



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## Flying Scot® Ohio District Championship



**July 19-20, 2025**

**Hosted by Pymatuning Yacht Club**  
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Organizing Authority: Pymatuning Yacht Club

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1. The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for breach of a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

### 2. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 2.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the docked Race Committee boat.

### 3. CHANGES AND NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors and changes to these Instructions will be posted on the official scoreboard on the clubhouse porch. Code Flag "L" will be displayed ashore from the Race Committee Boat.

### 4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 A competitors' meeting will be held at 10:00 am on July 19 on the clubhouse porch/patio.
- 4.2 Races are scheduled as follows:
  - 4.2.1 July 19: First warning signal at 11:00; additional races to follow.
  - 4.2.2 July 20: First warning signal at 10:00; additional races to follow.
- 4.3 Unless it is the first race of the series, no race will start on Sunday after 2:00 pm.
- 4.4 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

### 5. POSTPONEMENT

- 5.1 All postponements will be signaled by the Answering Pennant and two sounds. Upon lowering the AP, one sound shall be signaled. The warning signal will be made one minute after this signal is lowered. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, one minute is replaced with not less than 30 minutes.

### 6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 Class flag will be a White flag with a blue Flying Scot class insignia.

### 7. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 7.1 The Race Committee (RC) will use VHF Channel 69 to communicate with competitors.
- 7.2 [DP][NP] Competitors are only to contact the RC on the water in the event of emergencies, safety issues, to retire from a race or report a protest or penalty taken.

## **8. RACING AREA**

8.1 The race area will be on Pymatuning Lake.

## **9. THE COURSES**

9.1 The courses to be sailed are WA or LA as described in RRS Appendix S.

9.1.1 Course 1 (Code Flag 1) will consist of five legs as follows: A windward leg with a short reach to an offset mark, a run to the leeward gate, a second windward leg and short reach to an offset mark, a run to the leeward gate, and a windward leg to finish.

9.1.2 Course 2 (Code Flag 2) will consist of four legs as follows: A windward leg with a short reach to an offset mark, a run to the leeward gate, a second windward leg and short reach to an offset mark, and a leeward leg to finish.

9.2 The course designation will be displayed from a flagpole on the port side of the RC Signal Vessel.

## **10. MARKS**

10.1 The starting mark will be an orange ball or cylinder.

10.2 The windward mark and gate marks will be red, yellow, or orange inflatable cones, spheres, cylinders, or tetrahedrons. These marks will be on display at the competitors' meeting on Saturday morning.

10.3 The offset mark will be an orange ball.

10.4 The finishing mark will be an orange ball or cylinder.

10.5 Change marks will be red, yellow, or orange inflatable cones, spheres, cylinders, or tetrahedrons. If the course is changed again, the original marks will be used.

10.6 The fixed PYC marks are to be disregarded.

## **11. CHECK IN**

11.1 [DP][NP] Racing boats are encouraged to check in prior to the first start of each day by crossing the stern of the main RC boat on starboard, hailing, and receiving acknowledgement.

## **12. THE START**

12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end, and the course side of the starting mark on the port end.

12.2 As a courtesy, the warning signal may be preceded by a VHF announcement to alert competitors that a starting sequence is about to begin.

12.3 As a courtesy, the RC may, after the starting signal, hail the sail numbers of OCS boats via VHF Radio. The delay of such hails, the order of hailing, the failure of the RC to hail, or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

12.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes A5.1.

## **13. RECALLS**

13.1 Individual recall: The Race Committee will attempt to notify all premature starters and may use any means available to do so, including hailing on VHF channel 69. Failure to do so will not relieve any boat of her obligation to make a proper start. The following changes Rule 62.1(a) and will not be grounds for redress: failure of the RC to hail or broadcast any sail numbers; failure of a boat to receive the recall hail or broadcast; a boat's position in the sequence or the promptness of the hail or broadcast. Code Flag "X" will be displayed until all boats have started correctly but no longer than four (4) minutes after the start.

13.2 General recall: In the event of a general recall, the warning signal for the new start shall be made one minute after lowering the First Repeater (RRS 29.2).

## **14. COURSE CHANGE**

14.1 If a significant wind shift occurs during the progress of a race, the Race Committee may adjust the course for subsequent legs. The Race Committee will signal a change of the direction of the next leg of the course

by displaying the Code Flag “C” before the leading boat has begun the leg. The Race Committee will make every attempt to notify boats of the approximate location of the adjusted mark. Notwithstanding Rule 33, the compass bearing to that mark need not be posted, and the leg may be shortened or lengthened without additional signals. Failure of the Race Committee to adjust the course shall not be grounds for protest.

- 14.2 RRS 32.2 is amended to include the following:(d) in the event the Race Committee displays Flag “S” (Shorten Course) over Flag “C”, the competitors shall round the nearest mark to the signaling boat and proceed to the finish at the principal Race Committee vessel.

## **15. THE FINISH**

- 15.1 The finish will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on an RC vessel and a nearby finishing buoy.
- 15.2 Boats that retire before finishing should inform the RC as soon as possible and may do so by VHF radio. Any boat that leaves the racecourse for any reason without giving notice to and receiving acknowledgment from the Race Committee shall at the earliest possible opportunity use the Clubhouse radio (Channel 69) to notify the Race Committee of their whereabouts.

## **16. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 16.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V Alternative Penalties will be in effect.

## **17. TIME LIMITS**

- 17.1 The following time limits apply to each race:
- 17.1.1 The time limit for the first boat to pass the first mark will be 30 minutes, and for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes. If either of these limits is not met, the race shall be abandoned.
- 17.1.2 RRS 35 is amended to add: Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired).

## **18. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 18.1 A boat desiring to protest must comply with all requirements as set forth by U.S. Sailing. In addition, she must notify the Race Committee of her intention immediately after finishing and file a written protest within one hour of the Race Committee boat’s docking time. Watch the scoreboard for time and place of the hearing.
- 18.2 Redress Requests: If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, NSC, ZFP, UFD, or BFD on the official notice board, a hearing request shall be made no later than 30 minutes after posting or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 61.2(b).
- 18.3 On the last day of racing, a request to reopen a hearing based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 61.2(b).

## **19. SCORING**

- 19.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply with the following modifications:
- 19.1.1 One race must be completed to constitute a Championship.
- 19.1.2 Each boat’s score shall be the total of her race scores, and no score shall be excluded.
- 19.1.3 RRS A4 and A5 are amended to add: A boat that has not met the definition of start four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start).
- 19.1.4 A boat scored TLE will be awarded points two greater than the last boat assigned to sail the course and finish within the 15 minute time window. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

## **20. REQUIRED EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 All boats must always have on board the equipment required by the Flying Scot Class. The patrol boat may inspect any boat at any time. Failure to have the required equipment on board will result in disqualification. Substitution of competitors, and of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed, subject to the approval of the PRO.

## **21. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 21.1 A competitor shall not use support or spectator personnel or their equipment, including tow vessels, while away from the dock unless they have been pre-approved by the Protest Committee, RC, or made available to all competitors by an Organizing Authority.

## **22. DISCLAIMER**

SAILING IS AN ACTIVITY THAT HAS AN INHERENT RISK OF DAMAGE AND INJURY. COMPETITORS IN THIS EVENT ARE PARTICIPATING ENTIRELY AT THEIR OWN RISK. SEE RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE. THE RACE ORGANIZERS (ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, RACE COMMITTEE, PROTEST COMMITTEE, HOST CLUB, SPONSORS, OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION OR OFFICIAL) WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE TO ANY BOAT OR OTHER PROPERTY OR THE INJURY TO ANY COMPETITOR, INCLUDING DEATH, SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT. BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT, EACH COMPETITOR AGREES TO RELEASE THE RACE ORGANIZERS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH COMPETITOR'S PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.