

INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
MEMORIAL, SUMMER, COMMODORE'S CUP, & LONG JOHN CLUB REGATTAS  
2024 RACING SEASON

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
Organizing Authority: Indianapolis Sailing Club  
Pursuant to Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) #89

1. **RULES.** These races will be governed by the 2021 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the prescriptions of US Sailing; current class association rules, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.
2. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.** Any permanent change to the sailing instructions will be posted 30 days before it takes effect. A temporary change (effective for 24 hours only) will be posted before 1200 hours on Saturdays, or 0900 on Sundays, except that any change in the schedule of races during a club regatta will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before the change will take effect.
3. **COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS.** Notices to competitors will be posted inside the ISC clubhouse on the Racing Information bulletin board. On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68.
4. **CODE OF CONDUCT.** [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast of the Race Committee (RC) boat, which will be located in the ISC harbor at its mooring. When flag AP is displayed with two sound signals, the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered (this modifies the RRS Race Signals meaning of AP in Signals Made Ashore only). A harbor signal of one sound signal is given to indicate that the RC has left its mooring for the race course.
6. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** The complete schedule of races will be as posted on the ISC website ([www.indianapolissailing.org](http://www.indianapolissailing.org)), and posted on the Racing Information bulletin board in the Clubhouse. All times published and posted are Eastern Daylight. Harbor Signal 12:00 PM, Warning Signal 12:57 PM, Preparatory Signal 12:58 PM, Start of first fleet 1:00 PM. Multiple races may be sailed back-to-back and no race shall start after 4:30PM. The RC will signal the last race of the day by the displaying code flag A at the finish line of that last race.

7. STARTING ORDER: The starting order shall be posted on the sides of the RC boat for at least the first starting sequence of a **standard class** scheduled back-to-back session as follows: Thistle, Y-Flyer, Lightning, MC Scow, Interlake, Snipe, Portsmouth D-PN, and Keelboat. A minimum of three (3) boats are required for an individual **class** start: if a non-standard **class** meets the 3-boat minimum, it will be placed into the starting order as per the order listed in #8, below. The RC will alter the starting sequence if a **class** is not properly represented in the starting area at the first warning signal of a race. **Classes that do not have a minimum of three boats will start in the Portsmouth D-PN class.** The starting order of subsequent back-to-back starts in the same session will be determined by whichever fleet is ready to start first.

8. CLASS FLAGS:

Melges 17	Melges 17 Class Flag
J-24	J-24 Class Flag
Thistle	TCA Class Pennant
Y-Flyer	Class symbol on white flag
Lightning	Class symbol on white flag
MC Scow	MC Class Pennant
Interlake	Class symbol on white flag
Laser	Laser Class Flag
Snipe	Class symbol on white flag
Sunfish	Class symbol on white flag
Portsmouth DP-N	Code Flag D
Keelboat	Code Flag K

9. RACING AREA. Racing will take place on Geist Reservoir, in navigable waters, from the area immediately to the left of the mouth of the ISC harbor, downstream (to the right and ahead), to the reservoir dam.

10. COURSES. The course for each race will be posted on the sides of the RC boat at or prior to the warning signal for that race. The course will be posted in either of these two forms: US Sailing Course Signals or Mark Zone Posting (see SI Appendix A). US Sailing Course Signals are as follows: **W** indicates that a windward-leeward course will be sailed with a windward finishing leg. An **A** will be posted after W if an offset mark is to be rounded immediately after rounding the windward mark. **A number** posted after either indicates the number of windward legs a competitor sails in the race. If a gate is not present at the leeward end of the course, round the single mark as indicated by background color (below). **TW3** indicates that a triangular, windward, leeward windward course will be sailed. If the W and T are displayed on a **red background**, all marks of the course will be rounded on the **port** side. When displayed on a **green background**, all marks will be rounded on the **starboard** side.

10.1 SHORTENING THE COURSE AFTER THE START. The RC may shorten the course by displaying code flag S with two sound signals. The RC will attempt to notify all boats of this change from the original course by hail, signage, VHF radio channel 68 from the RC boat or safety boat. Any shortening made from the originally posted course must be made before the lead boat in a fleet passes the mark preceding what is to become the final leg to a finish line (SI#15), with the exception that boats sailing to or from the vicinity of mark zones 3, 4, or 5 may be notified of a course shortening if the lead boat is further than one half mile from the final finish buoy. This modifies RRS# 32.2.

11. MARKS. The race course will be set utilizing orange, green, red, and yellow colored tomato buoys, spheres, spar buoys, and tetrahedrons in the racing area. Orange colored spheres and tetrahedrons are used as turning buoys. A new turning buoy will be designated with a black band affixed to it. Red tomato buoys are used as turning buoys only by the Keelboat Fleet. Green tetrahedrons are used only as an end of a starting line. Yellow colored spheres, spar buoys, and tetrahedrons will be used only as an end of a finishing line. Boats sailing only in the Keelboat fleet may use a yellow spar buoy as an end of their finishing line.

12. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS.

12.1 SHALLOW WATER MARKS. The series of shallow water mark buoys along the shores of the island indicate shallow water. For the purposes of RRS# 19.2, the line formed between each shallow water buoy is a continuing obstruction. These shallow water buoys are not rounding buoys. Boats may sail inside of the line formed by the shallow water buoys, but do so at their own risk and must sail a course such that they do not pass between them and the island.

12.2 SAILING BEHIND THE ISLAND. While racing, no boat shall sail down the channel formed by the southern shore of the reservoir and the southern shore of the island.

13. THE START. The orange start line flag will be displayed when the RC is in position to begin a starting sequence. The RC may utilize multiple sounds, one minute before the display of the Warning Signal. The lowering of Code Flags AP or First Substitute will be accompanied with multiple sounds, one minute before the display of the Warning Signal. Starting signals will be made in accordance with RRS# 26 except that the warning signal will be given three (3) minutes before the starting signal. The starting line will be between a green buoy and the mast on that RC boat that displays an orange flag. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE. After the start minor adjustments in a mark's location will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33. All other changes in the course will be in accordance with RRS# 33. The RC will attempt to notify all boats of this change from the original course by hail, signage, VHF radio channel 68 from the RC boat or safety boat.
15. THE FINISH. The finish line shall be between a yellow buoy and the mast on the RC boat that displays a blue flag. **If two different yellow buoys are present on a finish line, only the Keelboat fleet is to utilize the yellow spar buoy furthest away from the RC boat.**
16. PENALTY SYSTEM. The Two Turns penalty, RRS# 44.2 shall apply.
17. TIME LIMIT. The RC will utilize time limit rules as provided by each class or fleet. If a class fleet does not provide any such rules, then any race in which no boat rounds the first mark of the course within 30 minutes of its class or fleet start will be abandoned. Any race in which no boat finishes its class or fleet race within two hours of its starting signal will be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored points for finishing one more than the number of boats that finished within this time limit. This modifies RRS #35 and RRS Appendix A4.
18. **HEARING REQUESTS.** **Hearing Request** forms shall be written and are available from the RC boat or inside the ISC clubhouse, located at or near the official club bulletin board. Protests must be filed with the Principal Race Officer (PRO) within 45 minutes of the sound signal given by the RC upon its return to the dock. The PRO will be in the vicinity of the RC boat during this time period. The protest committee will hear protests in the approximate order they were received by the PRO as soon as possible that same day. The protest committee will convene at or near the RC boat or in the ISC clubhouse.
19. SCORING and RECORDING. The RC will chronologically record all finishes in all races it governs and scoring will be performed by the RC in accordance with RRS Appendix A Low Point (A4). One score will be excluded if four or more races are completed. This scoring will be provided to the fleets and the Commodore. Finishing elapsed times can be provided upon fleet request (with prior notice). Corrected times can also be provided upon request (with prior notice), utilizing the most recent Portsmouth ratings, unless otherwise specified by a fleet.
20. SAFETY REGULATIONS. All boats **must** check in with the RC on the water and receive their acknowledgement prior to the start of each race. A boat that retires from a race shall attempt to notify the RC as soon as possible.

21. EQUIPMENT CHECKS. A boat and its safety equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, ISC safety rules, and these sailing instructions.

22. ADMINISTRATIVE CONFLICT. If a conflict arises between the NOR and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions take precedence.

SI Appendix A: Mark Zone Posting will be designated by posting in order the rounding of the numbered mark zones. Which side to round the turning mark will be determined by the background color of the displayed number: red for port, green for starboard. Multiple laps will be indicated with a black number on a white background. The finishing mark will be designated with mark zone number as a black number on a yellow background.