

2020 Thursday Night Race - Sailing Instructions



Rules: The racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, and all Covid-19 based rules/laws of Ontario Sailing and the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit applicable on the day of each race.

Changes to Sailing Instructions: Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the SPSC Bulletin Board (temporarily – a Sunroom porch window) before 17:45 on the day that it will take effect.

Racing Dates: Racing to be every Thursday evening, from July 2nd, to Sept 24th. Due to the late start this year, there will be only one Series to decide the 2020 Club “Series Championship”.

Radio Communications: The RC will attempt to monitor VHF channel 68.

Starting and Class Flags: (See over for info on Starting system using lights)

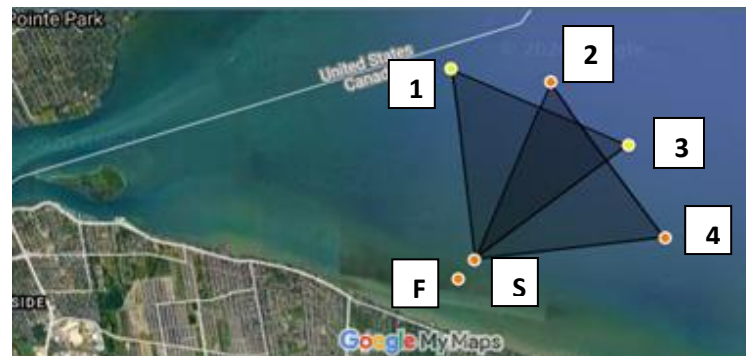
- RC Boat positioning: to the starboard end of the Starting Line, at approximately 90 degrees to the first course. Opposite end of line at S Mark.
- Start Times: First warning signal approx 18:45. First start approx. 19:00.
- Subsequent starts to be approx 5 minutes apart
- Class Flags: Jog class = White / Shark class = Shark flag / Spinnaker class = Green

Permanent Marks:

The racing area shall be centered at Mark S, 0.5Nm at 030° magnetic from outside the Pike Creek channel on Lake St. Clair. Marks are arrayed differently this year, in two 2.0Nm triangles, for simplicity. Marks are numbered white can buoys.

Coordinates:

Mark	Latitude	Longitude
S	42°19.958'N	82°50.346'W
1	42°21.945'N	82°50.659'W
2	42°21.795'N	82°49.277'W
3	42°21.152'N	82°48.182'W
4	42°20.189'N	82°47.668'W
F	42°19.762'N	82°50.555'W



Courses (headings given in degrees magnetic)

<p>Course 1 Outer Marks to Starboard Start (Mark S) - 0deg for 2.0mi Round Mark 1 (to stbd) – 120deg for 2.0mi Round Mark 3 (to stbd) – 240deg for 2.0mi Round Mark S (to port) – 225deg for 0.25mi Cross the line between RC and F mark</p>	<p>Course 2 Outer Marks to Starboard Start (Mark S) – 30deg for 2.0mi Round Mark 2(to stbd) - 150deg for 2.0mi Round Mark 4(to stbd) - 270deg for 2.0mi Round Mark S (to port) - 225deg for 0.25mi Cross the line between RC and F mark</p>
<p>Course 3 Outer Marks to Port Start (Mark S) - 60deg for 2.0mi Round Mark 3 (to port) - 300deg for 2.0mi Round Mark 1 (to port) - 180deg for 2.0mi Round Mark S (to stbd) - 225deg for 0.25mi Cross the line between RC and F mark</p>	<p>Course 4 Outer Marks to Port Start (Mark S) - 90deg for 2.0mi Round Mark 4 (to port) - 330deg for 2.0mi Round Mark 2 (to port) - 210deg for 2.0mi Round Mark S (to stbd) - 225deg for 0.25mi Cross the line between RC and F mark</p>

Time Limits: Boats finishing 30 minutes or more after the lead boat in their fleet will be scored DNF.

Warnings / Prohibitions: Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes and shall avoid interfering with the boats preparing to start. Boats shall stay clear of the start/finish line while racing, and shall not pass through that line except when finishing. Boats may be protested for violating this instruction.

Protests: Normally as per RRS Sec A. **Note that at time of writing, Ontario Sailing has spec'd that there will be NO protests. This does not dismiss racers from their responsibility of racing safely and fairly.**

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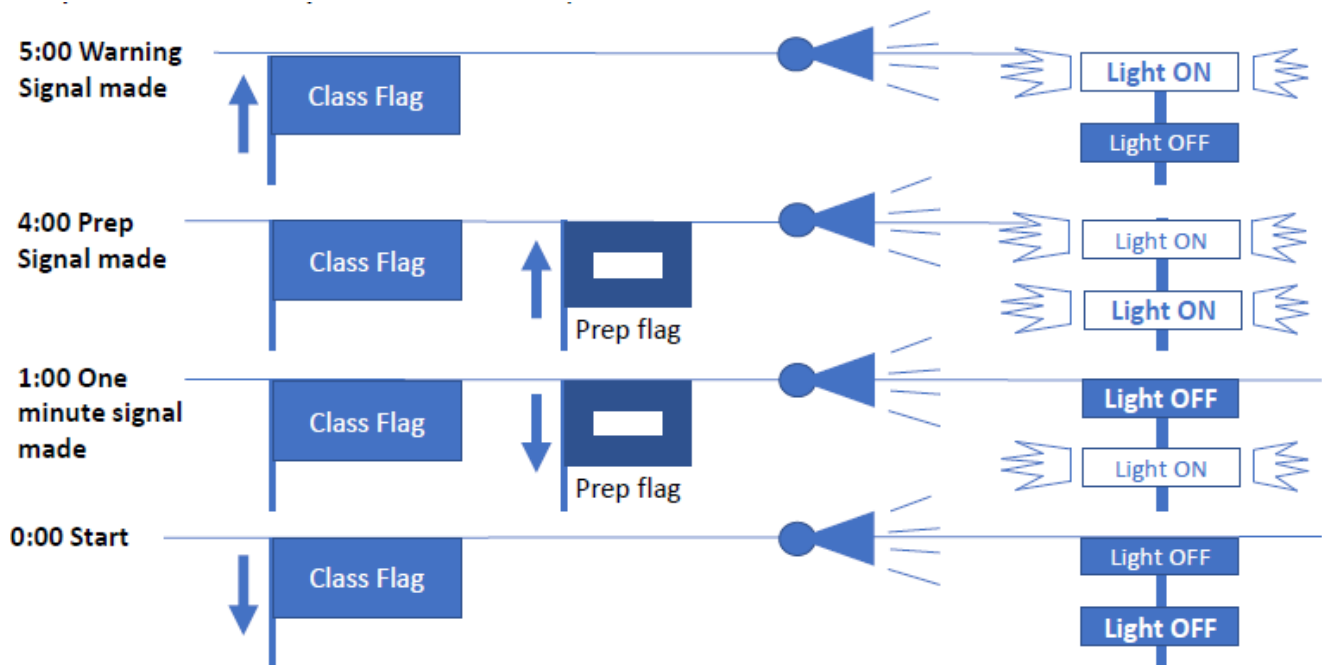


This year we are experimenting with a new semi-automated light system that is intended to greatly simplify the work on the Race Committee boat.

We will continue to use the flags on the RC boat during the starting sequences, but the automated system will sound the horns, and signal the RC as to when the flags go up and down.

The automated system will also light two stacked lights on a pole mounted on the RC Boat, as shown below.

Our typical 2020 sequence for each class start will look like this:



There are clubs that use only the lights for starting races, having done away with starting flags.

Note that even with a fully automated starting system, flags will still be used to signal which class is starting, and to signal events such as postponements and recalls (individual and/or general).

Please forward any questions on this new starting light system to:

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