

SYC Distance Series

June 2 – October 6, 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 7a.
 - c. Rule 32.1 and 32.2 are modified by item 10.
 - d. Rule 35 is modified by item 13.
 - e. Rule 61.2 and 61.3 are modified by item 15.
 - f. Rule A2.1 and A4.2 are modified by item 16.
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**

Event	Day	Date	Warning Signal
Distance Series Race 1	Sunday	June 2, 2019	1255 hrs
Distance Series Race 2	Sunday	June 23, 2019	1255 hrs
Distance Series Race 3	Sunday	July 14, 2019	1255 hrs
Distance Series Race 4	Sunday	August 4, 2019	1255 hrs
Distance Series Race 5	Sunday	September 8, 2019	1255 hrs
Distance Series Race 6	Sunday	October 6, 2019	1255 hrs

- a. One race may be sailed each day.
 - b. The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1255 hrs for races scheduled for Sunday.
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 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.
- b. Courses will be designated by announcing the sequence of marks.
 - i. Marks will be set in the general direction of the dam (dam) and in the general direction of the bridge (bridge).
 - ii. Courses will be set so that the duration of the race will be approximately 3 hours, under the conditions expected at the start of the race, for a boat with a handicap of 200.
- c. All marks shall be left to port.
- d. The race committee may fly code flag E, or verbally announce on VHF channel 72 that code flag E is in effect, prior to the warning and during the race to indicate that boats are required to sail through the gate established between the buoys that designate the Start/Finish line.

8. Marks

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

9. The Start

- a. RRS 26 is omitted and Race Signal I is modified herein.
- b. Each boat shall have a prescribed starting time assigned to them by the designated race committee. The slowest boat shall start 5 minutes after the warning signal. Each boat with a lower handicap shall start at their assigned time, based on one-minute intervals.
- c. A WARNING SIGNAL will be displayed with one sound signal not less than five (5) minutes prior to the first start of the starting sequence or following a postponement.
 - i. Flag I will be in effect as the preparatory signal for all starts.
- d. Races will be started 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,
- e. The starting line will be between the gate buoys that are set between the dam and bridge mark.
- f. Competitors are reminded that SYC Distance Races may 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.
- g. If a dedicated Race Committee vessel is on station, Visual Signals may be used in addition to audible starting signals. The signal boat will replace one of the gate marks. An announcement will be made approximately 5 minutes prior to the warning signal.
- h. Item 9 modifies RRS 26.

10. Shortened Courses

- a. Races may be shortened by the Race Committee announcing on the radio the mark, which will serve as the Finish Mark (dam mark, bridge mark or gate). This changes Rule 32.1 and 32.2.
- b. If the course is shortened at the mark closer to the dam or bridge marks, a boat will leave it on the side as designated by the original course.
- c. If the course is shortened at the dam mark or bridge 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 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 finish line shall be between the gate marks that were used as a starting line.

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.
- c. This changes RRS 35.

14. Handicap System

- a. Yachts will be scored using PHRF 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 submitted 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, 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. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- c. Boats starting but not finishing, retiring after finishing, disqualified, will be scored the number of starters plus 1.
- d. Boats that are registered for the series but do not start will be scored the number of boats coming to the starting line plus 2.
- e. Boats either not registered or not having registration fees paid for prior to racing shall be scored DNC for races held prior to their registration.
- f. This changes RRS A2.1 and A4.2.

17. Radio Communications

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

18. Disclaimer of Liability

- a. Competitors participate in the SYC Distance 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.

19. 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.

20. Weather Restrictions

- a. 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.