



## 2022 SYC Wednesday Night Regattas

Spring Regatta: April 27th through June 1st

Summer Regatta June 15th through July 20th

Fall Regatta August 3rd through September 7th

Saylorville Yacht Club, Polk City IA. (USA)

## Sailing Instructions

1. Rules: These series shall be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).
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 announced on the designated VHF channel as being displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

### 4. Class Flags:

A. We will be using sound signals in accordance with RRS 26. If you don't see any flags on the committee boat, listen for the verbal/oral announcements made on VHS channel 72 in accordance with RRS 26. This modifies RRS 26.

### 5. Marks:

A. The races will start and finish between the committee boat and an inflatable orange or yellow mark buoy.

B. Marks of the course will be fixed marks, or yellow / orange inflatable buoys.

### 6. The Start:

A. Races will be started using RRS 26 as modified below:

i. In the absence of visual signals, audible signals will be used solely for that race.

ii. Audible announcements shall be made on VHS channel 72.

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 committee boat, and an inflatable buoy that will be set up outside of the "outer channel marker".

C. Competitors shall monitor VHS channel 72 for hails for "over early". Any boat starting on the course side of the starting line prior to the signal shall be subject to the appropriate penalty.

## 7. Finish.

The Finish Line shall be between the committee boat and the other Starting Mark. Competitors are encouraged to take their own finish times, though times recorded by the Committee Boat shall be the official finish time.

## 8. Shortening or Abandoning Before or After the Start:

i. Prior to, or after the start of a Race, the race committee may shorten or abandon a race by making a hail on VHS channel 72. This changes rule 32.1.

ii. In the event of a shortened course, the Finish shall be either by rounding an existing mark of the course, or between a committee or mark boat and a shortened course inflatable yellow or orange mark. Competitors are encouraged to take their own finish times, though times recorded by the committee boat shall be the official finish time.

## 9. Protests:

i. Protest forms are available from the SYC dock box. Protests shall be delivered to the SYC Race Director, his representative, or the Principle Race Officer before 0800 hrs. the day following the event.

ii. 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 shall include a phone number at which the protester can be contacted.

iii. A protest hearing will be held as soon as possible after receipt of the protest.

iiii. This modifies RRS 61.2 and 61.3.

## 10. Weather Restrictions:

Racing will not be held on any day which the National Weather Forecast predicts a heat index greater than 100 degrees F or sustained wind velocities of over 20 mph. Current National Weather Forecast information can be found at:

<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?>

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