

2017 AYC OPEN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

April 21 – 22, 2018

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Atlanta Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. With respect to the Snipe fleet; (a) the SCIRA USA Women's Nationals Trophy Rules For Conducting Event Deed of Gift, as revised by the SCIRA USA Board January 13, 2008., (b) RRS 30.4 (Black Flag) will **NOT** be in effect, and (c) the following prescriptions of the *SCIRA Rules Of Conduct For Sanctioned Or Club/Fleet Regattas (2/18/18 version)* **SHALL BE IN EFFECT:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 8.4, and the last sentence of 9 (wind speed max).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located on the wall across from the fish pond at the AYC Clubhouse

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except:
- a. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect
 - b. Changes may be made on the water by displaying code flag "L" (yellow and black diagonal squares), and communicating with each Competitor

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal boat
4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in Race Signal AP

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. A competitors meeting will be held at the AYC viewing pavilion near the boat ramps at 1125 on Saturday
5.2. The schedule of the warning signals:

Date	Time of first Warning Signal
Saturday, March 21	1255
Sunday, March 22	0925

- 5.3. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race
5.4. The Race Committee shall start no race after 1230 on Sunday

6. CLASS FLAGS

Thistle	Class Flag or Green Flag
Y-Flyer	Class Flag or Yellow Flag
Snipe	Class Flag or Blue Flag
Laser	Class Flag or Red Flag

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area will be in view of the AYC pavilion

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The diagrams in Illustration "A" show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the

order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left

- 8.2. The course will be designated by a placard on a ladder behind the mast on the RC signal boat

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Rounding Marks will be yellow tetrahedrons
9.2. New rounding marks as provided in Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course (11.1) will be yellow tetrahedrons with a black band
9.3. The starting line Marks will be a Race Committee Boat with a staff bearing an orange flag and a nearby orange cylinder. The starting line will be the line between the staff and the course side of the orange cylinder.
9.4. The finishing line Marks will be a Race Committee Boat with a staff bearing an Orange flag and a nearby orange cylinder. Unless the course is shortened, the finishing line will be the line between the staff and the course side of the nearby orange cylinder.
9.5. A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.3

10. THE START

- 10.1. All boats must check in by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the RC signal boat prior to their first race of the day, or after a lunch break. Each boat shall hail her number and must be verbally acknowledged
10.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, multiple short sounds will be made.
10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races
10.4. A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her start will be scored DNS.
10.5. Starting penalties from races that are abandoned after the starting signal and not re-sailed that same day will not carry over to races re-sailed a subsequent day in the regatta. This changes rules 30.2, 30.4 and rule 36
10.6. The race committee will not hail OCS boats

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) as defined in sailing instruction 9.2, and remove the original mark as soon as practicable
11.2. When in a subsequent change a "new" mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark (no black band)
11.3. Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28

12. THE FINISH

The display of Flag "A" (one white and one blue panel) at the finish of any race means, "Racing has ended for the day"

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- 12.1. Unless postponed or Flag "A" is displayed, racing will continue upon the finish of the preceding race. Boats should proceed to the starting area
- 12.2. If racing is suspended for a "shore break", the Finish boat will display Race Signal AP over Flag "H" (Red and White vertical panels). When flag AP over Flag "H" is displayed, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in Race Signal AP

will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1. The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish. If no boat has finished within the time limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 13.2. Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat in their fleet finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, given redress, or scored as in sailing instruction 13.3 will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will be assigned scored points equal to the number of starters in that race. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5. The score given by the race committee is not subject to Redress. This changes 62.1(a)
- 13.3. FOC - Finished on Course: If boats in a race are unduly delaying the start of another race, the race committee may terminate the race and score those boats in the place they would have finished based on their position at the time the race is terminated. The score given by the race committee is not subject to Redress. This changes 62.1(a)

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protests forms are available on the Official Notice Board. Protests shall be delivered to a member of the Protest Committee (PC) in the AYC club house Board Room within 30 minutes after the race committee boat docks
- 14.2. The Protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board, and a schedule of protests will be posted on the official notice board within 15 minutes of the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2
- 14.3. A competitor is not permitted to protest for violations of sailing instructions 7, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.7, or 16. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The penalty for breaking these instructions may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee

15. SCORING

- 15.1. No score will be excluded. Five (5) races are scheduled, of which one (1) shall be completed to constitute a regatta.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. USE OF PERSONAL FLOTATION: While use of a personal flotation Device (PFD) is not required, the Organizing Authority and the race Committee strongly recommend that each competitor wear a USCG-approved PFD at all times while on the water except temporarily while changing clothing or equipment
- 16.2. A boat retiring from a race shall attempt to notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course

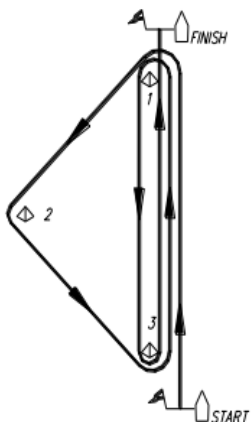
17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority

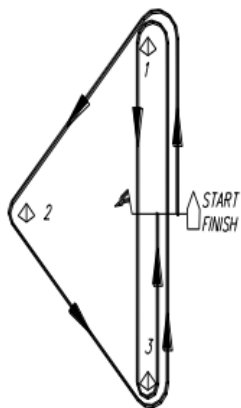
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Illustration A - Course Diagrams



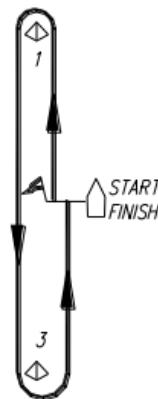
COURSE "O"



COURSE "MO"



COURSE "W" 2



COURSE "MW" 1

Notes:

1. For courses "MW" and "W"; a number posted after the course indicates how many laps are to be sailed.
2. For all courses, Mark "1" has no required side when finishing
3. Actual angle between legs may vary depending on wind direction and available space in the racing area.