

WINDMILL MIDWESTERN & DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

(June 2 & 3, 2017)

Sailing Instructions, Racing Rules, and Schedule

1. RULES:

These races shall be governed by the US Sailing Rules 2017-2020, the Windmill Class rules and by these sailing instructions.

NOTE: Some of the racing rules may be referenced in these instructions for convenience. No change to the US Sailing rules is intended and in the case of conflict, the US Sailing rules apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Hoover Sailing Club "Racing Notices" board, on the east wall inside the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by at least one hour before the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, or immediately after the Saturday morning race meeting as necessary.

4. THE COURSES:

The course to be raced will be one or more **Triangles**, or a **Triangle Windward Leeward**, and/or **Windward finish**, or **Windward Leeward Offsets with Gates**, and/or **Twice (2)**, and/or **Windward Finish**.

The length of the course will be approximately 30 to 35 minutes. The number of races will be discussed at the race meeting Saturday morning. Signs on the committee boat will indicate the course. When the signs are green the marks are to be rounded to starboard, when red, they are to be rounded to port. The course marks will be orange balls about 3 feet in diameter. **All start/finish lines are OPEN.**

Courses:

Δ Once around a triangle. This designation may be preceded by a "2" or "3" to indicate how many times the participants in the race should go around the triangle before finishing (for example: 2 Δ).

Δ **WLW** A triangle course followed by windward, leeward legs, and windward to the finish. A "2" in front of the triangle will indicate twice around the triangle, then windward, leeward, finish.

Variations: WL, WLW, 2WL, 2WLW. There will always be offsets and gates with WLs.

The course may be shortened after the start. Competitors will be notified of the shortened course at the last turning mark before the finish. Code flag "S" will be flown on the committee boat. **(Note that this changes the procedure in the US Sailing Rules 2013-2016.)**

Skipper's Meeting on Saturday at 09:30 AM.

The first race on Saturday will be at approximately **10:00 AM**, the first race on Sunday will be at approximately **9:30 AM**. No races will be started after 4:30 PM Saturday. No racing after 12:30 PM on Sunday.

5. THE START:

When the blue Race Committee flag is flying, it signifies that the R.C. boat is on station and serves as the R.C. boat end of the starting line. The flag buoy marks the port end of the starting line.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag and sound</u>	<u>Minutes before start</u>
Warning	Class flag, 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P,I,Z,Z with I, or black flag 1 sound	4
One-Minute	Preparatory flag removed 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed 1 sound	0

Postponement will be signaled by the raising of the code flag "Answering Pennant" and the sounding of two audible signals (horn or whistle). The next warning signal will be raised one (1) minute after the Answering Pennant is lowered.

6. RECALLS:

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with the US Sailing rule. A sound signal will be made and code flag "X" will be displayed. Whenever possible, the yacht(s) over early will be hailed by sail number. A general recall will be signaled by two sound signals and the raising of the code flag "First Substitute". The 5-minute sequence will be run after a general recall, one (1) minute after the First Substitute is lowered.

7. CHANGING THE COURSE:

Neither the course nor the position of any mark will be changed after the warning signal, except that the starting pin may be adjusted up until the time of the preparatory signal.

8. FINISH:

The finish line will be between the flag on the RC boat and the flag buoy at the port end of the line.

9. TIME LIMIT:

There will be no time limit prescribed. However, the race committee may use discretion to shorten or abandon a race if the conditions result in unfair sailing.

10. PROTESTS:

Protests shall be written on forms provided by the race committee and shall be lodged with a member of the race committee within one hour after the committee boat docks after the last race of the day. **The protestor shall be responsible for notifying the race committee and the protestee on the water** or within 10 minutes after they reach the dock after the last race.

11. PENALTIES: The 720 degree turns penalty will be used.

12. ABANDONMENT: Abandonment will be signaled by the raising of the code flag "N" and the sounding of three audible signals (horn).

13. INTERFERING WITH FISHING CRAFT: A racing yacht interfering with a fishing craft by either snagging or breaking a fishing line shall be disqualified. (This is a rule for Columbus city waterways).

14. SCORING: in accordance with the WCA. If there are six (6) or more races, there will be 1 throw-out.