

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SIs means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 and 60.1(b).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing to the Preamble of Section B of Part 5, and rule 63.1 do not apply.
- 1.3 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows ‘2) if it alleges a breach of rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or’
- 1.4 For other rules and documents that apply, please refer to the Notice of Race and its amendments (NoR).

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted by one hour before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located at https://www.yachtscore.com/notice_board_summary/50875 . Duplicate postings will be posted inside the PHYC building.
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) will monitor and communicate via VHF Channel 69.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from the PHYC yard arm.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Race dates are Friday to Sunday, September 18th to 20th
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day 1100.
- 6.3 Race start sequence will not be started after 1400 on Sunday.
- 6.4 RC will attempt to run as many races as possible each day.
- 6.5 Awards will be at PHYC as soon as possible on the last day of the event.

7 RACING AREAS

Racing will take place in the blue waters of Lower Lake Huron within 2 miles of R4.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in **Attachment A** show the courses (including the course designation), the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The RC intends to have a gate at the leeward end of the course and an offset at the windward mark. If there is no gate, the single leeward mark shall be left to port. If there is no offset, the single windward mark shall
- 8.3 be left to port.
- 8.4 The RC signal boat shall display on its starboard side the designated course on a placard and may also display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The starting/finish mark will be a yellow inflatable mark.
- 9.2 Marks of the course will be orange inflatable marks.
- 9.3 The offset mark will be a small orange inflatable mark.
- 9.4 The RC intends to have a gate at the leeward end of the course. However, a single leeward mark may be set, in which case it shall be left to port
- 9.5 A course change mark will be yellow. In the event of a course change, an offset may not be used.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat starting mark as described in SI 9.1.
- 10.3 The Race Committee shall attempt to broadcast the Bow Number or Sail Number of any OCS boats on Channel 69. Failure to make a broadcast or timely order of broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 The RC may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark or at a gate by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) and signaling all boats before they begin the leg.
- 11.2 The next mark need not be in position at that time. Subsequent legs may be changed without further signaling to maintain course configuration.
- 11.3 The RC may make minor adjustments (up to 10 degrees and 0.1 nm in length) to the course during a race without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.4 A gate mark may be moved without signal to support the course configuration

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 As approaching the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Boat and the finishing mark as described in SI 9.1.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The first boat shall round the first windward mark in 45 minutes or less. The first boat shall complete the course in 1 hour and 30 minutes or less. Any boat finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat shall be scored DNF

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V1 and V2 will apply.

15 Hearing Request

- 15.1 Hearing Request shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 60 minutes after the RC boat docks.
- 15.2 The protest time limit and a list of protests will be posted on the Notice Board.
- 15.3 Hearing Request notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.

16 SCORING

See NoR Section 9.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 17.1 **Check-In** - Before the start of the first race of the day, competitors are requested to sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail number until acknowledged.
- 17.2 **Retirement** - A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP][NP]

- 18.1 Substitution of crew shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 SUPPORT VESSELS [DP][NP]

- 19.1 All support vessels (including those of team leaders, coaches and other support persons) must be registered with the RC.
- 19.2 After the warning signal has been made, all support vessels shall be 100 meters below the start line and its extensions, or on the port side of the course, maintaining a safe distance from all racing boats
- 19.3 Support vessels may be requested to assist the RC to ensure the safety and well-being of **all** competitors. Support vessels are required to monitor VHF Channel 72.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

Competitors and support persons must not foul the water with garbage. Garbage or trash collection is provided by all safety and RC support vessels.

21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

See NoR Section 12.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23 AWARDS

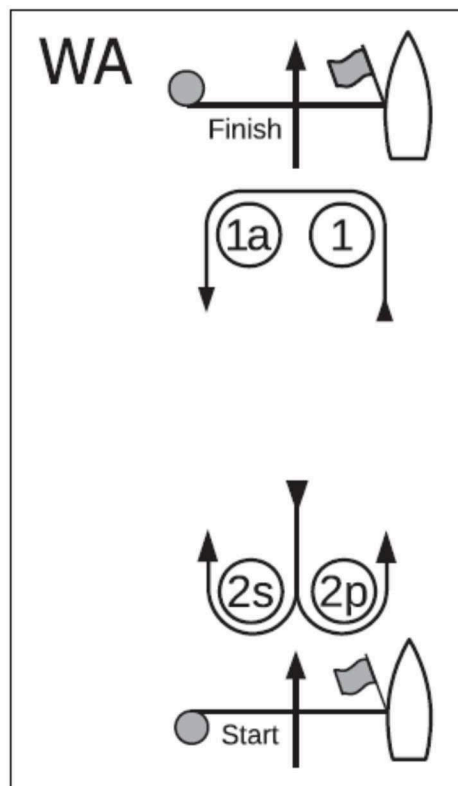
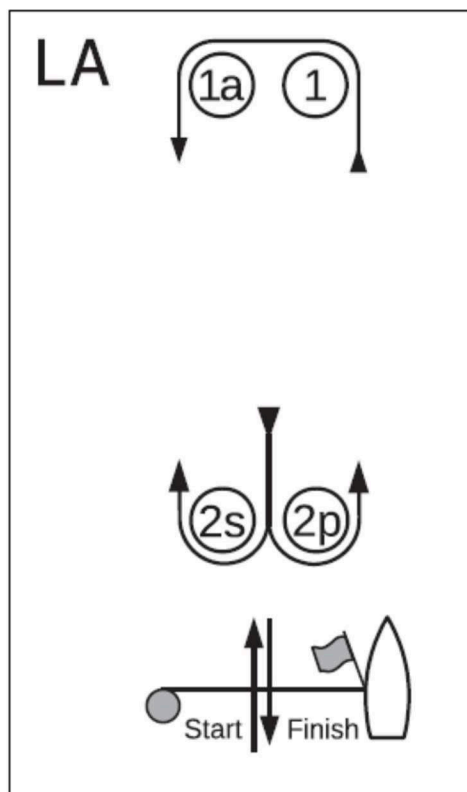
- 23.1 The awards ceremonies will be held as soon as results are available on Sunday, September 20, 2026.
- 23.2 See NoR 15 for the prizes to be awarded.

24 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: "The Responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

ATTACHMENT A

Illustrating the Windward / Leeward Courses



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

Course WA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
WA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish

If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark is to be rounded to port.
There is no offset mark (1A) with a changed weather mark.