

SYC Wednesday Night Series

May 16 – October 24, 2018
Saylorville Yacht Club, Polk City, IA (USA)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR) 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) and the *SYC Racing Rules 2018*.
 - a. Rule 26 is modified by items 5a(i) and 9.
 - b. Rule 27.1 is modified by item 7b.
 - c. Rule 35 is modified by item 12a.
 - d. Rule 61.3 is modified by item 14a.
 - e. Rule 61.1 are modified by item 14b.
 - f. Rule 90.3 is deleted by item 15.
- 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**
 - a. 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:**
 - a. A Wednesday night Race will be held every Wednesday from May16 through to October 24, 2018. There will not be a race on July 4th, 2018.
 - b. One race each evening is planned.
 - c. A brief competitor's meeting will be held at 1745 hrs to determine the race course and insure that individuals find a boat to crew with.
 - d. Warning signal is scheduled for 1820 hrs for boats with a PHRF rating of greater than 200 or boats assigned to the "over 200 fleet" for races held in May – August.
 - e. Warning signal is scheduled for 1825 hrs for boats with a PHRF rating of less than or equal to 200 or boats assigned to the "under 200 fleet" for races held in May – August.
 - f. Warning signal and competitor's meeting for races beginning in September and running through the end of the series will be changed based on the expected time which sunset occurs, times will be sent to participants via email and posted on the Club's Facebook page.
- 5. Class Flags:**
 - a. 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. Courses start near the outer channel marker buoy. A starting line will be set and a fixed mark or a bridge pillar will be used as a windward and/or leeward mark. The course will be decided upon during the skippers meeting.
- b. Courses will be announced using VHF radio communication (Channel 72).
- c. This 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. This modifies RRS 26.
 - 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 are set outside of the "outer channel marker".
- 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.

10. The Finish

- a. The Finishing Line shall be between the gate marks that were used as a starting line.

11. Penalty System

- a. RRS Appendix V1 will apply.

12. Time Limits

- a. Races shall be abandoned at sundown as specified by NOAA weather radio. This modifies RRS 35.

13. Handicap System

- a. Yachts will be scored using PHRF ratings as described by the 2018 SYC Racing Rules.

14. Protests

- a. Protest forms are available from the SYC dock box. Protests shall be delivered to the Committee Boat at the dock within 30 minutes after the Committee Boat has returned to the dock. This modifies RRS 61.3.
- b. In addition to RRS Rule 61 requirements, the protesting yacht is requested to inform the Committee vessel that she intends to file protest before leaving the race course. This modifies RRS 61.1.

15. Scoring

- a. RRS 90.3 is deleted.
- b. The boat finishing first across the line is encouraged to go to the American Legion Hall in Polk City and start cooking the brats for the other competitors.
- c. The boats finishing at or near the end of the races are asked to pick up the start/finish line, deflate the buoys and return them to the Club's dock box.

16. 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 communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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 and 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.