

Westwood New Skippers Regatta - September 9, 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2021-2024)*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada may also apply.
- 1.3 The Albacore class rules will also apply and will override the RRS 2021-2024 if there is a conflict. If there is a conflict between these sailing instructions and the RRS 2021-2024 then these sailing instructions will take precedence.

2 SAFETY

- 2.1 Every competing boat must carry the required safety equipment and an approved life jacket or P.F.D. for each sailor. Life jackets must be worn if the code flag 'Y' is flown from the mast of the Race Committee boat.
- 2.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the covered deck at the Westwood Sailing Club.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 on the day it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole located on the property line between Westwood and St. James Town Sailing clubs.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the following race will start no less than 30 minutes after the flag is lowered.
- 5.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:
- 09:30 registration and breakfast
 - 10:30 skippers meeting
 - 11:30 first warning signal
 - Other races to follow (byo lunch on the water)
 - 16:00 snacks, followed by awards
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be made after 15:00. If fewer than 3 races have been completed by this time, the Race Committee may effect a change to "15:30 – No races to be started past this time."

7 CLASS FLAG

Class flag will be the Albacore pennant.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 Racing will take place in the Outer Harbour approximately 100 m south of Clark Beach (known as Cherry Beach), or in the open waters of Lake Ontario, approximately 1 km south of Toronto Island and 1 km west of the entrance to the Outer Harbour, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 8.2 Triangle or Olympic or Windward/Leeward course will be indicated by the code flag T or O or W respectively. Course examples may be posted on the Official Notice Board.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 in the attached diagrams will be orange trapezoids/cylinders, or numbered permanent marks in the Outer Harbour. At the race committee's discretion, code flag "M" may be substituted for a mark of the course.

9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be marks of the course or code flag "M" or a small orange marker.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between the mast on the race committee boat and a nearby mark or code flag M, or a small orange marker.

10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.

10.4 The race committee may apply rule 30.2 (20% penalty) or 30.3 (black flag rule) at its discretion.

10.5 In the event of a number of unidentified premature starters, the Race Committee will signal a General Recall by raising the First Substitute pennant and making two sound signals. If there is a general recall, a new warning signal will be made (raise Albacore pennant with sound signal) one minute after the general recall is lowered and the starting sequence will continue from that point.

11 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

11.1 In the event of a major wind shift the race committee may change the position of the windward mark. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

11.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between the mast of the race committee boat (not necessarily the starting boat) and a nearby mark or code flag "M", or a small orange marker.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available from the race committee. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

13.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee boat signals its arrival on shore.

13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

14 SCORING

14.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

14.2 1 (one) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.3 (a) When 3 or fewer races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

15.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.

15.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

16.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

16.2 All boats shall have a valid buoyancy endorsement.

16.3 All boats shall have a valid measurement certificate.

16.4 All sail numbers must match their respective hull numbers unless prior authorization has been granted by the regatta chair and the race committee.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency situation, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

18 PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be given as follows: Top three finishing boats overall in the Westwood New Skippers Regatta will receive skipper and crew awards.

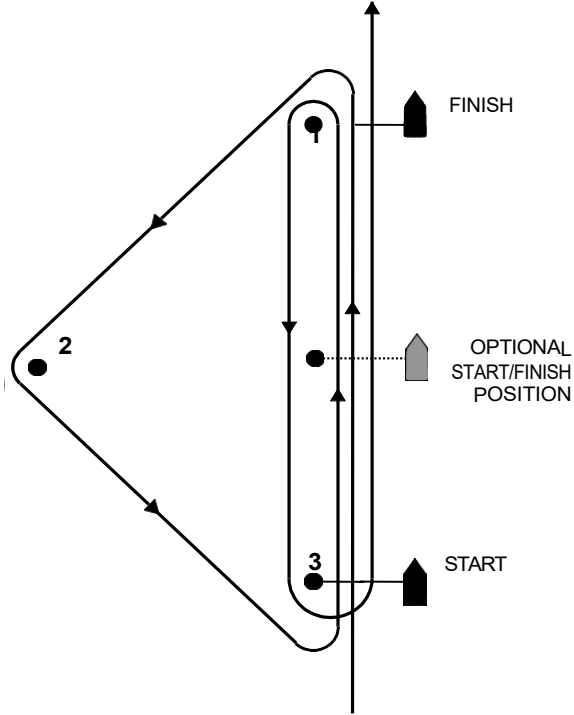
19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 the regatta.

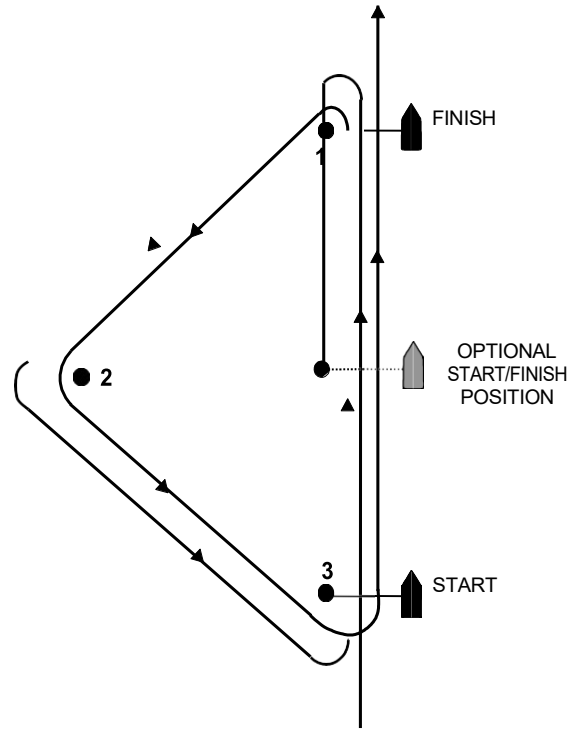
Appendix – Illustrating the Courses

Number of legs displayed on race committee boat may differ from that indicated below.

**A Windward-Leeward Triangle
(Olympic) Course**
1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1(Finish)



A Triangle Course
1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1(Finish)



A Windward-Leeward Course
1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 1(Finish)

