



MSSC BIG MUSCLE SHOALS REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the clubhouse pavilion. Failure to post a physical notice will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any written change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1.5 hours before the scheduled start of the day's racing.

3.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal boat at the dock.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Day	Date	Time	
Saturday	May 23	1100	Competitors Meeting – Clubhouse Pavilion
Saturday	May 23	1300	1 st Warning Signal Additional races to immediately follow
Sunday	May 24	0930	1 st Warning Signal Additional races to immediately follow
Sunday	May 24	1230	No Warning Signal after this time

5.1. The RC may run as many as three races per day.

5.3. 5 races are scheduled. One race is required to constitute a regatta.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. The class flags will be announced at the competitors meeting.

7. RACING AREA

7.1. The racing area will be on Wilson Lake in the vicinity of MSSC. There is a sailing line for commercial barges near the racing area. There may be occasions when the rhumb line of a leg projects beyond this sailing line. All boats must keep clear of barges and must make their intent to do so clear to barge captains (generally by sailing away from the channel when barges approach). Every effort will be made to avoid barge traffic, however passage of a barge through the race course will not be grounds for requesting redress.

8. COURSES

8.1. SI addendum 1 shows the course designations and the order in which Marks are to be passed. All marks are to be rounded to port.

8.2. The course designation will be displayed on the side or stern of the race committee signal boat.

8.3. If announced at the competitors meeting, Mark A may be a different Mark for certain classes. The intent would be for some classes to sail a longer course than others.

9. MARKS

9.1. The starting mark will be the staff with a red or orange flag in a white buoy.

9.2. Marks A and C will be orange or yellow tetrahedrons.

9.3. Finishing Mark:

9.3.1. The finishing mark for course ACAX will be the staff with a red or orange flag in a white buoy.

9.3.2. The finishing mark for course ACACX will be Mark A.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.
- 10.2. The starting signal for the first class to start will be preceded by short repetitive sound signals to alert competitors that a starting sequence is about to begin. Subsequent starts will be a rolling start (i.e. the class flag for the starting class will be lowered and simultaneously the class flag for the next class will be raised).
- 10.3. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number orally and via VHF radio. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request.
- 10.4. A boat that has not met the definition of *start* within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will change the position of the next Mark as soon as practicable in accordance with RRS 33.
- 11.2. The Race Committee can change a Mark by up to 10 degrees or 0.1 nm without signalling a change. Such change will be announced over VHF 72. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC finish boat and the course side of the nearby finishing Mark. This changes RRS Race Signals.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. If no boat has passed Mark A within twenty-five (25) minutes of their start, or if or if no boat finishes within ninety (90) minutes of their start, the race shall be abandoned.
- 13.2. Provided that a competitor has Sailed the Course and Finished within the Time Limits above, boats failing to Finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat in a race Finishes (the Finish Window) will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE). TLE will be defined as the theoretical average score of all boats not Finished and still Sailing the Course at the close of the Finish Window. If fewer than 33% or more competitors have Finished within the Finish Window, the race shall be Abandoned. This changes RRS 32, 35, 63.1, A4, and A5.
- 13.3. The Race Committee may score a boat or boats in place (including DNF or TLE) so that subsequent races may be sailed.

14. HEARING

- 14.1. Hearing Request Forms will be available on the clubhouse pavilion.
- 14.2. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The race committee will blow a horn to signify the beginning of the protest period. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1. Before the first race of each day competitors shall check in by sailing by the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their sail numbers until acknowledged by the RC. Failure to check-in will result in a 20% penalty for the first race of the day without a hearing.
- 15.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1. The RC will monitor VHF channel 72 for competitor emergencies only.
- 16.2. Communication among RC vessels overheard by a competitor will not be an improper action, nor grounds for redress. These communications are a courtesy only.
- 16.3. The RC will use VHF channel 72 to communicate information including the location of the starting area, countdowns, general recalls and postponements. These communications are a courtesy only. Failure of the RC to make, or failure of a boat to hear these broadcasts shall not

constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

16.4. Safety boats will use VHF Channel 72 for safety-related communications.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1. Appendix V1 is in effect: “The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

17.2. Penalties for infractions within the zone of the windward Mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

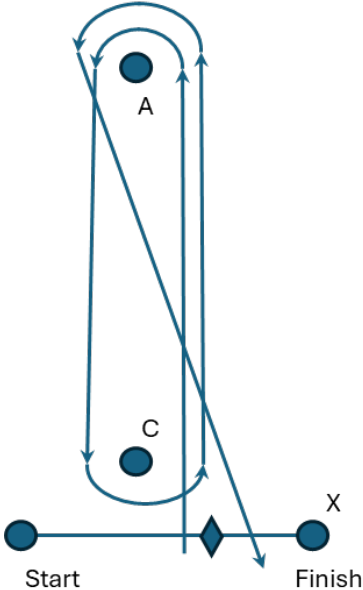
17.3. The Protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violation of class rules and racing rules other than those in RRS Part 1 and Part 2 as permitted in RRS 64.2.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

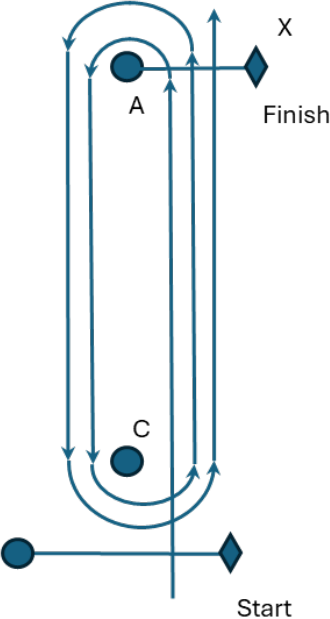
18.1. Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Muscle Shoals Sailing Club, Race Committee, Officers and board of directors of MSSC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept Liability/Responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during and after this regatta.

ADDENDUM 1
Course Diagrams are Approximate and Not to Scale

Course ACAX



Course ACACX



Course ACACX

