

## Organizing Authority: Renton Sailing Center

### Skill Building Through Racing – 2023 Spring, Summer, and Fall Regatta Series

#### Sailing Instructions

1. Renton Sailing Center's "Skill Building Through Racing" 2023 Season will begin on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Racing will be held each Tuesday through the Spring and Summer with the last event on August 29, 2023. There will be no racing on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.
2. Participation begins when the racer emails [raceres@rentonsailing.org](mailto:raceres@rentonsailing.org) and asks to participate in the specific event. Email requests to participate will be accepted between noon Friday and 6 PM Sunday before the following Tuesday's race. Participation in each weekly event requires a unique email request for that specific week. Different online sign-up systems are being looked into and notice will be given if the email system described here changes.
3. The Race Committee will form the race teams (crews) and will assign the boats. Crews and boats will be assigned based on sailor's experience levels, with the goal of maximizing learning opportunities (basic sailing, racing, and mentoring) with safety first.
4. The Race Committee reserves the right to alter the crew and boat assignments at the time of the race set-up, boat rigging, and during the race.
5. PFDs must be worn at all times on the dock and in the boats, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. A range of youth and adult PFD sizes are available at the dock, but sailors should bring their own PFD if they have one.
6. The following boats are available, and will be treated as one class for the races:
  - 5 RS Visions (crew of 2 each)
  - 1 RS Quest (crew of 2)
  - 1 Catalina Capri (crew of 2)
  - 1 Hunter 17 (crew of 2-4)
  - 3 RS Zests (crew of 1 each)
  - 1 RS Venture may be available for part of the season (crew of 2-4)
7. Rigging of boats will begin at 5 PM. Plan to be at the dock at 5:00 to help rig boats. Parking at Coulon Beach Park can be crowded on a warm Tuesday afternoon so plan accordingly.
8. Race Committee or Dockmaster will check rigging of each boat before the boat leaves the dock.
9. 1st race will begin at 6 PM. The goal of the Race Committee will be to have the last race end before the end of local civil twilight, leaving time for competitors to derig boats before dark.

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#### 1. RULES

- a. The event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in 'The Racing Rules of Sailing'.
- b. All competitors in this regatta shall wear a PFD, while on the water or dock, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. This changes RRS 40.
- c. Add to RRS 41: e). information from the Race Committee or other representatives of the Organizing Authority.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a. Notice of Race is posted on the official notice board at <https://www.rentonsailing.org/sail/racing-skill-building>
  - b. Additional notices to competitors may be posted on a bulletin or white board at the Renton Sailing Center dock not later than 5:00 on the day of the race.
  - c. Participants must sign-in in the dock's logbook. Full name. Write legibly.
  - d. 'Race Course for Today' will be posted on the white board at the Renton Sailing Center dock.
3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
- a. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 5 PM on the day they will take effect.
4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
- a. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast on the Renton Sailing Center dock.
5. SCHEDULE OF RACES
- a. 2023 Summer Regatta Series 1: 7 Events
    - i. Tuesday, April 18, 2023
    - ii. Tuesday, April 25, 2023
    - iii. Tuesday, May 2, 2023
    - iv. Tuesday, May 9, 2023
    - v. Tuesday, May 16, 2023
    - vi. Tuesday, May 23, 2023
    - vii. Tuesday, May 30, 2023
  - b. 2023 Summer Regatta Series 2: 6 Events
    - i. Tuesday, June 6, 2023
    - ii. Tuesday, June 13, 2023
    - iii. Tuesday, June 20, 2023
    - iv. Tuesday, June 27, 2023
    - v. <note: no racing on July 4<sup>th</sup>>
    - vi. Tuesday, July 11, 2023
    - vii. Tuesday, July 18, 2023
  - c. 2023 Summer Regatta Series 3: 6 Events
    - i. Tuesday, July 25, 2023
    - ii. Tuesday, August 1, 2023
    - iii. Tuesday, August 8, 2023
    - iv. Tuesday, August 15, 2023
    - v. Tuesday, August 22, 2023
    - vi. Tuesday, August 29, 2023
  - d. Racing will start as close to 6:00 PM as possible. Four horns will signify "Assemble" which will precede the beginning of the countdown sequence by approximately three minutes.
  - e. Number of Races: The Race Committee will endeavor to conduct as many races as practical between a starting time of 6 PM and the end of local civil twilight, with a target time of 20 minutes per race, leaving time for competitors to derig boats before dark.
  - f. Flag 'A' displayed with no sound signifies no more racing today. If there is a race underway when "A" is hoisted, then racing for the day will end when the race underway concludes. The "A" flag flown with the Class Flag in the Start sequence of a race signifies that the race about to start will be the last race of the day.
6. CLASS FLAGS
- a. Class 1: international signal flag 1 (a white pennant with a red circle)
  - b. All of the Renton Sailing Center dinghy fleet will race together in Class 1

## 7. RACING AREA

- a. The intended Racing Area shall be Lake Washington south of the southern tip of Mercer Island.

## 8. THE COURSES

- a. One of two possible courses will be selected by the Race Committee when they are setting up the race course on the day of the race. The course will be identified on the bulletin / whiteboard on the dock not later than 5:00 on the day of the race. See separate attachments for diagrams showing the two options for course:
  - i. Course W-L: Windward - Leeward Course
  - ii. Course T: Windward – Gybe – Leeward Course (“Triangle Course”)
- b. For each separate race, not later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee will display placards aboard the Race Committee Boat that will describe the race to be run around the course.
- c. Each placard shall name the next mark in the sequence to be rounded. The direction of each rounding will be indicated by red text for a port rounding or green text for a starboard rounding.
- d. If the number ‘2’ is displayed it indicates 2 laps

## 9. MARKS

- a. The Starting Line and the Finish Line are the same (The Line).
- b. The Line will be an invisible straight line between the orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and a round white float (the Pin) anchored approximately 150’ perpendicular to Windward from the Port Side of the Race Committee Boat.
- c. For Windward/Leeward course:
  - i. “A” Windward Mark 1: Orange inflatable mark 32” diameter x 48” high
  - ii. “B” Windward Mark 2: Yellow inflatable mark 32” diameter x 48” high
  - iii. “C” Leeward Mark: Yellow inflatable mark 32” diameter x 48” high
- d. For Triangle course:
  - i. “W” Windward Mark: Orange inflatable mark 32” diameter x 48” high
  - ii. “G” Gybe Mark: Yellow inflatable mark 32” diameter x 48” high
  - iii. “L” Leeward Mark: Yellow inflatable 32” diameter x 48” high
- e. For both courses
  - i. “P” Pin end of Start/Finish line: round white float, approximately 24” in diameter

## 10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- a. The log boom on the east side of the lake that extends from south of Coleman Point to the north waterwalk of Coulon Park

## 11. THE START

- a. Horn and Whistle are equal sounds
- b. The Start Line is also the Finish Line. The Line will be an invisible straight line between the orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the Pin.
- c. The Start Sequence countdown will be the following:
  - i. 3 minutes: Class flag goes up, one sound
  - ii. 2 minutes: “P” Prep Flag goes up, one sound
  - iii. 1 minute: “P” Prep Flag comes down, one long sound
  - iv. 30 seconds: three short sounds
  - v. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 second: one short sound each
  - vi. 0: Class Flag comes down, one sound
- d. OCS (On Course Side, aka False Start) will be called by sound and flag, within the first minute after the start:

- i. Individual Recall (one to several offenders) = "X" Flag goes up, one sound. Offender(s) will not be hailed. Offender(s) will be scored DNS if they don't restart. The X flag will go down when all offenders have restarted, or after 3 minutes, whichever is earliest.
- ii. General Recall (so many offenders that the entire fleet needs to restart) = "1st Substitute" Flag goes up, two sounds. The race will be restarted. The new Start Sequence will begin with "Assemble".
- e. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without hearing. This changes rule A4

#### 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- a. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will place a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- b. If a mark is being moved during a race, the boat with the mark onboard becomes the mark while it is onboard.

#### 13. THE FINISH

- a. The Finish Line will be the same as the Start Line: between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the Pin.

#### 14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET LIMITS

- a. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- b. If there are additional races in that evening, they can start any time after the last boat finishes or after this time limit has been reached.

#### 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- a. There will be no formal Protest Process or Protest Committee. RRS Rules 60 – 71 are deleted.
- b. Informal Protests can be brought to the Race Committee for educational purposes only. After the races, there will be no penalties or exoneration.
- c. If there is evidence of significant misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior, the Race Committee will review the situation and may refer it to the RSC Executive Board. This replaces RRS 69

#### 16. SCORING

- a. For Individual Races, the Appendix A Low Point Scoring System will be used.
- b. One race is required to be completed to constitute an Event.
- c. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- d. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- e. Individual competitors, rather than boats, will be recorded. Each competitor in a boat will get the same points for each race.
- f. For each Event (date) places are determined by Low Score, but the Event is recorded using High Score for accumulation of the complete Regatta Series, which will be won by high score. The lowest accumulated score for the Event (date) will receive 1 point per boat participating and 1 less point for each place thereafter. If 2 boats compete in an event, the winning boat would receive two (2) points and the second place boat would receive one (1) point. If six (6) boats participated, the winning boat would receive six (6) points, second would receive five (5) points, and so on.

- g. The Regatta Series score will be all the points accumulated from each Event (date). First place would be the highest points accumulated.

17. CODE OF CONDUCT

- a. The purpose of these Regattas is for skill building, fun and fellowship. It is expected that everyone will participate according to recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play per RRS 2.

18. DISCLAIMER

- a. All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk; see RRS 4. The Organizing Authority, its associates and appointees will not accept liability or responsibility for any loss, material damage, or personal injury or death or inconvenience sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

19. ATTACHMENTS



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