

Rules

The race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.

- 1.1 The prescriptions of US Sailing will apply and will be made available competitors' meeting. The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are NOT in effect.
- 2 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be distributed via email.
- 2.1 There will be a competitors' meeting on Saturday, May 4th at 8:00am on the Lake Mead Marina Patio.
- 3 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted no later than one (1) hour prior to the first warning signal of the day to take effect.
- 4 Signals Made Ashore**
- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Lake Mead Marina patio or RC boat at dock.
- 4.2 When flag AP (Postponement) is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. *This changes Race Signal AP*
- 5 Schedule of Racing**
- 5.1 There will 2 (two) days of racing.(May 4th&5th)
- 5.2 The objective is to hold 2-4 races per day, back-to-back. There is no maximum number of races that may be conducted.
- 5.3 The scheduled first warning signal for Saturday and Sunday will be 9:00am, weather permitting. The warning signal for each succeeding race shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding fleet.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 3:00 PM on Saturday or Sunday.
- 6 Class Flags**
- 6.1 All classes will start under the **RED** Flag.
- 7 The Course**
- 7.1 Race Committee shall designate course via skippers meeting and VHF radio.
- 8 Marks**
- 8.1 Marks will be geographical or governmental and designated by Race officer.
- 8.2 The Start and Finish line will be between a yellow tetrahedron (pin) on the port end and the line/on-station flag on the RC boat on the starboard end of the line.
- 9 The Start**
- 9.1 The location of the initial starting line will be given at the competitors' meeting.
- 9.2 GPS point locations for other "potential" starting locations are provided in Attachment A.
- 9.3 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.1.
- 10 The Finish**
- 10.1 The finish line will be between a yellow tetrahedron (pin) on the port end and the line/on-station flag on the Race Committee boat.
- 10.2 GPS point locations for "potential" finishes is provided in Attachment A.
- 10.3 A boat not finishing within 45 minutes of the first boat in his/her fleet will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).
- 11 Weather**
- 11.1 Minimum wind conditions: No race will be started in under 3.5 knots of wind as measured on the Committee Boat, or at the discretion of the RC.
- 11.2 Racing will be postponed, rescheduled, or cancelled in sustained winds of 27 Knots or more as measured on the Committee Boat, or at the discretion of the RC.
- 11.3 It is up to the discretion of the competitor to determine what is safe for his/her boat.
- 12 Time Limits**
- 12.1 If the wind shuts down during a leg of the race, race committee can at their discursion abandon that leg of the race.
- 13 Protests**
- 13.1 Protest are to be handled on the water
- 14 Scoring**
- 14.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 14.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.3 (a) When three (3) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of his/her race scores. This changes RRS A2. (b) When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of his/her race scores excluding his/her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

14.4 **Both A and B fleets will be scored together for one winner for each race (spring and fall) with the overall winner of both series winning the Ostrom Cup**

15 Safety Regulations

15.1 The RC performs verbal communication as a courtesy on VHF channel 72.

15.2 Failure to hear radio communication from the RC shall not be grounds for redress.

15.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

15.4 Every boat participating in race must have on board and monitor an operable VHF Radio.

16 Prizes

16.1 A trophy will be awarded to the top finisher between both fleets For Spring and fall series with the overall winner receiving the Ostrom Cup at the end of the year party and trophy ceremony

17 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, See RRS4, Decision to Race. It is the personal responsibility of each competitor to determine their level of safety. If wind, wave or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions safely, it is your decision and your decision only to continue sailing or to retire. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for property damage, personal injury or death sustain in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18 Special Notes

18.1 Allegation of Gross Misconduct

Obligation not to Commit Gross Misconduct

(a) A competitor shall not commit gross misconduct, including a gross breach of a rule, good manners or sportsmanship, or conduct bringing the sport into disrepute.

Throughout rule 69, 'competitor' means a member of the crew, or the owner, of a boat.

(b) An allegation of a breach of rule 69.1 (a) shall be resolved in accordance with the provisions of rule 69.

18.2 Any infractions or protests brought to the attention of the race committee will be addressed and handled according to RRS 69.2, 69.3, and 69.4.

