



NOCKAMIXON SAIL CLUB

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NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES. Racing at Nockamixon Sail Club (NSC) will be governed by the current *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, *US Sailing Prescriptions*, rules of the one-design fleets competing, and the NSC Response and Plan for COVID, except as any of these are changed by the sailing instructions. NSC sailors are guests at the State Park and are privileged to race at the lake. A Pennsylvania State Park boat launch permit must be affixed to all boats. All boats on the lake that are not racing with NSC shall be considered obstructions and must be treated courteously in accordance with the boating "Rules of the Road". All State Park and Pennsylvania Fish Commission Regulations shall be observed.

3 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY. NSC racing is open to all NSC racing members and to guests of NSC racing members. The skipper of each entry will complete the registration form, submit any required entry fee for the event and have paid fleet dues, if applicable, at the skippers meeting or to the Race Committee (R/C) on the water before their Warning Signal. The registered skipper shall be the helmsperson of the boat except for temporary assistance of duration up to one leg of the course (or as provided for by fleet rules). Events using Portsmouth Yardstick ratings will use 'D-PN' ratings without wind factors. Any non-class or non-standard boat shall declare modifications and equipment to the NSC Racing Committee on a NSC Yacht Registration Form. The NSC Racing Committee shall determine and record the rating or rating adjustments for non-class or non-standard boats. These ratings shall be approved by the NSC Fleet Council at the next meeting of the council and shall apply for the sailing season, or until US Sailing issues new ratings.

5 FEES. Invitational Regattas shall have a registration fee of \$10. Fees shall be waived for NSC racing members who are also members of US Sailing, unless changed by the Notice of Race for the event. Guests shall pay a \$5 guest fee on non-regatta race days. Guest registration is limited to five (5) race days in a season.

7 SCHEDULE. The schedule of races will be published in the NSC newsletter, on the NSC website and available at the skippers meeting. A minimum of five (5) race days will be scheduled for all NSC racing series. The maximum number of races that may be run on any given day is three, "back-to-back."

Saturday Schedule The scheduled time for the skippers meeting is 10:00am and the Warning Signal for the first fleet is 11:00am. Warning Signal for the any fleet will not be made after 3:00pm..

NSC Championship "Cup" The series will be up to seven (7) race days which will include all Invitational Regattas.

NSC Frostbite Series The series will be up to six (6) race days in the Spring & Fall (see NSC By-Laws).

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be published in the NSC Newsletter, on the NSC website and available at the skippers meeting.

10 VENUE. NSC racing will take place on the main body of Lake Nockamixon but well clear of the marina and launch area and well clear of "Hobie Alley."

11 THE COURSES. The Racing Course Card shows location of racing area, visual signals, diagrams of courses, and general locations of marks.

13 SCORING. Low Point System of Appendix A will apply. Credit in finishing points will be given by the R/C to any boat that loses time, or places, while assisting a boat in distress -- whether or not the distressed boat is racing with NSC. Skippers serving R/C duty for a race within a series longer than a regatta shall be awarded points equal to their average score of races they sail in that series (R/C score), up to a maximum of 3 RC scores.

Invitational Regattas Regatta scores will be the total of up to 3 races with no exclusions. This alters RRS A2.

NSC Frostbite Series Series score will be the total of up to six (6) race days, with no exclusions. This alters RRS A2.

NSC Championship "Cup" The series is comprised of the seven NSC Invitational Regattas, including the Victor Jaczun Memorial Regatta. If 15 or fewer races in the series are completed, all races shall be included. For each completed race greater than 15, one race shall be excluded. This alters RRS A2.

19 PRIZES. Prizes will be awarded to the first three (3) finishers for Invitational Regattas. Fleet prizes shall be awarded at the discretion of the fleet. To qualify for NSC racing prizes, except for Invitational Regattas, the skipper of the boat must be a NSC racing member and must have served R/C duty at least once during the season.

NSC Championship "Cup" Trophies will be awarded to the top three series finishers.

NSC Frostbite Series Trophies will be awarded to the top three series finishers.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors sailing at NSC are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this event. By sailing at NSC, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation to the fullest extent permitted by law.

21 INSURANCE. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. The liability coverage shall be adequate for racing at NSC.

SECTIONS 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 14-18 and 22 of RRS Appendix K "Notice of Race Guide" are RESERVED

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES. See: Notice of Race, Section 1, Rules.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS. Notices to competitors may be provided by the Race Committee (R/C) during the skippers meeting or on the water before, or between, races. See also Nockamixon Sail Club (NSC) Notice of Race.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES. See: Notice of Race, Section 7, Schedule.

6 CLASS FLAGS. Class/fleet flags will be as provided by the fleet. The class/fleet flag for NSC events will be the NSC burgee on a white background flag.

7 RACING AREAS. The Racing Course Card shows the location of racing area, visual signals, diagrams of courses, and general location of marks.

8 THE COURSES. Courses for each race will be selected by the RC and shall be windward-leeward (W), triangles (T), or combinations of these courses (e.g. TW, TTT, TWT, W, etc.) as shown on the Racing Course Card. The course length shall be chosen such that the lead boat finishes in approximately forty (40) minutes. The course shall be displayed on the R/C boat using Racing Course Signal Boards no later than the Warning Signal.

9 MARKS. Windward and leeward marks will be yellow buoys, the gybe mark, if present, will be an orange buoy. Marks shall be rounded to port. Additional marks may be used for Invitational Regattas and, if used, will be described during the skippers meeting. The starting and finishing marks will be orange/red buoys, and the R/C boat. The order for rounding marks will be displayed using the Racing Course Signal Boards on the R/C boat (see Racing Course Card).

11 THE START. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the Warning Signal, a class/fleet flag with one sound, given five (5) minutes before the starting signal. The preparatory signal will be a Blue-White-Blue flag (see Racing Course Card). Four (4) registered boats, present in the starting area, shall be required to start a race. Four (4) fleet boats shall be required for a separate fleet start, except for the Portsmouth fleet which may have a separate fleet start with fewer than four (4) boats. For multiple fleet starts, a rolling five-minute (5) timing sequence will be used whenever possible to minimize delay between races. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the R/C boat at the starboard end of the line and the port-end starting mark.

After starting and rounding the first mark, a boat shall not cross the starting line until all fleets have started correctly (fleet, postponement or general/ individual recall flag is not being displayed), until that time, the starting line is an obstruction.

In the event of a general recall, in multiple-start sequences, the offending fleet shall re-start at the end of the sequence after all the other fleets have started correctly. This changes rule 29.2. A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored as Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.

13 THE FINISH. A finishing line, separate from the starting line, shall be set. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the R/C boat at the port-end of the line and the starboard-end finishing mark.

After starting, a boat shall not cross the finishing line unless finishing. The finishing line is an obstruction to a boat that has started, unless she is finishing.

When a course is shortened by the R/C displaying the flag S with two sounds (optionally with class/fleet flag for multiple fleet starts), boats shall go to the next mark of the course (as defined by the lead boat, in a fleet), round the mark and then finish at the finish line, bounded by the R/C boat and the finishing mark, from the direction of the last mark (definition of finish, RRS). This changes rule 32.2.

15 TIME LIMITS. If no boat, in a fleet, has rounded the first mark within thirty (30) minutes, or fails to finish the race within ninety (90) minutes, the race for the fleet will be abandoned. Boats, in a fleet, failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat in that fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS. For racing at NSC, the protesting boat need not display a red flag. This changes rule 61.1. R/C members intending to protest a boat will

attempt to hail "Protest" to that boat. The R/C may penalize boats under rule P1-P4 for violations of rule 42. Protests shall be written on a US Sailing Protest Form, available from the R/C, and shall be presented to the R/C within thirty minutes of their return to the dock. Protests shall be heard on the R/C boat in the order they were received. Competitors should, whenever possible, resolve protests on the water using rule 44.2.

17 SCORING. See: Notice of Race, Section 13, Scoring.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS. It shall be the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

Competitors are solely responsible for their own safety. Each boat must carry a Coast Guard-approved life jacket for each crewmember and one throwable floatation device. Life jackets **must** be worn when the Code Signal "Y" is flown on the race committee (R/C) boat. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the R/C as soon as possible.

29 PRIZES. See: Notice of Race, Section 19, Prizes.

30 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY. See: Notice of Race, Section 20, Disclaimer of Liability

SECTIONS 3, 4, 10, 12, 14, 19-28 of RRS Appendix L "Sailing Instructions Guide" are RESERVED

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