

Augusta Sailing Club

2023 Labor Day Regatta

Clarks Hill September 2nd and 3rd

Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules:** The series will be governed by The USSA Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), USSA Prescriptions and Class Rules, except as any of these are modified by these sailing instructions (SI).
2. **Entries:** Registration can be done on-line as specified in the Notice of Race (NOR). PHRF boats must have a current PHRF rating certificate issued by the Augusta Sailing Club.
3. **Notice to Competitors:** Official notices to competitors will be posted on the Augusta Sailing Club (ASC) official notice board located in the clubhouse or on the race committee boat.
4. **Changes in Sailing Instructions:** Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 hours on the day before it will take effect.
5. **Signals Made Ashore:**
 - 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located near the Augusta Sailing Club clubhouse.
 - 5.2. Code flag “AP,” answering pennant, with two sound signals when raised means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the “AP” is lowered with one sound signal.
6. **Signals Made Afloat:**
 - 6.1. Signals made afloat will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat.
 - 6.2. Code flag “AP,” answering pennant, with two sound signals when raised means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 1 minute after the “AP” is lowered with one sound signal.
7. **Schedule of Races:**
 - 7.1. Races are scheduled as stated in the NOR.
8. **Course:**
 - 8.1. The courses will be posted on the official notice board on the race committee boat.
 - 8.2. The courses will be sailed in accordance with RRS 28.
 - 8.3. Marks will be left to port. Boats shall cross the finish line on the most direct course from the last mark before the finish.
9. **Marks:** All marks will be blue, orange or yellow inflatable marks or US Government markers, including the starting and finishing marks. New marks, for a Change of Course after the start, will be orange or yellow inflatable marks or government marks.
10. **The Start:**
 - 10.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
 - 10.2. Competitors must check in at the race committee boat before the start.
 - 10.3. The starting line will be between the starting mark and a staff displaying the orange flag on the race committee boat.
 - 10.4. The order of fleets will be posted on the notice board on the race committee signal boat.
 - 10.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

- 10.6. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 10.7. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
11. **Recalls:** Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29. The Race Committee may attempt to hail infringing boats, but it is the responsibility of the skipper to make a legal start.
12. **Changes of Course After Start:**
 - 12.1. RRS 32 and 33 apply however; in addition, the Race Committee may signal a change in the designated course by flying the C flag before the competitors begin the changed leg and displaying a board or hailing each competitor to designate the new course. In this case the change in direction or length of the next leg need not be signaled. The finish line shall be between the newly designated final mark and a staff displaying the S flag or between the pin and the orange flag if the start/finish line is used.
 - 12.2. The Race Committee will place the new mark as soon as practicable.
 - 12.3. Minor adjustments in a mark's location will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.
13. **Finish Line:** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and a blue finishing mark.
14. **Classes:** The fleet will be divided into fleets as specified in the NOR.
15. **Time Limits:** The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat of that fleet finishes will be scored "DNF."
16. **Scoring:**
 - 16.1. All races will count except that if 6 or more races are scored, each boat will exclude her worst score. This is a change to RRS A2.1.
 - 16.2. Fleets will be scored separately.
 - 16.3. Any vessel not registered prior to the start of a race on a properly completed registration form provided to the race committee will not be scored.
 - 16.4. One-design fleets will be scored in the order of finish for their fleet.
 - 16.5. Scoring of each handicapped fleet race will be based on corrected times.
 - 16.6. PHRF Spin fleet and PHRF Non-Spin Fleet will be scored using the PHRF "Time-on-Time" handicap method.
 - 16.7. Portsmouth dinghy corrected times will be calculated with the "Time-on-Time" method using RYA Portsmouth ratings.
 - 16.8. One race on one day will be sufficient to constitute the regatta.
 - 16.9. Scores will be posted at the clubhouse.
 - 16.10. Scores will be considered final 15 minutes after posting.
17. **Alternative Penalties:** The two-turns penalty as provided in RRS 44 will not apply if a boat has its spinnaker up when a rule is broken, drops the spinnaker completely while taking the penalty and resets the spinnaker immediately after taking the penalty, then the penalty is one full turn instead of two turns (one full turn including one tack and one jib).
18. **Protests:** Protests shall be written and lodged with the Race Committee within the protest time. Protest time shall end 30 minutes after the race Committee signal boat docks.
19. **Litter:** Anyone seen willfully discharging litter into the lake shall be scored "DSQ" for that race or the previous race.
20. **Life Jackets:** All boats must have the required life jackets on board, and crew must wear life jackets when specified by signal from the Committee Boat. Any boat that fails to comply for a race will be scored DSQ. Wearing of life jackets is encouraged and recommended at all times on the water.
21. **Risk Statement:** Competitors participate in the regattas entirely at their own risk. RRS 3

states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough lake conditions, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. 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 regattas.

22. **Radio Communication:** The Race Committee will use VHF channel 72 unless otherwise directed by the Principal Race Officer.