series or number of entrants in a regatta. If the number is three, one prize will be awarded; if the number is five, two prizes will be awarded; if the number is seven, three prizes; if the number is nine, four prizes; if the number is twelve, five prizes will be awarded.

19. Substitutions: (1) Unless restricted by the Notice of Race, crew may be substituted between races, including helmsmen, in regular series races only.

(2) A boat shall not compete in more than one fleet during any one series or regatta.

20. Sail Numbers: Sail numbers shall be of a contrasting color to the body of the sail. **App G1.2(a)(3)** Violations are subject to warning or penalty at the Protest Committee's discretion **App G4.**

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7. Courses: (2) Course designation on the course board may be signaled as follows:

W Windward/Leeward – plus the number of legs to be sailed, even number indicate downwind finish, odd number indicates windward finish. May include windward offset mark and/or leeward gate.

- T Triangle – plus the number of legs to be sailed (W-J-L)
- G Gold Cup – (W-J-L-W-finish)
- O Olympic – (W-J-L-W-L-finish)
- ZO Trapezoid Outer Loop
- ZI Trapezoid Inner Loop

If a permanent mark is used it will be designated on the course board as follows where “n” is the mark number:
W= # n, J= # n, L= # n

When a leeward gate is in use, boats must pass between the gate marks, in the direction from the previous mark, and then may round either mark, leaving it on the same side as when passing between them.

