

CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for 2008

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1. RACING RULES

All races will be sailed under the current (2005-2008) ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of USSA, and applicable class rules except as amended by these Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Race participation eligibility is outlined in Section V - A of the CSA Official Handbook. CSA guests may participate in the race program with the consent of the Race Committee (before the Race Committee boat leaves the harbor) and on the advice of the affected fleet.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices shall be posted on the official bulletin board that is located adjacent to the pavilion.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes shall be posted on the official bulletin board prior to the first affected race. Code Flag "L" shall be flown to signal a posted change.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals may be displayed from the flagpole and/or the Race Committee boat.
- 5.2 Code Flag "B" – Prudent judgment should be exercised in sailing or racing under these prevailing weather conditions.
- 5.3 Code Flag "L" – A change in the sailing instructions has been posted on the official bulletin board.
- 5.4 Code Flag "N" – The scheduled race is abandoned.
- 5.5 Code Flag "AP" – The scheduled race is postponed.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Races are scheduled on Sundays, May through October.

- 6.2 Three series will be sailed: Spring, Summer, and Fall. Two or three races shall be sailed on Sundays for each series depending on weather conditions. The 3rd race will constitute its own series.
- 6.3 The starting times (warning signal for the first division) for one-design races are:

Race	Series		
	Spring (May/June)	Summer (Jul/Aug)	Fall (Sept/Oct)
1 st Race	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
2 nd Race	2:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
*3 rd Race	After 2nd Race	After 2nd Race	After 2nd Race

*3rd Race shall be sailed when winds over 8mph, determination shall be made by the RC prior to the completion of the second race.

For each series, if the first race (warning signal for the first division) is postponed until after 12:30 p.m., then the Race Committee may, at their discretion, sail three races back-to-back. For any Series, no race shall start (the warning signal for the first division) after 4:00 p.m. If no race has been sailed by 3:30 p.m., then the Race Committee may abandon racing for the day.

- 6.4 No Official Races shall be sailed on the weekend of the “Luekemia Cup Regatta” or “Whale-of-a-Sail” regatta. The Commodore may specify other weekends in which there will be No Official Races due to CSA sponsored events.

7. THE COURSE

- 7.1 The standard course shall consist of four (4) rounding marks (see Figure 7.1 – “CSA Mark Orientation and Course Diagram”) and will be positioned as follows:
- One yellow mark shall make up an inner windward mark.
 - An outer course of pink marks shall be placed according to the chart provided. (see Figure 7.1) All courses shall be windward/leeward with a gate for the leeward marks. All boats shall pass through the gate from the windward side to the leeward side and then round either gate mark to port or starboard.
 - All windward marks shall be rounded to port.
- 7.2 The starting and finishing line shall be on the weather leg and shall consist of a spar buoy and the signal mast of the Race Committee boat.
- 7.3 The Race Committee shall display a placard from the starboard rail of the Committee boat indicating the first two digits of the approximate compass heading to the weather mark.
- 7.4 All Fleets shall sail a Windward/Leeward course (two laps with start/finish on the weather leg). Each Fleet captain shall provide the following information to the

Race Committee chairman two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of the affected series:

- a. The fleet must specify if the inside course (yellow windward mark) or the outside course (pink windward mark) is being sailed.
- b. The number of laps to be sailed, if different from above.
- c. Certify that the fleet agreed to the change; and
- d. The fleet shall maintain said course for the entire series.

Distances shown in Statute Miles, winds in mph.

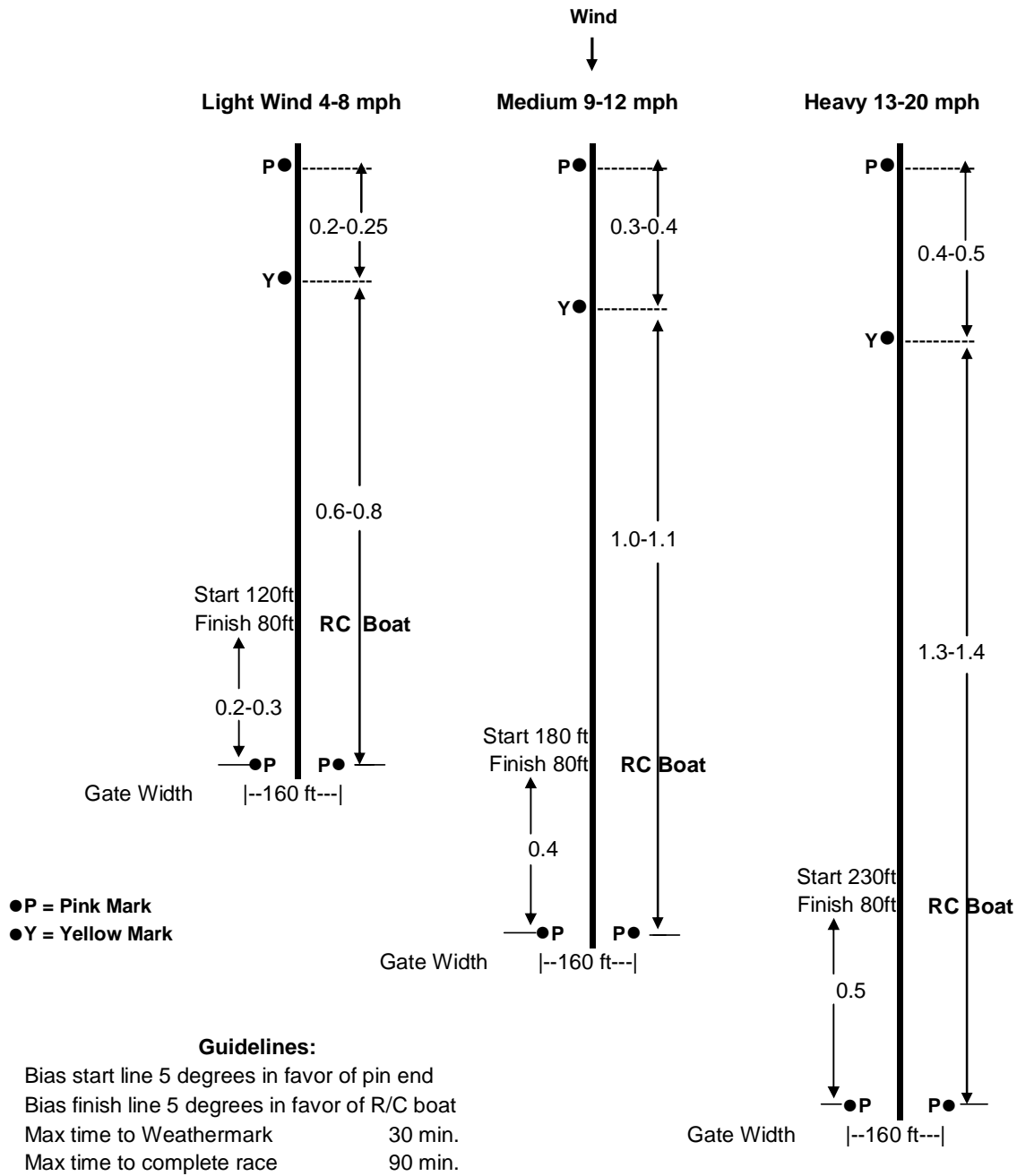


Figure 7.1 – CSA Mark Orientation and Course Diagram

8. THE START

- 8.1 All one-design races shall be started in accordance with ISAF Rule 26.
- 8.2 The order of the one-design race starts shall be posted on the official bulletin board prior to the start of each series. A Fleet shall be assigned to a specific division numbered 1-4. All boats in a given division shall start at the same time. Fleets shall be assigned to sail the inner course (yellow windward mark) or the outer course (pink windward mark).
- 8.3 During the starting sequence, a numeral pennant shall be displayed as the Class flag and shall indicate the division for the next start.
- 8.4 The starting line shall be between the signal mast of the Race Committee boat and a spar buoy.
- 8.5 Audible signals may be horns, guns or whistles.
- 8.6 Other Signals: An Orange flag with one sound signal signifies that the Committee Boat is leaving the harbor and the Warning signal will be approximately 30 minutes thereafter. This signal (orange flag) shall be struck, accompanied by one sound, one minute before the Warning signal for the first division. When the Code Flag "S" is flown from the committee boat during the starting sequence, then the "short course" is to be sailed by all boats in that division. The "short course" is one (1) lap of the specified course that would normally be sailed with the start/finish on the weather leg.
- 8.7 Yachts shall keep clear of the starting line or its extensions by a minimum of 30 yards after the initial Warning signal is made and until the Warning signal is made for their division start. Offending yachts may be protested.
- 8.8 After a yacht has started properly, and is well clear of the starting line, she shall not cross the start or finish lines except when, after sailing the course, she is attempting to finish. The remedy for doing so is to return to the side of the line from whence she came, and performing a 720 degree penalty turn before continuing the race. She shall have no right-of-way on any other yacht while taking these actions.

9. RECALLS

- 9.1 Individual Recall:
 - a. Code Flag "X" shall be hoisted with one (1) audible signal. Code Flag "X" shall be flown until all premature starters return and start properly or until one minute prior to the next start.
 - b. The Race Committee will attempt to hail premature starters. However, this does not relieve a skipper's obligation to start properly.
- 9.2 General Recall:

- a. Code Pennant “1st Repeater” shall be hoisted with two (2) audible signals.
- b. Fleets under general recall shall be re-sequenced to start five (5) minutes after the last scheduled start. The timing sequence shall not stop.

10. SHORTENING THE COURSE

- 10.1 The racecourse may be shortened at the leeward mark if conditions warrant. A mark-set boat will be stationed near the leeward mark and will be displaying Code Flag “S (with two audible signals).
- 10.2 All finishes shall be made on the next leg of the race between a buoy and a Race Committee boat from the direction of the last mark.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 All finishes shall be made by crossing between an on-station Race Committee boat (either the pontoon boat or a whaler) flying a blue flag and a buoy from the direction of the last mark of the course.
- 11.2 All yachts shall finish in accordance with ISAF Rule 28.1. The Race Committee shall acknowledge each finish. A skipper cannot assume to have finished until his boat is acknowledged.
- 11.3 Yachts having finished shall stay clear of the racecourse so as to avoid interfering with yachts still racing.
- 11.4 Yachts shall be disqualified from the race for crossing the finish line when the blue “on-station” signal is made, except when they are finishing the race.
- 11.5 If a second race is to be sailed back-to-back with the race just completed, the Race Committee shall display the orange flag from the mast of the Committee Boat.

12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 A race shall be abandoned on a fleet basis if no yacht of that class rounds the first mark within thirty (30) minutes after the fleet's start.
- 12.2 For the Spring, Summer, and Fall Series, the race shall be abandoned if no yacht of a fleet completes the course within one-and-one-half (1-1/2) hours.
- 12.3 If one yacht of a fleet completes the course within the required time, the race is official for all members of the class that finish within twenty (20) minutes of the first finisher. Those unable to finish will receive a DNF.
- 12.4 No races shall continue after sundown.

13. SAFETY

All yachts participating in the race program must comply with the safety requirements listed in Section IV-D of the CSA Official Handbook. Cabin fleet boats are required to have auxiliary power ready to use in case of emergency and are exempt from carrying a paddle. Failure to display any of the safety equipment specified in Section IV-D of the CSA Official Handbook upon request by a CSA officer, Race Committee member, State or Federal officer shall result in disqualification.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 The scoring system selected by each fleet is subject to the requirements of section V-D of the CSA Official Handbook.
- 14.2 Each fleet shall report their qualifiers and winners of each series to the CSA Race Committee Scorer within seven (7) days of the last race of that series.
- 14.3 Calculation of scores for those fleets sailing under the Portsmouth or other handicapping systems is the responsibility of those fleets. The Race Committee will attempt to supply finish times to those fleets.
- 14.4 The Fleet scoring system and tie-breaking method shall be on file with the CSA Race Committee Scorer prior to May 1, annually.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protests, penalties, and appeals shall follow Part 5 of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) with the following exceptions:
- 15.2 A yacht which acknowledges infringement of Part 2 may be exonerated by making two (2) full 360 degree turns (720) as described in Rule 44.2, or in the case of the spinnaker classes and the cabin fleet, when carrying a spinnaker, she may be exonerated by dowsing the spinnaker, and doing one (1) 360 degree turn, and resetting the spinnaker. Any of the catamaran classes, which acknowledges infringement of Part 2, may be exonerated by making one (1) full 360 degree turn.
 - a. The protesting yacht, upon finishing the race in which the infraction occurred, shall notify the Race Committee boat of her protest, giving the class and sail number of the protested yacht, even if the protested yacht has performed penalty turns.
 - b. The protesting yacht shall sign the Protest Register on the official bulletin board, giving the rule under which the protest is lodged and the sail number of the protested yacht. If the protestor has seen the protested yacht perform her appropriate turns, the protestor may check the box to indicate this fact. However, the protested yacht must check the above register to assure that if she has performed her turns, the register so indicates. All Protest Register entries must be made within one (1) hour of the Race Committee's return to the harbor after the last race of the day. Failure to sign the Protest Register shall make any formal protest invalid.

- c. In the cabin fleet, CSA Racing Associate members are not required to sign the Protest Register.
- 15.3 If the protested yacht refuses to acknowledge her infringement or if the infringement has resulted in serious damage or gained the protested yacht a significant advantage, the protesting yacht may file a written protest on an official USSA protest form which must be sent to the Protest Committee Chairman by mail postmarked no later than the Tuesday following the incident.
- 15.4 Protest hearings shall normally be scheduled on the second and the fourth Sunday of each month, or as soon as practical at the discretion of the Protest Committee Chairman.
- 15.5 The Protest Committee Chairman will make an effort to notify parties to the protest of the scheduled hearing by:
- a. Posting a notice on the official bulletin board during the Sunday following the incident; and/or
 - b. Mailing written notices to the parties involved.
- 15.6 Protest pre-hearings may be requested by either party and held at the option of the Protest Committee Chairman and with agreement of both parties. These are intended to be explanatory in nature and may assist participants to avoid the need for a formal hearing. Any conclusions arrived at have no validity should a formal hearing be required.
- 15.7 When either skipper cannot attend the protest hearing as scheduled, an alternate date may be selected which fulfills all of the following conditions:
- a. Protest hearing date is held within one month of the protest filing.
 - b. Protest hearing date is mutually acceptable to both skippers.
 - c. The Protest Committee Chairman approves the protest hearing date.
- It these conditions cannot be fulfilled, the protest may be decided by the Protest Committee on evidence submitted in writing by the participants and any other evidence it may find necessary to reach a decision.
- 15.8 All protests arising from suspected violations of class rules or handicap declaration parameters shall be remanded to the appropriate fleet for disposition. The involved fleet shall notify the Protest Committee and the Race Committee of its findings regarding the subject of protest.

16. PRIZES

Prizes shall be awarded in accordance with Section V-E of the CSA Official Handbook.

17. OTHER RULES

Allowance of advertising shall be governed by Category C in Appendix 1, Section II to the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except that advertising on hulls, spars, and sails shall be governed by Category A.

18. NOTES