



**2016 Dixie Regatta
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Atlanta Yacht Club
May 28 – 29, 2016**

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. Appendix T, Parts A & B apply.

2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the AYC Clubhouse, near the fish pond.
- 2.2. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern. This changes rule 63.7

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1.5 hours before the scheduled start of the day's racing, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast at the head of the race committee dock.
- 4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal "AP" (Changes Race Signals).

5. Schedule of Races (3 races scheduled)

5.1. Racing is scheduled as follows:

Saturday May 28, 2016	Race #1 Warning 1325 Race #2 to follow
Sunday May 29, 2016	Subsequent Race Warning 0925 If Required, Subsequent Race(s) to Follow

- 5.2. When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.3. The event is scheduled for three races; one race shall constitute a regatta.
- 5.4. At the time of registration, Competitors will self-designate the fleet in which they will compete. It is anticipated that the Purple fleet will consist of more experienced and competitive sailors; the Green fleet is an option for those who prefer a less intense regatta experience but still want the excitement of racing.
- 5.5. Fleet Designation (Purple/Green):
 - 5.5.1. Competitors shall sail with their self-designated Fleet (Purple or Green) as selected at registration, and shall remain in that fleet for the duration of the regatta.
 - 5.5.2. If there are *fewer than 40 boats* electing to sail in the Purple Fleet, there will be two starts for each race, one for the Purple Fleet and one for the Green Fleet. In this case, only competitors in the Green Fleet will be provided a Green colored pennant at the competitors' meeting, to be flown from the vicinity of the lower batten on the mainsail leech. The sequence of starts will be: Purple, Green.
 - 5.5.3. If there are *40 or more boats* electing to sail in the Purple Fleet, this Fleet will be split into four Divisions of Black, Orange, Yellow and Blue. In this case, only competitors in the Divisions will be provided a Black, Orange, Yellow or Blue color pennant to be to be flown from the vicinity of the lower batten on the mainsail leech. There will be two Flights (starts) for all races in the Purple Fleet. Each Flight for the Purple Fleet will include two Divisions, rotated after every race, so that if all Flights are completed each Division will have competed against all three of the other Divisions during the course of the regatta. In this case the sequence of starts will be 1A, 1B, Green.



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Race 1:

Start 1: 1A - Black vs. Orange
Start 2: 1B - Yellow vs. Blue
Start 3: Green

Race 2:

Start 1: 2A - Black vs. Blue
Start 2: 2B - Orange vs. Yellow
Start 3: Green

Race 3:

Start 1: 3A - Black vs. Yellow
Start 2: 3B - Blue vs. Orange
Start 3: Green

Placards on the Race Committee barge for the Purple Fleet will *not be purple* but will instead correspond to the Division colors.

5.5.4. Regardless of whether Purple Fleet sails as one Fleet or as Divisions with Flights, the Green Fleet will sail as one Fleet with its own start, following the Purple Fleet start(s).

5.6. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means “No more racing today”.

5.7. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1300 for either the Purple Fleet or either Flight of the Purple Fleet; the Green Fleet may have a warning signal after 1300.

6. Class Flags

6.1. The Class Flag for the Purple Fleet, if the Purple Fleet is not split into Divisions, will be the Thistle Class Flag. If the Purple Fleet is split into Divisions as described in 5.5.4, the Class Flags for the starts will be two flags, one over the other, of the color corresponding to the Divisions participating in the starting sequence.

6.2. The Class Flag for the Green Fleet will be a Green Flag.

7. Racing Area

7.1. The racing area will be located north of the Atlanta Yacht Club on Lake Allatoona.

8. The Courses

8.1. The diagrams attached show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2. The course designation will be displayed atop the race committee signal boat and read from top to bottom.

9. Marks

9.1. Original Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be yellow tetrahedrons. New marks as provided in instruction 11.1 will be yellow tetrahedrons with a black band.

9.2. The port end starting mark will be a race committee boat displaying an orange flag on a staff.

9.3. The port end finishing mark will be an orange cylinder.

9.4. Offset marks will be red balls.

10. The Start

10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the port end.

10.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.3. The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats by VHS Radio after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

11. Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course

11.1. Any change to the course will be in accordance with RRS 33.

12. The Finish

12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and port-end finishing mark.



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13. Penalty System

- 13.1. Rule T1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF INCIDENT: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 13.2. Rule T2 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE
- 13.2.1 Rule T2.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take A Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
- 13.2.2 Rule T2.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be
- (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or
 - (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.
- 13.3. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 44.1 shall attempt to report having done so to the race committee upon finishing.

14. Time Limits

- 14.1. The time limit for the lead boat of each Start is 45 minutes to Mark 1 and two hours to complete the course.
- 14.2. Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will receive a score equal to the number of boats that have finished within the time limit + 2, not to exceed the number of boats in the race. This changes rules 35, & A4.
- 14.3. Should a Flight fail to complete a race within the required time limit, the race for that Flight will be abandoned and a re-sail attempted. If the Flight is not re-sailed, the race will not be scored for either Flight. This changes RRS 90.3.

15. Radio Communication

- 15.1. All VHF radio announcements from the Race Committee to the competitors will be on Channel 69. No broadcast communication from the competitors is allowed except for safety reasons.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the notice board in the AYC Clubhouse or from the race committee at the race committee signal boat. Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Committee at the AYC Clubhouse conference room within the protest time limit.
- 16.2. The protest time limit (45 minutes) will begin when the race committee arrives at the race committee dock. A sound signal will be made upon arrival to signify the beginning of the protest time.
- 16.3. To inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses Notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board within 30 minutes of protest time limit completion. Hearings will be held in the AYC Clubhouse conference room soon as possible in approximately the order in which they were received.

17. Scoring

- 17.1. One race shall be completed to constitute a regatta; all races will be scored.
- 17.2. The Purple and Green Fleets shall be scored separately.
- 17.3. Should a Flight fail to complete a race within the required time limit, the race for that Flight will be abandoned and a re-sail attempted. If the Flight is not re-sailed, the race will not be scored for either Flight. This changes RRS 90.3.



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18. Safety and Sportsmanship

- 18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall attempt to notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2. All boats shall comply with Thistle Class and other applicable safety regulations.
- 18.3. Each competitor is reminded that the Fundamental Rules of Fair Play and Sportsmanship as stated in Part One of *Racing Rules of Sailing* apply, and will be enforced by the regatta Organizing Authority.

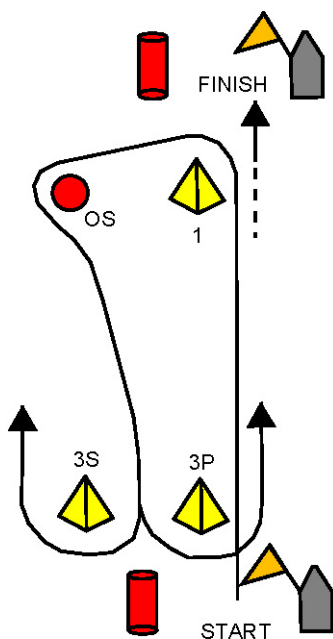
19. Ties

- 19.1. Ties will be broken per the RRS. In the event a tie remains, the tie will be broken by a coin toss. This changes Appendix A8.

20. Disclaimer of Liability

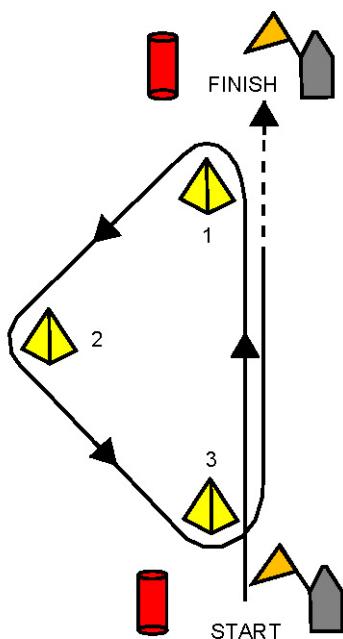
- 20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race, of the RRS. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Course Diagrams



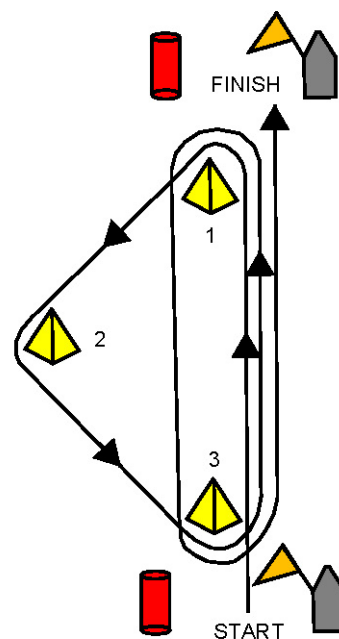
Course "WG"

Rounding Order
 WG: Start - 1-OS-3S or 3P-Finish
 WG2: Start - 1-OS-3S or 3P-
 1-OS-3S or 3P-Finish



Course "T"

Rounding Order
 T: Start-1-2-3-Finish
 T2: Start-1-2-3-1-2-3-Finish



Course "O"

Rounding Order
 O: Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish

Notes:

- 1. Actual angle between legs may vary depending on wind direction and available space in the racing area.