

*2024 WMYA E-Scow Invitational  
Crystal Lake Yacht Club  
July 20 – 21, 2024*

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)**

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2** Boats shall comply with the rules of their class association in regard to the allotment, carrying and size of insignia, letters and numbers.
- 1.3** Boats that are not clearly identified or not in compliance with these requirements, will be given the opportunity to correct the deficiency prior to becoming eligible for competition, or, failing do so, be subject to disqualification.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.2** Supplemental sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.3** The official notice board are the windows located on the East side of the club, north end of the porch.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 8:00 a.m. on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2** Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 p.m. on the day before it will take effect.

### **4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1** [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials.

### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1** Signals made from shore will be displayed on the Crystal Lake Yacht Club flag pole and/or on the CLYC Starting Boat if the boat is tied to the main dock.

**5.2** When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less 30 minutes' in Races Signals AP.

**6 COMMUNICATION**

**6.1** On the water, the RC will communicate with competitors using VHF Channel 71 (Competitors will be notified if it is necessary to change the VHF Channel).

**7 SCHEDULE OF RACES/EVENTS**

**7.1** *Friday, July 19, 2024*

4:30 p.m. – Registration Open      Boat wash available for off lake boats  
8:00 p.m.

*Saturday, July 20, 2024*

Lunch      Pickup Lunch after 10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. Skipper's Meeting  
12:00 p.m. Races 1, 2, 3  
Lean-In      1 hour after last boat docks following the  
last afternoon race or 5:00 p.m., whichever  
is later

*Sunday, July 21, 2024*

Lunch      Pickup Lunch after 10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. Race 4, 5, 6  
Award Ceremony      After last race TBD

**7.2** All races will be started on time unless the PRO determine that safety considerations or proper race management warrant postponement.

**7.3** No warning signal will be made after 4:00 p.m.

**7.4** On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal may be made after 2:30 p.m.

**8 CLASS FLAGS**

**8.1** The official E-Scow class flag will be used.

**9 RACING AREA**

**9.1** The racing area will be the western end of Crystal Lake

**10 COURSES**

**10.1** Courses will be determined by the PRO and communicated to the fleet prior to the warning signal of the race (see Appendix A - Course Diagrams).

**10.2** A leeward gate will be used for all races.

## **11 MARKS**

**11.1** Marks are either an orange or yellow inflatable buoy.

**11.2** Offset marks are a red ball.

## **12 THE START**

**12.1** Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

**12.2** As a courtesy, the race committee will make a sound signal 1 minute prior to the warning signal.

**12.3** The starting line shall be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark, or if two boats are used, the staff displaying an orange flag on a port-end boat.

**12.4** The signal boat may attach a buoy to its stern by a line. The buoy and the line are part of the mark and therefore are not an obstruction.

**12.4** If any part of a boat's **hull** is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail or the order of the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**12.5** A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **13 THE FINISH**

**13.1** In the event of an upwind finish, the finishing line will be above the windward mark between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat on the starboard side of the line and the course side of the port finishing mark, or if two boats are used, the staff displaying a blue flag on a port-end finish boat.

**13.2** In the event of a downwind finish, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat to the port side of the of the starboard finishing mark (e.g., the original starting line).

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**14.1** The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 applies.

**14.2** RRS Appendix V1 applies.

## **15 TIME LIMIT**

**15.1** The time limit for all races will be 90 minutes (1 ½ hours).

**15.2** Once the first boat finishes, all boats must finish within 15 minutes or they will be scored TLE.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1** Hearing request forms are available from the Scorekeeper in the race office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks following the last race of the day or when the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, and where the hearings will be held.
- 16.4** Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

**17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1** [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.2** E-Scows shall sail with mainsail flotation panels installed.
- 17.3** All boats must have a USCG approve life jacket on board for each crew member as well as a USCG approved throwable life preserver.
- 17.4** A USCG approved life jacket must be worn at all times by every participant under the age of 17.



