

Notice of Race

For Events Sanctioned by Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, 2008

GENERAL

Safety

IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH COMPETITOR TO DECIDE WHETHER TO START OR CONTINUE A RACE. Each boat must carry the safety equipment prescribed by her class rules and government regulations.

Organizing Authority and Rules

The Saratoga Lake Sailing Club is the organizing authority for all club-sponsored racing. All racing events sanctioned by the club are governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING), these instructions, the rules of the individual classes and the Sailing Instructions for each event.

SERIES RACES

Eligibility

Ensigns, Flying Scots, Kestrels, Lasers and Thistles are eligible to compete as separate fleets in Sunday races if three or more boats participate in a series. All other boats compete in the Open class. Consideration will be given to requests for separate scoring for other fleets if participation warrants. All boats race as one fleet in the Manning and Season Championship Series. For insurance purposes, all boats (racing, race committee, spectator) participating in a race or regatta must be less than 26 feet in length.

A competitor shall register for competition by recording his *name, class of boat, and sail number* on a sign-up sheet located near the official bulletin board before racing for the day. Failure to do so will not be penalized except to the extent that competitors who can't be identified by the Race Committee won't be scored.

Sunday Series

Sunday racing is divided into three separate series by dates. Two races are scheduled each Sunday, both of which are part of the same series.

<u>Series Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Scheduled Races</u>
Zephyr	May 11 – June 28	16
Robinson	July 6 – August 24	16

Starting Times for Sunday Racing

A thirty-minute signal is scheduled for 1:00 PM. The warning signal for the first start is scheduled for 1:25 PM. No races shall start after 4:00 PM.

Starting Procedure for Sunday Racing

Races will be started using rule 26 of RRS. There are 3 starting divisions:

- I: Flying Scot, Ensign, Day Sailor
- II: Laser, JY 15, Jet 14, Kestrel, Windmill
- III: Flying Dutchman, Thistle, Hobie, MC Scow

Other boats will be placed in one of these divisions on a case-by-case basis. The Race Committee may allow a novice competitor to start in a division other than his assigned division with the consent of the competitors in his fleet.

Division starts are spaced by 5-minute intervals. Divisions may be consolidated if conditions warrant. A second race is indicated by Flag ‘L’ (black and yellow quadrants). Lowering this flag accompanied by repetitive sounds occurs prior to the warning signal for the start.

Wednesday Series

The Manning series is sailed on Wednesday evenings. There is one race scheduled each race day. Sailors and families are invited to a potluck supper following racing. Hot dogs and burgers are provided by the Club.

<u>Series Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Number of Scheduled Races</u>
Manning	May 28 - Aug 13	12

Starting Times for Wednesday Racing

A thirty-minute signal is scheduled for 6:00 PM. The warning signal is scheduled for 6:25 PM. No start sequence will commence after 7:00 PM.

Starting Procedure for Wednesday Racing

Races will be started using rule 26 of RRS. There is one start for all boats.

Season Championship Series

This series will combine the results of the Zephyr, Robinson, Kaydersoss and Manning series and will determine the Overall, Junior, and Women's Season Champions.

SCORING

On Sundays, eligible fleets will be scored separately and all other boats will be scored in the Open Fleet using the 2008 Portsmouth Yardstick. For the Manning and Season Championship series, all boats will be scored as one fleet based on the 2008 Portsmouth Yardstick.

To qualify for the Season Championship Series a boat must finish 30% (rounded up to the nearest whole number) of the races completed in that series. To qualify for any other series, a boat must finish 40% (rounded up) of the races completed. Two races will constitute a series.

Race Scoring

Each boat finishing a race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored within her fleet as follows:

<u>Finishing Place</u>	<u>Score</u>
First	1
Second	2

and so on

All other boats that compete in that race, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will receive a score of the number of boats finishing plus one. Race ties will be broken according to Appendix A7 of RRS.

Series Scoring-Low Point Average

For each series the score for each boat will be the average of her best race scores after any applicable throw outs. The lowest score wins. In the Sunday and Manning Series, if two or more boats are tied, a boat having more finishes will beat a boat having fewer finishes. If a tie persists after that, Appendix A8 of RRS will be used to break ties only among those boats tied after

applying the “number of finishes” rule. In the Season Championship Series ties will be broken according to Appendix A8 of the RRS.

Throw Outs

In any Sunday series, a boat completing more than the number of races required to qualify will have her worst finish thrown out. In the Manning Series only the best qualifying number of races will be counted. All races sailed will be counted in the Season Championship Series.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to qualifying skippers and crews in the Manning and each Sunday series. Women Skippers and Skippers 18 years old and younger who will not reach their 19th birthdays during 2008 will compete for separate Women’s and Junior Prizes respectively as well as the overall prizes in each series. The top Junior Skipper in the Season Championship series will be awarded the Murray Hollister trophy.

INDIAN SUMMER REGATTA

This event is a 1-1/2 day, multi-class regatta scheduled for October 11-12, 2008. It is an open invitation event and all competitors are encouraged to invite sailors from other clubs to attend. This event may coincide with other Fleet sponsored regattas.

A class with at least 5 boats will be scored as a separate fleet. Classes with fewer than 5 boats will be in the open fleet scored with the Portsmouth Yardstick. Division assignments and starting order will be announced at the skippers' meeting before the first race and posted on the Official bulletin board.

The course for each fleet will be posted at or before the preparatory signal for the pending start. The race committee will inform sailors in an appropriate manner if the course is to be changed between fleets.

The skippers' meeting is scheduled for 0930 Saturday morning. Competitors must register for the regatta before racing. The regatta fee is \$30 for US Sailing members, \$35 for non-US Sailing members, payable to “Saratoga Lake Sailing Club”. The regatta fee covers coffee, doughnuts, soda, beer and prizes. Up to seven races are scheduled. One race constitutes a regatta. The Low-Point Scoring System (Appendix A4 of RRS) is used with one modification: one throw-out is allowed only if six or more races are completed. Sailing Instructions for specific Fleets may contain some differences from these instructions.

