



DAINGERFIELD ISLAND SAILING CLUB

Mount Vernon Chase

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Sailing Instructions

SI Changes: DISC may change the Sailing Instructions by communicating the changes in person at the skippers' meeting.

Signals: No visual signals will be used ashore. This modifies RRS Appendix S4.1.

A DISC officer (or representative) may make courtesy broadcasts on VHF channel 69. A boat's failure to receive or understand a radio broadcast is not grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

Check-in: Check-in will be in-person at the skippers' meeting. For boats that arrive at the start without attending the skippers' meeting, a DISC officer (or representative) will attempt to brief the late arrivals on the course and any changes. An incomplete brief or failure to receive or understand the brief shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 60.1 and 62.1.

PFDs: Rule 40.1 applies when directed at the skippers' meeting. This modifies Rule 40.2.

Start: This race will feature a pursuit start. A DISC officer (or representative) will provide a start time for each registered boat at the skippers' meeting, with the highest-PHRF boat's start time being the time listed on the NOR. The start line is described on the Mount Vernon Course Chart.

Courses: A DISC officer (or representative) will announce the course from the Mount Vernon Course Chart at the skippers' meeting.

Finish: The starting line serves as the finishing line.

When *finishing*, each boat shall announce her finish time over VHF channel 69, record her finish times using GPS time, and report her time to officers@discsailing.org by 2200 the day of the race. When possible, each boat shall record the adjacent finishing boats finishing.

Retiring: Any boat retiring from a race must promptly broadcast its intention to the fleet on VHF channel 69.

Time Limit: None.

Protests: In order for *protest* or request for redress to be valid, a boat or *committee* must comply with the RRS and file the *protest* or request for redress by email to officers@discsailing.org by 2300 on the evening of the race.

A request for redress based upon a boat's score posted on the website must be filed within 48 hours after the score is posted. A Protest Committee may refer a request for redress to the RC as a scoring inquiry before conducting a hearing.

This modifies RRS 60.2, 60.3, 60.4, 61.2, and 61.3.

Penalties: When a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 of the RRS, the following penalties apply:

- (a) Penalties will be in accordance RRS 44.1 or 31, or
- (b) At the skipper's option, a boat may take a 20% scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3, or
- (c) After racing, but before the start of a protest hearing, a boat may take a 30% scoring penalty by delivering a written statement to officers@discsailing.org or by notifying the Protest Committee.

Commercial Traffic:

A boat may not exercise right of way over, cross in close proximity to, or interfere with the reasonable transit of the race area by commercial vessels. A boat charged under this *rule* has the burden of proof to show that she did not break the *rule*. Boats must take action well in advance of any potential conflict. If the boat has no way on, she may use a motor to clear the channel for commercial traffic. If a boat uses a motor in such circumstances, the skipper must notify the RC and provide an explanation. Racing boats may not gain an advantage in the race from using the motor.

The RC may *protest* a boat under this *rule* based on information received from any person, including a person with a *conflict of interest*. The *protest* time limit may be extended. Statements from the US Coast Guard, DC Police, or commercial ship captains will be accepted as evidence without the author present. This modifies RRS 60.2(a)(2), 60.3, 60.4(a), 60.4(b)(3), 61.3, and 63.6.

The penalty for violation of this *rule* is to be scored DNE. DISC's executive committee may impose more severe penalties if it determines that gross negligence on the part of the racing boat endangered safety.