

# ***SYC Buoy Series***

June 1 – September 15, 2019  
Saylorville Yacht Club, Polk City, IA (USA)

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. **Rules:** This series shall be governed by the *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 – 2020* and the *SYC Racing Rules 2019*.
  - a. Rule 26 is modified by items 5 and 9.
  - b. Rule 27.1 is modified by item 7.
  - c. Rule 32.1 is modified by item 10 (a).
  - d. Rule 35 is modified by item 13.
  - e. Rule 61.2 and 61.3 are modified by item 15.
  - f. Rule A9 and A4.2 are modified by item 16.
  - g. Rule A2.1 is modified by item 17.
2. **Notices to Competitors:** Changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the SYC web site prior to each day of racing. The race committee may alter Sailing Instructions on the water by making an announcement to competitors approximately 5 minutes prior to the warning signal using VHF Channel 72 and by hailing affected yachts.
3. **Changes Made Ashore** – When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP.
4. **Schedule for Races:**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Warning Signal</b>
Buoy Series Race 1	Saturday	June 1, 2019	1155 hrs
Buoy Series Race 2	Friday	June 14, 2019	1825 hrs
Buoy Series Race 3	Friday	July 19, 2019	1825 hrs
Buoy Series Race 4	Friday	August 2, 2019	1825 hrs
Buoy Series Race 5	Saturday	August 24, 2019	1155 hrs
Buoy Series Race 6	Sunday	September 15, 2019	1255 hrs

- a. A maximum of two races may be sailed each day.
  - b. The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1155 hrs for races scheduled for Saturday, 1255 hrs for races scheduled for Sunday, and 1825 hrs for races scheduled for Friday. An additional race is scheduled to follow the first race.
5. **Class Flags:**
  - a. There will be one class starting as a single fleet.

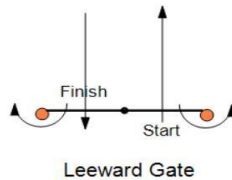
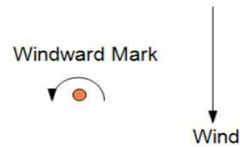
- b. No flags will be presented as indicated in RRS 26. Sound signals will be oral hails made in accordance with RRS 26.
  - i. Oral hails indicating the warning, preparatory signal presented, and preparatory signal removed, and removal of the warning signal will be made by the designated Principle Race Officer for the day's racing. This changes RRS 26.

**6. Racing Area**

- a. Races will be sailed between the dam and the bridge on Saylorville Reservoir.

**7. Courses:**

- a. The course will be announced by the Committee Boat on VHF channel 72 approximately 5 minutes prior to the warning signal. Courses will be designated by announcing the sequence of marks. The windward mark shall be left to port and the leeward leg sailed through the gate. Item 7 modifies RRS 27.1.



**8. Marks**

- a. Marks will be yellow or orange inflatable buoys.

**9. The Start**

- a. Races will be started using RRS 26 as modified below,
  - i. There will not be any visual signals,
  - ii. Visual signals will be replaced with a verbal announcement made on VHS channel 72 as to what signal will be made and the time it will be made, iii. If an "I", "Z", "U", "Black" flag or combination of these flags is to be used instead of the "P" flag, it will be announced prior to the warning announcement.
- b. The starting line will be between the buoys that set the Leeward gate.

- c. Competitors are reminded that SYC Buoy Races do not use a signal vessel, a boat is expected to take the appropriate penalty if they are knowingly on course side and start prior to the starting signal.
- d. If a dedicated Race Committee vessel is on station, Visual Signals may be used in addition to audible Starting Signals. An announcement will be made prior to the Pre-Warning Signal.
- e. Item 9 modifies RRS 26.

#### **10. Shortened Courses**

- a. Races may be shortened by the Race Committee announcing the mark on the designated VHF radio channel, which will serve as the Finish Mark (windward mark or gate). Item 10 (a) modifies Rule 32.1.
- b. If the course is shortened at the windward mark, a boat will leave it on the side as designated by the original course.
- c. If the course is shortened at the windward mark, the length of the line shall be the shortest practicable length not to exceed 7 of its boat lengths. [DP]
- d. The finish line is a line from the designated mark at a 90° angle to the last leg of the course.
- e. Courses shortened at the leeward gate, the finish will be between the gate marks.
- f. Each yacht shall record its own finish time and note the boat ahead and boat astern, if any.

#### **11. The Finish**

- a. The Finishing Line shall be between the leeward gate marks.

#### **12. Penalty System**

- a. RRS Appendix V1 will apply.

#### **13. Time Limits**

- a. There is no time limit for this race. The Race Committee may abandon any race that the conditions do not allow for fair sailing.
- b. The Race Committee may also hail a boat(s) that is/are substantially behind the remainder of the fleet and ask if they will accept a finish position assigned by the race committee. This changes RRS 35.
- c. Races conducted on Friday nights will be abandoned after sunset, 2049 hrs for June 14, 2044 hrs for July 19 and 2030 hours for August 2.

#### **14. Handicap System:**

- a. Yachts will be scored using handicap ratings as described by the 2019 SYC Racing Rules.

#### **15. Protests**

- a. Protest forms are available from the SYC dock box. Protests shall be delivered to the SYC Race Director or the event Principal Race Officer either directly, after the race, or if filed electronically, before 0800 hrs the day following the event.
- b. Protesting boats are encouraged to inform the event Principal Race Officer of their intentions to file a protest.
- c. Protests may also be filed by submitting a digital copy of the protest form or by sending the information required by RRS 61.2 to [submitprotest@gmail.com](mailto:submitprotest@gmail.com), if protests are submitted digitally they shall be received prior to 0800 hrs the day following the

event and it is requested that they include a phone number at which the protestor may be contacted.

- d. A protest hearing will be held as soon as possible after receipt of the protest.
- e. This modifies RRS 61.2 and 61.3.

#### **16. Scoring**

- a. Boats starting but not finishing, boats retiring after finishing, boats disqualified, will be scored number of starters plus 1.
- b. Boats that are registered for the series but do not start shall be scored as starters plus 2.
- c. Boats either not registered or not having registration fees paid prior to racing shall be scored DNC for the series races prior to their registration.
- d. Item 16 modifies Rule A9 and A4.2.

#### **17. Series Scores**

- a. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. When 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 3 scores,
- c. When from 9 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 2 scores,
- d. When from 7 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score,
- e. When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- f. This changes RRS A2.1.

#### **18. Radio Communications**

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.  
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- b. Information pertaining to the race will be made available to competitors using VHF channel 72.

#### **19. Disclaimer of Liability**

- a. Competitors participate in the SYC Buoy Series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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 any series event.

#### **20. Insurance**

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum of coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

- 21. Weather Restrictions:** Racing will not be held on a day which the National Weather Forecast predicts a heat index greater than 100 degrees F or sustained wind velocity of greater than 20 mph. Current National Weather Forecast information can be found at –  
<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=Polk+City&state=IA&site=DMX&textField1=41.7731&textField2=-93.7165&e=1&FcstType=digital>

**The Principal Race Officer should consider all weather and lake conditions that may be considered a safety issue prior to running a race.**