

**Racing Instructions for Club Races**  
**Webster Sailing Association, Inc.**

- Eligibility:** The skipper must be a family member of the registered yacht and be a paid up member of the W.S.A. to be eligible to race in all club races. Any yacht not meeting these requirements must have the approval of the race committee to race. A yacht must race a minimum of 50% of the point score races sailed to be eligible to receive an award for point score racing.
- Racing Rules:** All races sailed under current I.S.A.F., International Sailing Authority Federation Rules except as modified by these instructions.
- Class Starting Order:** Class starting order will be indicated by reading left to right class insignia cards. Boats must be present on the starting line at 1:50 PM, or ten minutes before the first class starts to warrant a separate start for that class. All classes not meeting this requirement will start with the handicap class.
- Courses:**
1. Courses will be indicated by a letter displayed above the class insignia card on the Committee Boat at the Starting Line. No course card indicates; race the same course as the previous class.
  2. A Red Letter indicates; leave marks to port.
  3. A Green Letter indicates leave marks to starboard.
  4. A number 2 or 3 before the course letter indicates; repeat course two or three times. The starting mark becomes a rounding mark of the course when courses 2D and 2E are used.
  5. Courses may be squared to the wind during a race if a wind shift makes it necessary.
  6. Except for starting and finishing the Start/Finish Line can be disregarded as part of the course.
- Starting Rules:** I.S.A.F. rules go into effect for all classes at the preparatory signal for the first class starting. All other classes must keep clear of the starting area until the preparatory signal or risk disqualification.
- Starting and Finishing Lines:** All lines will be between the mast on the committee boat and a mark of the course or a special mark.
- Starting Time:** Starting time for the first class is 2:00 PM for most races. (See Racing Schedule)
- Starting Signals:**
1. Visual starting signals indicate the correct time for starting. Audible signals will also be used when possible, but are not official.
  2.

<u>Time Before Start</u>	<u>Visual Signal</u>	<u>Audible Signal</u>
3 min. (preparatory)	Black up	3 Short Blasts
2 min. 30 sec.	Black down	
2 min.	White up	2 Short Blasts
1 min. 30 sec.	White down	
1 min.	Blue up	1 Short Blast
0 min. 30 sec.	Blue down	
Start	Red up	1 Long Blast
  3. Premature Starters will be hailed by class and sail number when possible. Failure to hear the recall is no excuse for not re-starting. Starting signals will resume 30 seconds after the General Recall Pennant or Postponement Pennant is lowered.
- Special Signals:**
1. Postponement: Red and white pendant, two audible signals
  2. Cancellation: Blue and white checkered flag, three audible signals (no cancellations before 2:00PM)
  3. General Recall: Yellow and blue pendant, two signals (1 min. rule in effect). If a yacht is over the line (1) minute before the start, the yacht must sail around either end of the starting line before re-crossing. Dipping back to the pre-start side of the line is not allowed after a General Recall.
  4. Shorten Course: White flag with a blue center square, two audible signals  
A course may be shortened to keep the race within the time limit. Courses will usually be shortened using a mark of the course as a finish mark.
  5. Orange flag: Life Jackets must be worn

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**Time Limit:** The time limit for each race shall be 1 hour and 25 min. (The elapse time of the first yacht to finish)

- Protest:**
1. Protests will be heard by the R.C. immediately following the day's racing. Protests will be in accordance with rule 60 through 68. A flag must be flown by the protesting yacht, the other yacht involved must be notified at the time of the infraction and the R. C. must be notified by the protesting yacht when finishing.
  2. 720° Turn Penalty Rule 44 can be used for minor rule infractions. Notify the R.C. that you have completed penalty turns when finishing.
  3. 360° Turn Penalty Rule 31 can be used if a boat touches a mark of the course. Notify the R.C. that you have completed penalty turns when finishing.

**Safety Equipment:** A life jacket or suitable buoyancy device must be carried for each person aboard a yacht. Life jackets must be worn when signaled by an orange flag from the committee boat. Non-compliance will result in an automatic disqualification for that race.

**Scoring System:** First = 3/4 point, second = 2 points, third = 3 points, etc. DNS = the number of boats started + 2 points for Point Score Races and DNS = the number of registered boats for Regattas, DNF = the number of boats started, DSQ = the number of boats started + 1 point. A yacht dropping out of a race must notify the Race Committee to be scored DNF. Racing members of the Race Committee will receive no score for the races they run, but will receive credit as races completed under Point Score racing. A predetermined number of races can be dropped per Point Score Series. The number of dropped races will be determined by the R.C.

**Race Courses:** Red Letter courses are shown, Green letter courses are opposite.  
The #2 or #3 before the course letter indicates repeat course 2 or 3 times.

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