

INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
Wednesday Night Races
2021 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 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the prescriptions of US Sailing; current class association rules, except as any of these are changed by this notice; and by the 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 1600 hours on the day it will take effect.**
3. **COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS.** Notices to competitors will be posted inside the ISC clubhouse on the official ISC 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), and posted on the official ISC bulletin board in the Clubhouse. All times published and posted are Eastern Daylight: May thru August: Harbor Signal 6:30 PM, Warning Signal 6:57 PM, Preparatory Signal 6:58 PM, Start of first boat or boats 7:00 PM, and in September: Harbor Signal 6:00 PM, Warning Signal 6:27 PM, Preparatory Signal 6:28 PM, Start of first boat or boats 6:30 PM.

7. **STARTING ORDER.** A Mandatory Competitors Meeting will be held at the Race Committee Boat, May thru August, at 6:00 PM, and in September at 5:30 PM, at which point a start order will be assigned by the RC for each class or boat type known to be involved in the racing that day.

8. **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.

9. **COURSES.** The type or types of race courses to be sailed will be announced at the Mandatory Competitors' Meeting. 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.

9.1 **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, and 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#14), 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

10. **MARKS.** The race course will be set utilizing orange-colored spheres and tetrahedrons. A Keelboat/Portsmouth race course may be set utilizing red tomato buoys. Yellow colored spheres or tetrahedrons will be used as ends of start and finishing lines.

11. **AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS.**

11.1 **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.

11.2 **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.

12. 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.

12.1 THE PURSUIT RACE 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 Flag AP will be accompanied with multiple sounds, one minute before the display of the Warning Signal. The Warning Signal, code flag R will be displayed, 3 minutes before the start sequence. Code flag P will be displayed 2 minutes before first boat start sequence. Code flag P will be removed one minute before first boat start sequence. Code flag R will be removed at the start of the start sequence. Every boat then starts at its appointed time thereafter. The starting line will be between a yellow buoy and the mast on the RC boat that displays the orange starting flag.

13. CHANGING OF THE COURSE AFTER THE START. 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 or signage from the RC boat or safety boat.

14. THE FINISH. The finish line shall be between a yellow buoy and the mast on the RC boat that displays a blue flag.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM. The One Turn penalty, RRS# 44.2 shall apply.

16. TIME LIMIT. If a race in which no boat rounds the first mark of the course within 30 minutes of first starting boat will be abandoned. Any race in which no boat finishes within one hour 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 A4.1.

17. HEARING REQUESTS. No Hearings will be granted unless there is a need because of damages incurred that might require proof for insurance purposes.

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 30 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 attempt to 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.

18. SCORING and RECORDING. The RC will chronologically record all finishes in all races it governs and turn the results over to the respective class or fleets for their scoring systems to be applied. Finishing elapsed times can be provided. Corrected times can also be provided, utilizing the most recent Portsmouth D-PN ratings, unless otherwise specified by a fleet.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS. All boats should 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.

20. 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.