



SPRING AND FALL SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1. This series is open to members of the Potomac River Sailing Association; the skipper or boat owner must be a member of the association.
- 2.2. A competitor shall check in on the water by hailing skipper name and sail number to the race committee.
- 2.3. Guests of members and prospective members should seek permission of the race committee to participate.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted at www.potomacriversailing.org. Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted to the website by 6:00 p.m. the day before it is to take effect and an email to the PRSAMembers@yahoo.com will alert members to the change.
- 3.2. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the race committee boat which will be docked near Crane # 2 in the marina launching area. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less one hour after AP is lowered.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. The race committee will hold a competitors' meeting at 10:00 a.m. on a racing day. With the exception of information permitted by Rule 41(d), all information by the race committee shall be presented at the competitors' meeting.
- 4.2. Races will be held on Sundays, as shown on our website www.potomacriversailing.org.
- 4.3. The warning signal for the first race on each race day will be at 11:25 a.m. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. No warning signal will be made after 3:30 p.m. The Race Committee will try for three races each day but may conduct a 4th if conditions are favorable.

5. RACING AREA

- 5.1. Races will be conducted on the Potomac River, between Gravelly Point and Hains Point, Washington, D.C. Following a notice to competitors at the competitors' meeting, races may be conducted east of the Mirant Power Plant, Alexandria, Virginia.
- 5.2. Channel-bound commercial vessels within the racing area are obstructions. Boats that are racing must keep clear of such vessels.

6. CLASS FLAGS and STARTING ORDER

- 6.1. The race committee will use class flags bearing these symbols:



Open Cats, Hobie Cats, Lightnings, Hamptons, Interlakes, Buccaneers, Albacores, Lasers

- 6.2.** The start order is as shown in paragraph 6.1; absent classes are dropped. Classes with 3 or fewer boats may be started with another class, as announced at the competitors' meeting. The class flags of both classes will be raised at the warning signal.

7. COURSES and MARKS

- 7.1.** The windward, gybe, and leeward marks will be inflated orange or yellow cylinders. The start pin is a white cylinder with a red flag on top. The finish pin is a white cylinder with a blue flag on top.
- 7.2.** The attached course sheet (page 3) explains the courses and the course designation flags, and the procedure for gates.

8. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

- 8.1.** The start line will be between the orange flag on the signal boat and the start pin (red flag) as described in 7.1. The finish line will be between the orange flag on the RC boat and the finish pin (blue flag) as described in 7.1.
- 8.2.** The start and finish lines are open for sailors to sail through.

9. TIME LIMIT

- 9.1.** The time limit will be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish in each class. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored TLE (time limit expired, which will be equal to 1 + the number of on-time finishers). This changes RRS A4.2.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1.** For catamarans, the penalty is one full turn (one tack and one jibe). This changes rules 44.1 and 44.2.
- 10.2.** When a boat has a spinnaker drawing at the time of an infringement, drops it completely while taking her penalty, re-sets it, and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one full turn (one tack and one jibe). This changes rules 44.1 and 44.2.

11. PROTESTS

- 11.1.** Protests shall be delivered to the PRO within 30 minutes of the signal boat's docking. After the close of the 30-minute time limit, the PRO will inform the protestee(s) of the protest(s), allow them to read the protest, and indicate when their hearing will begin. The PRO will convene a panel of judges to hear and adjudicate the protests. Hearings will be held on the deck next to the Afterdeck Café and will begin 60 minutes after the signal boat's docking

12. SCORING

- 12.1.** The fleets have the option of scoring the series according to their chosen scoring systems. The PRSA scorer will post the individual race results as soon as possible following a race day at www.potomacroversailing.org.

13. TROPHIES

- 13.1.** Trophies will be awarded to in accordance with the Association's awards policy.

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7.2 RC positioned **Between Leeward & Windward Marks:**

Round leeward mark as many times as indicated on the Numeral Flag— count the arrows.

Windward-Leeward Course W Flag	Olympic Course O-Flag	Triangle Course T-Flag
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">W</div> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">3</div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">O</div> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">3</div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">T</div> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">3</div> </div>
<p>3 hot dogs</p>	<p>1 triangle, 2 hot dogs</p>	<p>3 triangles</p>

For the above courses, the start/finish line is "open."

7.3 Numeral Flag

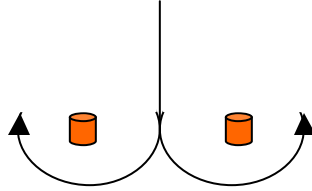
If a "1" flag is displayed before a class' warning signal, then the class shall sail round the leeward mark just once. If a "2" flag is displayed, round the leeward mark twice. If a "3" flag is displayed, round the leeward mark 3 times.



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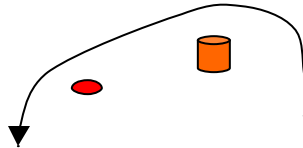
7.4 Leeward Mark – may be a single rounding mark or a two mark Gate

For the W course, the **leeward mark** may either be a single orange cylinder or a gate – two orange cylinders approximately 100 feet apart. For other courses, it is always a single orange cylinder. If it is a single orange cylinder, a boat shall round it to port. If it is a gate a boat shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the windward mark and round either gate mark (see diagram).



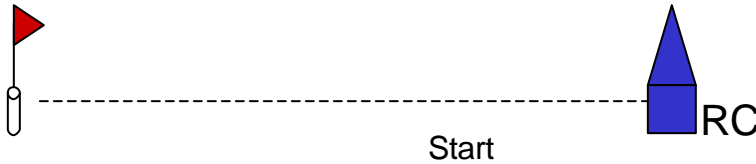
7.5 Windward Mark

The windward mark may be either a single orange cylinder or a cylinder with an offset – a second, smaller buoy approximately 4 boat lengths away – boats shall round both the cylinder and the offset to port.

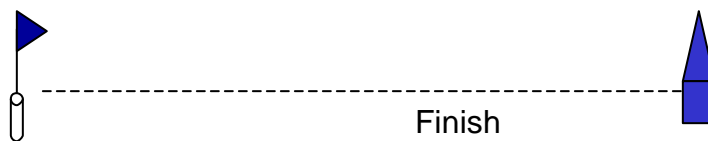


7.6 Start and finish lines

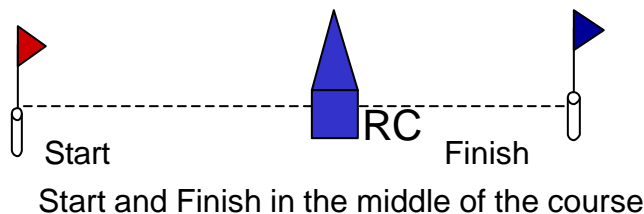
Both will be between the red flag on the RC boat and a white cylindrical mark.



Start line below the Leeward Mark



Finish line Above the Windward Mark



Start and Finish in the middle of the course