

2008 T TEN THURSDAY SUNSET SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Starting sequence:		<u>Minutes before the start</u>
7:10 P.M.	Attention – multiple sounds	6
7:11 P.M.	Warning – class flag –1 sound	5
7:12 P.M.	Preparatory – P, I, Z or Z with I or black flag – 1 sound	4
7:15 P.M.	One-minute – Preparatory flag removed – 1 long sound	1
7:16 P.M.	Starting – Class flag removed – 1 sound	0

RACE DATES AND RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

SPRING SERIES: RACE 1 MAY 15
 RACE 2 MAY 22
 RACE 3 JUNE 5
 RACE 4 JUNE 12
 RACE 5 JUNE 19

Race committee assignments for
for all races have been
emailed. Please contact Ken
Gutelius with any questions.

SUMMER SERIES: RACE 6 JULY 3
 RACE 7 JULY 24
 RACE 8 JULY 31
 RACE 9 AUGUST 7
 RACE 10 AUGUST 14

In the event that the regular CSYC race committee is absent, the assigned race committee boat/skipper is responsible for providing at least **one crew member** for the mark boat and to provide an adequately staffed boat for the start/finish line. The crew member(s) for the mark boat must be at Crescent Sail Yacht Club no later than 1800 hours on the day of the race. The start/finish line boat should be on station no later than 1845 hours. Failure to arrive on time for either assignment will result in disqualification for the assigned RC boat. A minimum of **two crewmembers** and the **skipper** are required.

Skippers assigned to race committee duty can call Ken Gutelius (248-393-9022 W/248-891-2943 cell) before 1600 hours the day of the race to determine whether they are required for RC duty. In that case, no less than two crewmembers and the skipper must be at Crescent Sail Yacht Club no later than 1800 hours. Failure to arrive on time will result in disqualification.

Please note that skippers are responsible for finding their own RC substitutes. The penalty for not finding your own sub is disqualification for the series.

1. Rules

The Regatta will be governed by the current version of 2005-2008 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association, and the rules of the Tartan 10 Class and the rules of the other one design classes as altered by these Sailing Instructions. Where there is a conflict between the RRS and the Class rules, the Class rules shall take precedence. The regatta is designated Category A under RRS G2.3.

2. Entries

The series is open to all yachts meeting the requirements of the individual classes whose representative has submitted a completed registration form and payment prior to the registration deadline. All entrants must be members in good standing of their respective Class Associations.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the north outside wall of the Crescent Sail Yacht Club building

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

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Any change in these sailing instructions will be posted before 1800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5. Racing Area

The starting area shall be within a circle approximately 1 mile in diameter whose center is approximately 1 nautical mile approximately ENE of Crescent Sail Yacht Club. Race course shall be set so as not to interfere with GP Farms Pier course.

6. Race Course

Start: The starting line shall be between the orange shape on the RC boat and the orange pin, tetrahedron or spherical buoy. Races will be started using rule 26, System 2 with signals at 5-minute intervals. Multiple starts shall be done on a "rolling" basis with the starting signal of the preceding class acting as the warning for the subsequent class. Attention signal (multiple short horn blasts) to be made 1 minute before the warning for the FIRST start as prescribed above. Class flags are: T-10 3rd substitute & Melges 24 "M" code flag. Start signals shall not be made for classes which are not present (i.e. if only T-10s are in the starting area, only the T-10 starting sequence shall be run; no signals to be made for Melges 24s). The proper class flags must be raised to indicate which class is starting. Bearing to the first mark shall be displayed on the dry erase board on the committee boat.

Course: The course shall be windward-leeward-windward-leeward. All marks shall be left to port. The legs shall be approximately 1.0 to 1.5 NM depending upon the wind direction and strength. Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS rule 32.

Finish: The finish line shall be between the orange shape on the RC boat and the orange pin, tetrahedron or spherical buoy.

Marks: The windward mark will be an inflatable orange "tripod" (3 legged) or other orange mark. The leeward mark will be the buoy end of the start/finish line as defined above. A new windward or leeward mark, as provided below (Changing course after the start), will be a yellow tetrahedron or a multi-colored pin mark. The starting mark is described in the section "Start" and the finish Mark is described in the section "Finish".

Changing the course after the start: Will be at the discretion of the RC. In such cases, the RC boat shall display code "C" (blue-white-red-white-blue), and display the approximate bearing to the new mark. The RC boat may (not will) also announce the approximate bearing to the new mark on channel 72, and/or sound a horn as the yachts approach the mark. A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the next leg, although the new mark may not be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark, or the finish line, may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

7. Postponements shall be signaled by 2 sound signals from the RC boat and the display of the "AP" (red and white vertical panels). The warning signal will be made approximately one minute after AP is lowered (accompanied by one sound signal).'

8. Abandonment-

3 sound signals and code shall signal abandonment "N" flag on the RC boat.

9. Shorten Course

Shorten course - Code "S" flag means finish between the RC boat on station and the nearest mark.

10. Recalls

No general recalls. The RC boat will display code flag "X", and attempt to give a short blast for each yacht over early, but failure of the sound signal does not exonerate the yachts OCS from restarting. This changes the RRS.

11. Protests

To be avoided if possible. The 720 rule is in effect. Should protests occur, the protest must be postmarked by the next business day following the race in which the infringement occurred. This changes the time limit for filing a protest in the US Sailing rules. The protest will then be heard by the DRYA. Protests must be mailed to the Thursday night race chairman.

12. Withdrawal

It is the responsibility of each skipper to determine whether or not to start or continue in a race. Skippers withdrawing from a race are encouraged to contact the RC as soon as practical.

13. Interference with Shipping

Boats shall not interfere with shipping, either before, during, or after racing. Violation will result in disqualification.

14. RC Boat

Assigned yachts must be on station so the race can start on time. The boat that is assigned race committee is either to perform the function or arrange to get a substitute, or be disqualified for the series. However, an absent or substitute boat can not be allowed to gain an advantage in the scoring. If no boat shows up to perform the race committee duties, the race chairmen will have sole responsibility to assign a substitute committee boat. The boat assigned to RC duty (or its substitute) may not compete in that race. Channel 72 will be used for the race.

Race Committee must send (e-mail, or US Mail) the results to Ken Gutelius within 2 working days (addresses are printed below). As an alternative, results may be dropped off at *Nancy's Nightmare* at CSYC only if there is a crew member present to receive them.

15. Scoring

- a. A low point scoring system will be used. Spring; sum of the best 4 finish positions, Summer; sum of the best 4 finish positions. RC boats will receive the average of the best 3 races. Should a race be abandoned, the best 3 races shall count and the RC boat will receive the average of its best 2.
- b. Shall be in accordance with Rule 88.3 and Appendix A in the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing. Any race in which a yacht is disqualified due to violation of Parts 1, 2, 3, or 4 of the RRS may not be used for a throw-out. A yacht must compete in a minimum of 3 races for a given series to be scored as a participant in that respective series.
- c. In case of ties, the contestant who has the greatest number of first, seconds, thirds, etc shall be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, the winner will be the boat that has the highest finish in the last race where they both competed. A boat that uses a race as a throw-out has not competed. A boat that receives average points for performing RC duty has not competed. A boat that is disqualified has competed. If a tie still exists, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

16. When conditions permit the race committee may provide for multiple practice starts before the start of the race. Generally this will mean steady winds from 8-15 knots. When practice starts are to be run the RC shall announce the number of starts over the radio. The number of starts shall also be displayed adjacent to the bearing to first mark on the dry erase board in the form of "X STARTS." As an example, "3 STARTS" means two practice starts followed by the start of the race. When practice starts are being run, a long sound signal shall follow the starting signal of each practice start. The beginning of the next 5 minute sequence shall commence 1 minute after the starting signal for the previous sequence.

17. Exceptions to Class Rules

T-10

Current T-10 rules apply.

Other one design

Current class rules apply

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