

2025 BUCKEYE REGATTA HOOVER SAILING CLUB
MAY 17-18 2025
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta shall be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the current prescriptions of United States Sailing Association, the rules of the Flying Scot Sailing Association (FSSA), except as they may be altered by these Sailing Instructions, and any duly posted amendments thereto. In the event of any conflict, these Sailing Instructions shall govern.

2. ENTRY

- 2.1 Boats may enter by fulfilling the requirements of registration.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the “Race Notices” bulletin board located in the main room of the clubhouse.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any changes to these instructions shall be posted before 1200 hours on Saturday, May 17 and 0900 hours on Sunday, May 18.
- 4.2. Any change in the starting time for the first race on Sunday will be posted by 1800 hours on Saturday.

5. NUMBER AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Six (6) races are scheduled as follows:

Competitors’ meeting – Saturday May 17 – 10:00 am

Race 1 Saturday, May 17 11:00 a.m. - Warning Signal

Race 2 Immediately following Race 1

A lunch break may be taken as needed

Race 3 Immediately following Race 2

Race 4 Immediately following Race 3

Race 5 Sunday, May 18 9:30 a.m.- Warning Signal

Race 6 Immediately following Race 5

- 5.2. No race will be started after 4:30 pm on Saturday or 11:30 am on Sunday

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee boat at the dock.

7. THE COURSE

- 7.1. The course for each race will be posted on both sides of the committee boat.

W = windward leg

Wo = Windward Offset

L = Leeward leg

Lg = Leeward Gate

△ = Triangle

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (CONTINUED)

Courses may be designated:

- Triangle (with a windward to finish)
- Triangle W/L/W
- W/L/W

Depending upon the number of boats, the PRO may set an offset mark and/or a leeward gate for a W/L course. The number of laps will be displayed with a number in front of the course designation. For a triangle course the number will indicate the number of laps of the triangle.

- 7.2. The color of the cards represents proper rounding, red for marks to port and green for marks to starboard.
- 7.3. For example, a course of “2△WLW” with red cards indicates that the course is 2 complete triangles then a windward leg, a leeward leg, and a windward leg, with all marks rounded to port.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. Primary marks will be large, orange inflatable buoys.
- 8.2. Starting and finishing mark will be a pink foam block topped by an orange pennant.
- 8.3. Marks will be displayed at the competitors’ meeting.

9. STARTING

- 9.1. The starting line shall be between a staff displaying a blue Race Committee flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark.
- 9.2. The starting line shall not be an obstruction during the race.
- 9.3. Races shall use a 5 minute starting sequence in accordance with RRS 26. Prior to the Warning, several short horn blasts will be used to alert all competitors to the beginning of the starting sequence
- 9.4 All boats will start at the same time unless alternative instructions are issued at the Skipper’s meeting.
- 9.5 The class flag will be a blue and white FS class flag.

10. RECALL

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. Race Committee will attempt to hail boats by sail number when possible. The delay of such hails, the order of hailing, the lack of a hail, or failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for redress.

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1. The time limit will be 30 minutes to the first mark for the first boat and ninety (90) minutes overall for the first boat. If either of these limits is not met the race will be abandoned.
- 11.2. All boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat shall be scored in their relative positions at that time to the best ability of the Race Committee.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line will be between the staff displaying the blue Race Committee flag on the Race Committee boat and the finishing mark.
- 12.2. The finish line shall not be an obstruction during the race.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (CONTINUED)

13. PENALTIES

13.1. Penalties will be as specified in RRS 44.1

14. PROTESTS

14.1. A boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee boat at the finish, including the sail number of the boat she intends to protest. This changes RRS 61.1a.

14.2. Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Committee and must be submitted to the Race Chairman within 30 minutes of the Race Committee's return to shore.

14.3. The hearing schedule(s) will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the expiration of the protests filing time limit.

15. SCORING

15.1. The Low-Point Scoring System will apply, except that there shall be no throw out race if less than six races are completed. This changes Appendix A2.

15.2. Six races are scheduled, of which one race shall be completed to constitute a series.

16. SAFETY

16.1. All Ohio safety requirements regarding sailboats shall be observed.

16.2. A boat retiring from a race is asked to notify the Race Committee either upon leaving the course or, if that is impossible, immediately upon arriving ashore.

16.3. It is each competitor's exclusive responsibility to decide whether or not to race or continue racing, to wear a personal flotation device and to otherwise provide for his or her own personal safety unless the PRO determines that conditions are such that flotation devices are required. In such a circumstance the Y flag will be flown.

17. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall not be used, except for those available to all competitors provided by the Organizing Authority.

18. VHF RADIOS

As a courtesy, the Race Committee will use Channel 71 to provide information to competitors. After the starting signal, the Race Committee will attempt to hail boats that are OCS and boats that have not complied with RRS 30.1. The delay of such hails, the order of hailing, the lack of a hail, or failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

19. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded for the Buckeye Regatta through 3rd place

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.