



Sailing Instructions ("SIs")

S2 7.9 Class Championship Regatta
S2 7.9 Fleet #26
Wayzata Yacht Club ("WYC")
September 17 - 19, 2015



1. **RULES.** Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *the Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS") including S2 7.9 Class Rules, except as changed by the Notice of Race ("NOR") and/or the ("SIs"). In the event of a conflict between the NOR and SIs, the SIs will control.
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the front door of WYC clubhouse ("WYC Official Notice Board").
3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.**
 - 3.1 Any changes to the SIs will be posted to WYC's Official Notice Board by 0900 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
 - 3.2 In addition, Race Committee ("RC") may alter any SI on-the-water via hail and/or announcement on VHF radio channel 68 after displaying code Flag "L" with one sound.
4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.**
 - 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a RC boat at or near WYC docks.
 - 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes "Race Signals" AP.
5. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:**

Thursday, September 17, 2015
0830 Competitor's Meeting @ WYC Clubhouse
1000 Warning Signal for First Race

Friday, September 18, 2015
1000 Warning Signal

Saturday, September 19, 2015
1000 Warning Signal
1400 There will be no Warning Signal after 14:00 on Saturday, September 19, 2015.
6. **CLASS FLAG:** S2 7.9 Class Flag.
7. **RACING AREA:** Lake Minnetonka.
8. **THE COURSES.**
 - 8.1 Windward/leeward courses will be used.
 - 8.2 No later than the warning signal, RC will display the course with number of laps and approximate compass bearing of the first *mark* on the board on the RC boat. Courses that *finish* to windward will be marked with 'W' followed by the number of legs (examples: W3, W5, etc.), and courses that *finish* to leeward will be marked with 'L' followed by the number of legs (examples; L4, L6, etc.). For purposes of designating the number of legs, the distance between the windward *mark* and offset *mark* is not considered a leg of the course.

8.3 *Marks* shall be rounded to port, except that when a leeward gate is set, boats shall sail between the gate *marks* from the direction of the previous *mark* and round either gate *mark*. If one of the gate *marks* is missing, boats shall round the existing leeward *mark* to port.

9. **MARKS.**

9.1 *Marks* will be orange inflatables.

9.2 An offset *mark* (small red ball) may be set adjacent to the windward *mark*. An offset *mark* (if set) is a *mark* of the course, and shall be rounded to port after rounding the windward *mark*.

10. **THE START.**

10.1 *Start* line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on two RC boats, or between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the starting *mark*.

10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start” (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

10.3 Individual Recalls: When signaling an individual recall, the RC may hail (and may announce via VHF radio channel 68) the sail number(s) and/or bow number(s) of boat(s) being recalled. Failure or delay to provide, receive or hear hails or announcements will not be grounds for redress under RRS *rules* 60.1 and 62.1.

11. **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE.**

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, RC will move original *mark* (or the *finishing* line) to a new position.

11.2 Minor alterations of course may not be signaled. This changes RRS *rule* 33.

12. **THE FINISH.**

12.1 Windward Finish: For a windward *finish*, the *finish* line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and the course side of the **closest** *mark*.

12.2 Leeward Finish: For a leeward *finish*, including a leeward *finish* due to a race being shortened under RRS *rule* 32, the *finish* line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and the course side of the *mark* **closest** to a RC boat, or between staffs displaying orange flags on two RC boats. This changes RRS *rule* 32.2(c).

13. **PENALTIES.**

13.1 RRS *rule* 44.1 is deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

“44.1 A boat may take a **One-Turn Penalty** when she may have broken a *rule* of Part 2 while *racing*, or any time when she may have broken RRS *rule* 31, except where:

- (a) she may have broken a *rule* of Part 2 resulting in contact between boats□ or
- (b) she may have broken a *rule* of Part 2 when at least one boat is in the *zone*□ or
- (c) she may have broken a *rule* of Part 2 prior to her starting signal.

In cases (a), (b) and (c) above, a boat may take a **Two-Turns Penalty** when she may have broken a *rule*. In any event however,

- 1. when a boat may have broken a *rule* of Part 2 and *rule* 31 in the same incident she need not take the penalty for breaking *rule* 31□ and
- 2. if the boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty will be to retire.”

This provision changes RRS *rule* 44.1 in its entirety.

13.2 Per S2 7.9 Class Rules 3.10.2, breakdown points will be awarded a boat on the basis of average points per race when the boat has been forced out of a race by damage, other than equipment failure, suffered on the water due to no fault of her own. PC will have discretion to decide whether the damage is sufficient to force boat out of a race.

14. TIME LIMITS.

14.1 In accordance with S2 7.9 Class Rule 3A.10, the first boat to round the first windward *mark* shall sail the first leg in 45 minutes or less, otherwise the race will be *abandoned*. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS *rule* 62.1(a).

14.2 In accordance with S2 7.9 Class Rule 3A.10, the time limit for the first boat to *finish* a race shall do so in 2 hours and 30 minutes from their starting signal. Failure to meet time limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS *rule* 62.1(a).

14.3 In accordance with S2 7.9 Class Rule 3A.10, any boat *finishing* 30 minutes or more behind the first boat to *finish* will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS *rules* 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS, ARBITRATION AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

15.1 *Protest* forms will be available in WYC clubhouse at the front side of Protest Filing Box. *Protests* and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to Protest Filing Box in WYC's Clubhouse within **60 minutes** of docking of the RC boat after the last race of the day ("Official Dock Time").

15.2 Arbitration Meeting. Sections B & D of Appendix T will apply except as follows:

15.2.1 PC will post notices of arbitration meeting of *protests* alleging RRS Part 2 violations as soon as possible, but not later than 75 minutes after RC Official Dock Time.

15.2.2 Appendix T2.1 will not apply. This changes RRS Appendix T.

15.2.3 Appendix T2.2 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following: The Post-Race Penalty will be 30% (and calculated as described in RRS *rule* 44.3(c), but not less than 3 points), which will only be available at the conclusion of a arbitration meeting involving the incident. This changes RRS *rules* 44.3(c) and Appendix T2.2.

15.2.4 No Post-Race Penalty may be taken by a boat for (i) any incident involving damage or injury, or (ii) any incident where a boat gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach of a *rule*. This changes RRS *rule* 44.1 and Appendix T2.2.

15.2.5 Accepting a penalty in arbitration is voluntary by both parties and final. Once concluded, an arbitration meeting will NOT be grounds for redress, appealable or reopened for any reason. When arbitration is unsuccessful or not held or arbitrator deems the *protest* not arbitrable for any reason, *protest* will be referred to a hearing by the Protest Committee ("PC"). This changes RRS *rules* 62.1 and 66.

15.3 PC will post date, time and location for all *protest* hearing and requests for redress on the WYC Official Notice Board as soon as possible (but not later than 120 minutes after Official Dock Time) informing competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15.4 Notices of *protests* by the RC or PC will also be posted on WYC Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS *rule* 61.1(b).

15.5 *Protest* hearings will either be held in WYC Clubhouse or Wayzata Community Sailing Center.

- 15.6 Arbitrator may also be a member of the Jury panel hearing the same *protest*.
- 15.7 Breaches of NOR #2, #12, #14 and #18 as well as SI #17.1, #17.2, #20, #22.1 and #26 will not be grounds for redress or a *protest* by a boat. This changes RRS rule 60.1(a). Violation of any of these *rules* may be subject to a lesser penalty, or no penalty, at discretion of the PC. This changes RRS rule 64.1.
- 15.8 On the last scheduled day of *racing*, a request for reopening for a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the *protest* time limit if requesting *party* was informed of the decision on the previous day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting *party* was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS rule 66.
- 15.9 On the last scheduled day of *racing*, a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS rule 62.2.

16. SCORING.

- 16.1 Low Point System specified in Appendix A4 will be used.
- 16.2 Consistent with S2 7.9 Class Rule 3A.9.4, a minimum of three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 16.3 Consistent with S2 7.9 Class Rule 3A.9.4, a maximum of eight (8) completed races are scheduled for the regatta.
- 16.4 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score, with the exception of a DSQ. This changes RRS rule A2 to be consistent with S2 7.9 Class Rule 3A.9.4.
- 16.5 A disqualification (DSQ) may not be excluded and will be scored DNE. This changes RRS rule A2 to be consistent with S2 7.9 Class Rules 3.9.2 and 3.9.3.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS.

- 17.1 Each boat shall check-in with RC prior to first warning signal of each day.
- 17.2 A boat that withdraws or retires from a race shall, as soon as possible, notify the RC *via* hail or VHF radio channel 68. If a boat is unable to notify on *via* hail or radio, boat will contact RC as soon as possible.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT.

- 18.1 Change or substitution of sails shall comply with S2 7.9 Class Rule 3.7.B.
- 18.2 Consistent with S2 7.9 Class Rule 3A.9.2, total number of crew in each boat shall remain the same throughout the regatta. Change of crew during the regatta requires advance written approval of the OA prior to Wednesday September 16, 2015 at 2000. Only change of crew due to injury, illness or other emergency requires written approval of OA on same day of change. Any change of crew cannot increase total combined team weight by more than 50 lbs. Any change of crew which decreases total team weight greater than 50 lbs shall add stationary ballast onboard to return boat to total original combined team crew weight.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS. Each boat, equipment and crew (including skipper) may be inspected (ashore and/or on-the-water) at any time to ensure compliance with S2 7.9 Class Rules, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions at the discretion of the OA, RC, PC, Class Officers and/or measurers.

20. SUPPORT BOATS. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are *racing* from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have *finished* or retired or the RC signals a *postponement*, general recall or *abandonment*.

21. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS. Boats shall not be hauled-out by trailers, laid on shore or craned out after 1000 on September 17, 2015 until after the conclusion of the regatta, except by permission of the Protest Committee (“PC”) in cases of accident or for necessary repairs. Boats may be kept upon in-the-water lifts. This changes NOR #13.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, COURTESY BROADCASTS, AND RECALLS.

22.1 All boats shall carry an operable VHF radio per S2 7.9 Class Rule 2.9 (11).

22.2 RC may make periodic broadcasts by VHF radio channel 68. Information is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and will not in any way alter the competitor’s responsibility to observe the RC’s visual signals. Errors or omissions during these courtesy broadcasts will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS *rule* 62.1 (a).

22.3 Navionics GPS-enabled mapping applications/software, Kattack, Velocitek and smartphones and tablets may be used by competitors while *racing*. This changes RRS *rule* 41.

22.4 Before, during and after *racing*, RC may (but is not obligated to) hail or make announcements (including without limitation premature starters (OCS), change-of-course, shortening of course and other announcements) on VHF radio channel 68. Failure or delay to provide, receive or hear announcements will not be grounds for redress under RRS *rule* 62.1(a).

23. PRIZES. Prizes will be awarded as specified in the NOR at WYC clubhouse as soon as possible after the conclusion of *racing* on Saturday, September 19, 2015.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE.

24.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, including without limitation bodily injury, permanent disability and death. Each person participates in the regatta entirely at his/her own risk. See RRS *rule* 4, “Decision to Race”.

24.2 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, RACE COMMITTEE, PROTEST COMMITTEE, SPONSORS, WAYZATA SAILING FOUNDATION, WAYZATA COMMUNITY SAILING CENTER, HOST CLUB AND VENUE (AND EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, PERSONNEL, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS, GUESTS, VOLUNTEERS, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES AND ALL OTHER PERSONS IN THEIR CAPACITY OF ASSISTING A RACE) (COLLECTIVELY, “RACE ORGANIZERS”) WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY ACTION, CLAIM, LIABILITY, LOSS, DAMAGE, ACCIDENT OR INJURY (INCLUDING BODILY INJURY, PERSONAL INJURY, PERMANENT DISABILITY OR DEATH) TO ANY PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOAT (I) SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER EACH RACE; OR (II) ARISING, RELATING OR RESULTING FROM USE OF RACE FACILITIES OR PARTICIPATION IN A RACE OR ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

24.3 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper who shall ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations nor inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the skipper.

24.4 BY PARTICIPATING, EACH PARTICIPANT (AND IN THE CASE OF CHILDREN AND MINORS, EACH PARTICIPANT’S PARENT OR GUARDIAN) FOREVER RELEASES, DISCHARGES AND WAIVES ANY AND ALL ACTIONS, SUITS AND

CLAIMS WHATSOEVER AGAINST RACE ORGANIZERS FOR ANY LIABILITY, LOSS, DAMAGE AND INJURY (INCLUDING BODILY INJURY, PERSONAL INJURY, PERMANENT DISABILITY AND DEATH) TO ANY PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOAT (I) SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER EACH RACE; OR (II) ARISING, RELATING OR RESULTING FROM USE OF RACE FACILITIES OR PARTICIPATION IN A RACE OR ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

24.5 The skipper will be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any member of the OA, RC or PC, the skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to disqualification from the regatta.

25. INSURANCE. Each participating boat shall carry third party liability insurance in a minimum amount of \$500,000.

26. BOW NUMBERS. Each boat shall have clearly visible bow numbers on both sides of the bow, as provided at registration, and displayed according to the document distributed at registration check in. The leading edge of each bow number shall be no further than 10 inches aft of the bow.

27. PUBLICITY & PHOTOGRAPHER'S RIGHTS. As a condition of participation, each participant (on behalf of him/herself and their children and minors) grants Organizing Authority, sponsors and their designated photographers the perpetual, irrevocable right, license and permission to use, publish and distribute each participant's name, photos, video, images and statements of them and their boat and crew in all forms and media worldwide (including without limitation Internet) for any purposes whatsoever (including without limitation advertising, promotions, sales of pictures, etc.) without compensation or further permission.

28. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB. Organizing Authority is S2 7.9 Fleet and Wayzata Yacht Club ("Host Club") located at 1100 East County Road 16, Wayzata, Minnesota 55391.