



## NOCKAMIXON SAIL CLUB

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# RACE COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

### Pre-Start Guidelines

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
1. Prepare committee boat and support boat for the day. Set marks. Review RC Course Workbook.	9:30 am	10:30 am
2. Skippers meeting, Pier "A." Hoist "L" flag w/ One Long Horn. Hoist "R/C" flag for the day.	10:00 am	11:00 am
3. Set start line and finish line. Set lines using orange/red marks.	10:40 am	11:40 pm
4. Decision to use PFD's – high winds, cold water, etc. Hoist "Y" flag w/ One Horn.	10:50 am	11:50 pm
5. Hoist Postponement flag (Red/White) w/ Two Horns.	10:55 am	11:55 pm
6. Post course per RC Course Workbook and the Racing Course Card. Avoid starboard roundings.	10:55 am	11:55 pm

### Start Guidelines

	<u>Stop Watch</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
1. "Attention" – Lower Postponement flag (Red/White) w/ One Horn.	Clear Watch	10:59 am	11:59 pm
2. "Warning" – Hoist class/fleet flag w/ One Horn.	0:00 Start Watch	11:00 am	12:00 pm
3. "Preparatory" – Hoist Preparatory flag (Blue/White) w/ One Horn.	1:00	11:01 am	12:01 pm
4. "One minute" – Lower Preparatory flag (Blue/White) w/ One Horn.	4:00	11:04 am	12:04 pm
5. "Start" – Lower class/fleet flag w/ One Horn.	5:00	11:05 am	12:05 pm
<u>Rolling Starts – Hoist next class/fleet flag w/ "Start" Record start time – stop watch and time of day (backup to stop watch)</u>			

### Race Guidelines

1. Confirm first boat, within a fleet, rounds first mark in 30 minutes. Confirm first boat, in a fleet, finishes in 90 minutes.
2. "Finish" – Confirm RC is "On station" at the finishing line.
3. "DNF" – boats exceeding 30 minutes from first finisher, within fleet, are scored DNF.
4. Score Keeping - Assign one person:

to keep sight on the finish line and to determine a boat's finish and hail the boat as it crosses the line.

Sound One Horn for the first finisher of a class or start.

to keep a clipboard, recording the sail# of boats as they finish, and to call out the boat's finish time.

Record information separate from the finish time sheet for the race.

keep a clipboard, recording all boat's sail# and finishing time.

NOTE: Two clipboards are to be used to keep track of boats finishing by their order of finish and finish time.

Close finishes between two or more boats - keep track of the lead boat and last boat, estimating the boats finishing times between the lead and last boat.



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### Skippers Meeting

- Welcome Everyone Introduce guests. Remind everyone we are all guests on the lake and in the State Park. Treat other boats courteously on the launch ramp and on the lake, and for racing purposes, other boats are to be considered OBSTRUCTIONS. People fishing are to be given a good "keep clear" zone.
- Safety Each competitor has sole responsibility for his or her own safety and for his or her decision to race or not to race. Review weather and water conditions for the day.
- Assistance We have an obligation to render assistance to any boat in distress. Redress will be given to any boat rendering assistance.
- PFD's Required on all boats and to be worn by children under 12 years or by all when the "Y" flag is displayed from the committee boat.
- Registration Circulate Guest Registration form, Race Registration form and determine the Portsmouth rating on each boat before leaving shore
- Instructions Hand out Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and the Racing Course Card. Record any oral notices on Race Committee Finishing Sheet for the day.
- Marks Committee boat masts, start/ finish line buoys, marks of the course (yellow shapes or others).
- Visual Aids Review signal flags, class/fleet flags and shapes with respective audible sounds.
- Start Sequence Review Racing Course Signal Board letter postings, timing sequences and procedures for individual recalls, general recalls and shortened course.
  - © 0:00 Class/fleet flag hoisted w/ One Horn – "Warning"
  - © 1:00 Preparatory flag hoisted w/ One Horn (Blue-White) – "Preparatory"
  - © 4:00 Lower Preparatory flag w/ One Horn (Blue-White) – "One minute"
  - © 5:00 Lower class/fleet flag w/ One Horn – "Fleet Start"(Use a rolling start for multiple starts – hoist next fleet flag at time 5:00)
- Warning Signal Saturdays 11:00am, Sundays 12:00pm.
- Protests 720-turn, alternate penalty rule is in effect. 360-turn for hitting marks of the course. Please hail and fly a protest flag. Notify the R/C; file a formal protest on an official form (on R/C boat) per the Sailing Instructions if the offending boat does not do penalty turns.
- Depart Wish Everyone GOOD LUCK and FAIR SAILING

REMAIN to review basic rules or questions, if necessary, with any novice or guest sailors after the meeting



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### Racing Area

1. Marks are to be placed on the main body of Lake Nockamixon but well clear of the marina and launch area and well clear of "Hobie Alley." Review the RC Course Workbook. The map below shows the racing area to be used. The racing area will avoid the restricted areas and the placement of buoys in shallow water locations.



Tie up all anchor lines after placing buoys. Floating lines can get wrapped on centerboards and keels and be a hazard to the general boaters on the lake.

### Cancellation Guidelines

- 1) On a scheduled race day, the NSC Race Committee (R/C) decides if, how and when races are run, e.g. time to start, postponement, abandonment, setting of marks, course, when the next race starts, etc. The Notice of Race, Section 7 Schedule, lists times for the Warning Signal for the first class. This is a time window within which the R/C shall work. Sailing Instructions, Section 11 The Start, requires that four (4) registered boats, present in the starting area, are needed to start a race. Sailing Instructions, Section 18 Safety Regulations, states it shall be the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race and that competitors are solely responsible for their own safety. Racing Rules of Sailing rule 4, Decision to Race, is also in place. Thus, if four (4) registered boats are in the starting area and the R/C is prepared to start a race within the listed time window, a race may be started.
- 2) If at least four (4) skippers have not registered before their Warning Signal, it is appropriate for the R/C to postpone the first race, but not much longer than 15 minutes before canceling the races for the day (N over A Signal with three (3) sounds). Remember, skippers are permitted "on the water registration" before their Warning Signal.
- 3) If postponement, due to weather conditions, has lasted approximately 60 minutes beyond the expected first class Warning Signal and the predicted weather forecast is not encouraging, then the remaining races for the day may be canceled by the R/C (N over A Signal with three (3) sounds).

Note: The R/C (particularly on the water) may ask advice of the Rear Commodore and other senior officers if they are unclear of how to handle a situation. The R/C should avoid getting multiple opinions from all racers. Fleet members may provide opinions when asked, but shall not act in an overbearing manner or attempt to exert undue influence over the R/C.