

2008 Commonwealth Cup

Distance Race

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

1.2 Changes have been made by these Sailing Instructions to the following RRS sections:
29.1

(Individual Recall), 32.2(Shortening of Course after the Start), 35(Time Limit and Scores),
61.1(a)

(Informing the Protestee), 62.1(a) (Redress), Race Signal AP (Postponement),
44.3(c)(Scoring Penalty)

2. Safety Regulations

2.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

2.2 All competitors must watch for and keep out of the way of commercial and other deep draft vessels,

which have the right of way. Competitors are encouraged to monitor their VHF radio for warnings and

Communications with other vessels as it relates to their “right of way” vessels.

2.3 All yachts competing must comply with USCG requirements, including use of running lights

between sunset and sunrise.

3. Notices to Competitors Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the beach of GTB.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

4.1 Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board.

4.2 The schedule of races for the first day’s races will not be changed.

4.3 Any other change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 45 minutes before the scheduled

Start of the first race of the day and communicated via VHF radio.

5. Signals made ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee boat at the dock.

5.2 When flag “AP” is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the

Race Signal “AP”. This changes the meaning of Race Signal “AP”.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1 The race schedule will be stated in the Notice of Race and will be posted on the official notice board

6.2 It is the intention of the Race Committee to run a maximum of one race.

7. Class Flags

7.1 Classes will be defined in the Notice of Race.

7.2 A class flag will be a unique color, pattern, shape or class logo. A description of each class flag will be posted on the official notice board and announced at the skippers meeting.

7.3 Reminder; as stated in the preamble to Race Signals: "When a visual signal is displayed over a class Flag, the signal applies only to that class".

8. Marks

8.1 Start and finish marks of the course will be an orange pyramids on one end of the line and the committee boat on the other.

8.2 The optional mark in Sailing Instructions 10.3 may be any shape and color.

8.3 Navigation buoys or lights may also be used as course marks.

9. Course

9.1 The course will consist of approximately 36 miles, on Kentucky Lake and the Tennessee River, starting at about mile marker 24.5 west of the navigable channel. First turning mark will be

the red nun opposite Star Lime Works light, mile marker 29.1. This nun shall be taken to starboard

(east side) going down the lake and port (west side) on the return leg. The next turning mark will be

the last red nun buoy before Eggners Ferry Bridge, and will be taken to port

9.2 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, change the southernmost turning mark due to wind and weather forecast.

10. The Start

10.1 The starting order for the classes will be posted on the official notice board.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at

the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

10.3 The race committee may, no later than the warning signal, trail a mark from the stern of the race

Committee boat stationed at the starboard end of the starting line. The trailing mark will be considered

to be an extension of the race committee boat. No boat may pass between the trailing mark and the committee boat.

10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area after the first warning

signal of a race and shall not interfere with boats that are in their starting sequence.

11. Recalls

When individual recalls are signaled, the race committee may (at its discretion) attempt to hail

the sail numbers of the recalled boats by VHF channel 68. Failure of the race committee to hail

or failure of a boat to hear the hail of its sail number shall not relieve the boat of its obligation to

start correctly. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).

12. Shortening of the Course After the Start

When shortening the course, a race committee boat will be stationed within a leg of the course.

The display of Code Flag “S” with two repetitive sound signals means: “finish between the committee boat and the nearby mark.” This changes RRS 32.2.

13. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a orange flag on a race committee boat and

the nearby mark.

14. Time Limit

14.1 The time limit for a race is 6:30 pm Saturday.

14.2 If a boat in a class sails the course within the time limit it will be counted as finishing.

All other boats will be

scored in accordance with the RRS or as changed in the Notice of Race. This changes RRS 35.

15. Scoring penalty

15.1 A boat who may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules, may accept a 20% penalty by displaying a yellow flag at the first reasonable opportunity, and reporting in to the race committee at the finish. (The 720 rule is not in effect)

16. Protests

16.1 A boat intending to protest shall attempt to notify the protested boat and display a red flag at

the first reasonable opportunity and notify the race committee identifying his intent to protest and

the protested boat . This changes RRS 61.1(a).

16.2 Protests will be written and delivered to the Protest Committee Chairperson before the end

Of “Protest Filing Time,” which will be 45 minutes after the committee boat docks.

16.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the end of “Protest Filing Time,” to Inform competitors of the place and time of hearings.

16.2 Protests will then be heard as soon as possible, in the approximate order of receipt.

NOTE Any competitor who impedes a barge or deep draft vessel in the navigable channel will be

protested by the Race Committee.

17 Scoring

KLSC PHRF wind-range-dependent time correction factors will be applied to elapsed times to

Calculate corrected times.

18 Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each class. Trophy presentation will be at 10:00am or as soon as possible on Sunday, September 28.