

Sailing Instructions

2023- 2024 (Part of 2024 Cups and flags)

Rochester YC Model Yachting - version 2

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1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, appendix E for RC sailing, class rules of the Soling One Meter class, these Sailing Instructions("SI") and any Amendments to the SI'S.
- 1.2 Changes to the racing rules or class rules are noted in the specific instructions where they apply.
- 1.3 These Sailing Instructions include basics only. It is the responsibility of all skippers to know and understand the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Including, Appendix E which forms part of the ISAF RRS and which applies to Radio Controlled SailBoats.

2.0 Eligibility

- 2.1 The Soling 1 meter fleet: The series is open to Soling 1 meter or boats that meet the class rules, and sailors who are members of Rochester YC and guests of RYC Members.
- 2.2 The series is open to Soling 1 meter boats that meet class rules in "good faith".

3.0 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be available on site prior to racing
- 3.2 Role of the RC/RD: The Race Committee (RC), Race Director (RD) has final authority for calling Starts, Finishes, and Fouls if a boat touches a 'hot' mark of the course.

4.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 The RD may make any necessary changes to these *Sailing Instructions* in order to maintain a fair and competitive regatta
- 4.2 Changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made written or verbally at any time with race committee approval. All competitors within the control area shall be notified at **least 5 minutes prior to the first signal of the day**. This changes RRS 90.2

5.0 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 First signal NOT BEFORE 10:30 am. for all events.
- 5.2 The race committee will determine the number of races for each day after considering weather, course and equipment conditions. Total heats scored will have one throwout if-10 heats have been completed.

No sequence will be started after 12:30

6.0 The Course

- 6.1 The course(s) to be sailed will be verbal by the RD and/or displayed on a course board. Course will be adjusted as conditions necessitate.

7.0 Launch area / Control area

- 7.1 The launch area is unrestricted
- 7.3 Safety: Transmitters with telescoping antennas *must* have adequate protection on the tip.

8.0 Marks

- 8.1 Marks will be of various colors and geometry and will be verbally designated in the course description
- 8.2 The starting and finishing marks may consist of two temporary marks, or a point between permanent and temporary marks.

9.0 Obstructions

- 9.1 The following are designated as obstructions: moored boats or lifts, permanent moorings, docks, and floating wood in addition to natural obstructions.

10.0 The Start

- 10.1 Heats will be started via a **30 Second countdown** sequence
- 10.2 BOATS are NOT allowed to hit any starting mark as described in 8.0
- 10.3 A boat not actively sailing will be scored DNS. Number of RC boats on premise that day PLUS 1 point
DNC (Didn't show UP) Plus 2 of on premise that day

- 10.4 The RC will TRY to call out the sail number of any premature starter. Failure to call a premature starter does not excuse that skipper from starting properly. *It is solely a skipper's responsibility for making a proper start whether or not he heard the hail.*

11.0 Finish

- 11.1 If NO RC then **each competitor shall announce their Boat/Sail number at the moment of finishing**.
- 11.2 Further, a disabled boat that is still under control and could finish eventually, may be assigned a finishing position. But at the discretion of the RD
- 11.3 Finishing & Keeping Clear: A boat not racing shall not interfere with boats that are racing. If a boat breaks rule sailing rule 24.1, she may be assigned a penalty of **Three points** by the RD without recourse.

12.0 Penalty System

- 12.1 The penalty for a rules infraction is one turn (one tack and one gybe) in accordance with RRS E4.3
- 12.2 Rule 31 is Modified to **NOT** allow boat to touch Starting line marks and shall take a penalty turn as required by RRS 44
- 12.3 A boat can touching a **Windward/Leeward Mark** as defined by RRS 31 and is **NOT** required to do

URNS (This is a fun Fleet)

*****YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED to hit the Start marks (NO BARGING) ****

13.0 Time Limits

- 13.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 10 minutes, the heat will be abandoned.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 5 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF.

14.0 Protests

NOTE: The Race committee requests that skippers resolve their protests on the water.

- 14.1 A boat protesting another boat while sailing shall hail the other boat, as required by RRS 61.1(a) as modified by rule RRS E5.2. Only those sailors directly involved in an alleged foul shall participate in that protest
- 14.2 Boats filing a protest with the protest committee **shall buy the RD/RC a drink and by doing so within 20 minutes** of when the last boat finishes the last heat of the day. The protest must be written.
- 14.3 It shall be the onus of the sailor fouled; to notify or confirm the foul by requesting circles from the offending boat.
- 14.4 **The Losing Protest Skipper Buys the RC fleet that day a round of Drinks**

15.0 Scoring

- 15.1 The *Low-Point Scoring (A4.1 and A4.2)* will be used for series, regattas or special events.
Day scoring -There will be one throw out for every **Ten** races sailed. DNF, DNS, & DSQ: highest score available in that DAY + 1.
*****Boats/Sailors** that did not showup in the starting area shall be scored a **DNC**. Points will be number of boats for the day plus **TWO**.
- 15.2 ONE heat completed shall be required to constitute a race day
- 15.3 Each Series is Scored on a 60% of all races in that Series.
- 15.4 Overall Series scores will be based on 60% of ALL Series Races (Trophy TBD)
- 15.5 Overall Championship will be determined on best 3 out of 4 series overall scores & 3 out of 4 Regattas scores (Bucket Trophy)

16.0 Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 16.1 A boat and her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules and Sailing Instructions

17.0 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the racing.