

Sailing Instructions
2022 MC / Finn Horserace Regatta
July 30-31, 2022

1. Safety: IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH COMPETITOR TO DECIDE WHETHER TO START OR CONTINUE A RACE. Competitors are encouraged to wear a Coast Guard approved PFD at all times while on the water. Each boat must carry the safety equipment required by government regulations and her class rules and give any possible help to a person or vessel in distress. (RRS 1- 4)

2. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee boat. Code flag "AP" (Answering Pendant) with two audible signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed". The thirty minute harbor signal for the next race will be the same signal for the lowering of the AP flag.

3. Use of Radios: The Race Committee uses radios on Channel 19 to communicate information between race support boats. Channel 16 is monitored by the Saratoga County Sheriff's Dept.

4. Courses may be any of the windward-leeward (I,W, or L) courses illustrated at the end of these instructions. The letter code indicating the course to be sailed will be displayed on the port quarter of the Race Committee signal boat prior to the warning signal for the start of the first division. **At the discretion of the Race Committee all boats will sail the same course, or each class will sail a different course.** The first two digits of the compass bearing to the first mark (18=180 Degrees, 04=40 Degrees, etc.) will be displayed along with the course code. The offset mark illustrated on courses "W1", "W2", "I1" and "I2" is located approximately 40 yards from and above the port tack lay line to the windward mark.

5. Courses (continued): Marks of the course will be green or yellow tetrahedrons or orange balls. Other marks used for starting and finishing pins or temporary marks may be orange balls. An anti-barging buoy will be attached to the stern of the Race Committee boat. While racing, boats may not touch this mark or pass between it and the race committee boat. (RRS 31)

6. Starting: All races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The MC and Finn Classes will be assigned separate starts. Class assignments to the starting divisions will be given at the Skippers meeting. The starting signal for the first Division to start is the Warning signal for the next Division to start, and so on. The Race Committee may signal a starting sequence with a series of repetitive sounds prior to the Warning Signal for the first Division to start.

Signal	Flag & Sound	Minutes Before Start
Warning	Division Flag with Sound	5
Preparatory	“P” Flag with Sound	4
One Minute	Lower “P” with Long Sound	1
Start	Change Division Flags with Sound	0

7. Starting (continued): Following a race, the intention to run another race will be signaled by Flag “L” (black and yellow quadrants). Flag “L” (with repetitive sounds) will be lowered prior to the warning signal for the next race. The Starting line shall be between a yellow staff on the aft port side of the Race Committee boat (there may also be a red flag flying from this staff) and the aftermost part of a green, yellow, or orange mark at the other end of the line.

8. Recalls:

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee shall promptly display Flag X, with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with RRS 30.1 if it applies. It shall be lowered no later than four minutes after the starting signal. No sound will be made when Flag “X” is lowered. The Race Committee may attempt to hail premature starters, but it is the responsibility of each boat to start properly. RRS 30.1 is in effect when Flag “I” is flown as the preparatory signal. RRS 30.1 requires that any boat OCS within one minute of the start round the ends of the starting line to restart.

General Recalls will be signaled when at the starting signal the Race Committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line, or to which RRS 30.1 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure. The Race Committee will signal a general recall with display of the First Substitute and two sounds. The warning signal for a new start for the recalled Division shall be made approximately one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound).

9. Postponement:

On Shore: When the Answering Pennant (Postponement) and two sounds have been made on shore, lowering of the Flag and one sound shall signal 30 minutes to the warning signal of the next race.

On the Water: When a postponement has been made on the water, lowering of the “AP” and one sound shall indicate at least one minute but not more than 5 minutes to the warning signal for the next race.

10. Abandonment:

Abandonment and Return to Shore is signaled by Flag "N" and three sounds. If only Flag "N" is displayed, boats should return to shore. Further instructions will be made ashore.

Abandon and Re-sail is signaled by Flag "N" and three sounds, followed by Flag "L" and one sound. Both flags will be left flying until the warning signal for the next race.

11. Shortened Course (RRS 32.2 with modification for SLSC)

According to RRS 32.2: Before any boat has finished, position the new finish line at any rounding mark, or at a gate between the gate marks. At a rounding mark if the Race Committee signals a shortened course by displaying Flag S (blue square on white background) with two sounds, the finish line will be between that rounding mark and a yellow staff displaying Flag S. In this case, the finish line is between the mark and an RC boat displaying code flag "S" anchored to the starboard of the mark.

SLSC Modification of RRS 32.2. Before any boat has rounded the new "last" mark, the shortened course will be signaled at either the leeward mark (or gate) or the windward mark, by an unanchored mark boat, flying Flag "S" and sounding two horns as each group of boats approaches. The race committee boat will also fly Flag "S". The fleet will sail to and finish at the original start-finish line; or the fleet will sail to the next mark where a mark set boat is taking finishes. The **Finish line** ends are a yellow staff (or RC flag if a mark set boat is taking finishes) on a Race Committee boat and the finishing mark.

12. Time Limit: The time limit for a race is 1.5 hours. Racing will be abandoned if no boat finishes a race within the prescribed limit. Boats finishing within the time limit will be given their actual score(s). If any boat finishes within the time limit, those boats still racing when the time limit expires will be scored one more than the last boat finishing within their respective fleet(s). This changes RRS 35.

13. Protests and Requests for Redress

Protest flags are not required. A boat intending to protest another boat must make every effort to advise the protested boat while still racing. Protests must be filed within 1.0 hour after the race committee boat docks. Hearings and Requests for Redress will be decided following an informal open hearing which will take place immediately following racing. A three person protest committee will be appointed by the Race Captain and there will be no appeal from the committee's decision. The purpose of this simplified procedure is to encourage educational discussion and enforcement of the RRS. This changes RRS 60-62.

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