



**SINGING RIVER REGATTA  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest or request redress by boat and for which the Protest Committee may refuse to hold a hearing. (This changes RRS 60.1m 61.1 (a), and 63.2 (a)).**

**1. RULES**

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Thistle Class Rules.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on Next Sailor.

2.2. [NP] An unofficial notice board may be maintained on the MSSC pavilion.

**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. If a postponement is signalled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Flag AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals “AP.”

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	
Saturday	May 2	1100	Competitors Meeting – Clubhouse Pavilion
Saturday	May 2	1300	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal Additional races to immediately follow
Sunday	May 3	0930	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal Additional races to immediately follow
Sunday	May 3	1230	No Warning Signal after this time

5.1. Five races are scheduled. One race is required to constitute a regatta.

**6. CLASS FLAGS**

6.1. The class flag will be a Thistle Class pennant.

**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. The courses to be sailed are illustrated in Addendum 1 which shows the course designations and the number of legs.

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

**9. MARKS**

9.1. The starting and finishing marks will be a staff with a red or orange flag in a white buoy.

9.2. Marks A, B, and C will be orange or yellow tetrahedrons. Offset mark O (if used) will be a green ball.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin end vessel.
- 10.2. The RC signal vessel will, after the starting signal, attempt to hail the sail or bow number of boats who are OCS on VHF Channel 72. The delay of such a hail, the order of the hail or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail, shall not be grounds for granting redress; this changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes A4 and A5.

## **11. CHANGING 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.
- 11.3. The RC may shorten any course provided that the first two upwind legs of the course have been completed.

## **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 "Blue flag".

## **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% of the 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. HEARINGS**

- 14.1. Protest 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. SCORING**

- 15.1. One (1) completed race shall constitute a series.
- 15.2. Five (5) total races are scheduled.
- 15.3. In accordance with RRS A2.1, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with no races excluded.

## **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC prior to leaving the racing area.

## **17. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 17.1. The RC will monitor VHF channel 72 for competitor emergencies only, with the exception of complying with SI 16.2.
- 17.2. 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.

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

## **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, Thistle Class Association, 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.

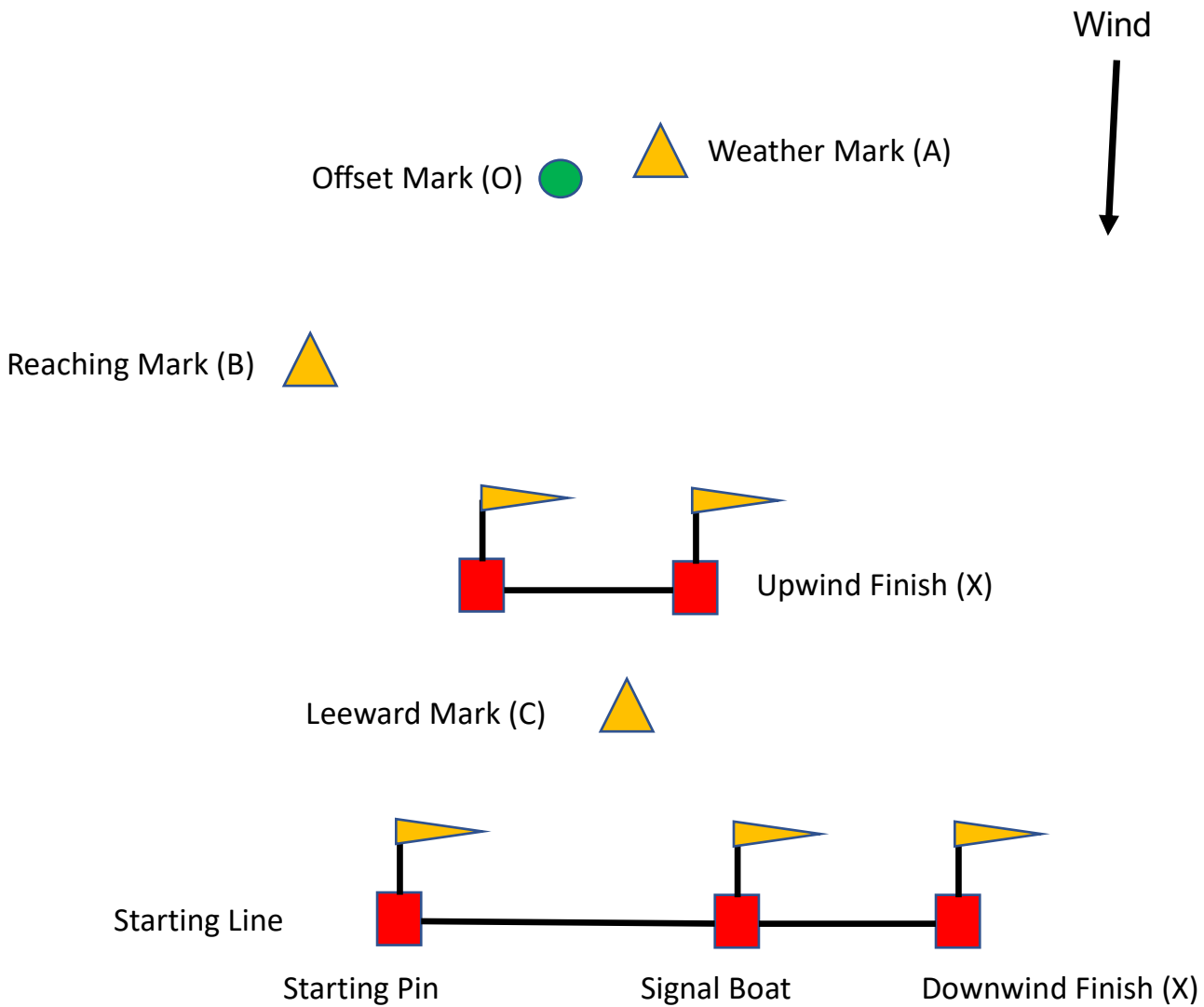
## **19. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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# SI Addendum 1 – Notional Course Chart

Course Diagrams are Approximate and Not to Scale



Notional Courses:

Windward/Leeward (W/L) with Downwind

Finish: AOCAOX

W/L with Upwind Finish: AOCACX

W/L with Reach and UW Finish: AOCABCX

All marks will be passed to port