

PRSA Spring Regatta 2011  
May 28 and 29  
Potomac River Sailing Association, Alexandria, VA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES**  
The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**  
Notices to competitors will be posted at the official notice board located in the lawn area at the end of the boat racks.
3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted 90 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race on the day the change is to take effect, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.
4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
  - 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal boat (Bayliner) at the finger pier of the ramp launch area.
  - 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the AP flag is lowered. This changes Race Signal AP.
5. **RACING AREA**
  - 5.1 Races will be conducted on the Potomac River, between Gravelly Point and Hains Point, Washington, D.C.
  - 5.2 Channel-bound vessels within the racing area are obstructions. Boats that are racing must keep clear of such vessels.
6. **PLANNED SCHEDULE & NUMBER OF RACES**
  - 6.1 Competitor's meeting: 1000 on Saturday in the crane area.
  - 6.2 First race for the first class: The warning signal for the 1st race of the day for the first class to start is 1130 on both Saturday and Sunday.
  - 6.3 First race for the other classes: There will be a short time after the start of one class and the warning for the next class (no rolling starts).
  - 6.4 Subsequent races: The RC intends to start subsequent races for some classes before all the classes have finished.
  - 6.5 Number of Races: A total of 6 races are planned, but even 1 race will constitute a regatta. Depending on conditions, the race committee may conduct as many as 4 races on Saturday or Sunday.
  - 6.6 End of racing: No warning signal will be made after 1600 on Saturday and 1500 on Sunday.
7. **SPECIAL SIGNALS**

- 7.1 10 seconds before the warning signal of each class, the RC will begin making 5 sounds that take 5 seconds to complete.
- 7.2 Attention signal for subsequent races: between 3 and 5 minutes before the warning signal for the first class to start a 2nd or subsequent race, the RC *may* raise the F-flag (red diamond on white background) with 1 sound. This flag will be dropped without a sound 1 minute before the warning signal. However, no such “attention signal” will be made following a postponement or general recall.

8. ORDER OF STARTS

- 8.1 The order of starts of classes will be:  
1) Catamaran, 2) Lightning, 3) Buccaneer, 4) Albacore
- 8.2 Classes with 6 or more competitors will have their own start. Classes with 5 or fewer competitors *may* be started together. Combined classes will be indicated on the official notice board.
- 8.3 Subsequent races: The RC intends to start a subsequent race as soon as all competitors in a class have finished even if that changes the order of starts for the subsequent race.

9. CLASS FLAGS

Class	Class Flag
Catamarans	Flying H on yellow
Lightnings	Red flash on yellow
Buccaneers	Crossed cutlasses on white
Albacores	AL on white

10. COURSES and MARKS

See attachment for a description of the courses that may be used, including how each will be designated with flags and the direction and order the competitors shall round the marks.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 The marks designated as W, J, and L in the attachment will be orange cylinders.
- 11.2 The offset mark, if used, will be a smaller orange ball.
- 11.3 New marks as provided in instruction 15.2 will be large yellow cylinders.

12. START LINE

The start will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of a small white cylinder with a red flag.

13. HAILS

The race committee may use a loud hailer to identify On the Course Side of the line boats after starts and otherwise to communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail or for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or failure to receive any communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a) and complies with 41 (d).

14. FINISH LINE

The finish line will be between a blue flag on the RC boat and the course side of a small white cylinder with a blue flag.

15. CHANGE OF THE FIRST AND SUBSEQUENT LEGS OF THE COURSE

15.1 To change the first leg of the course, the race committee will lay a yellow mark and display the C-flag from the signal boat before the warning signal and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

15.2 To change the 2nd or subsequent leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

16. TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish in each class. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course and finishes will be scored the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 1 point, not to exceed the score of Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 For catamarans, the penalty is one full turn (one tack and one jibe). This changes rules 44.1 and 44.2.

17.2 When a boat has a spinnaker drawing at the time of an infringement, drops it completely below the gooseneck while taking her penalty, re-sets it, and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one full turn (one tack and one jibe). This changes rules 44.1 and 44.2.

18. PROTESTS

18.1 Protest forms will be available at the race committee signal boat when it docks at the ramp's finger pier.

18.2 Protests shall be delivered to the protest secretary, Michael Heinsdorf, skipper of Albacore Liquid Aloha, before the protest time limit, which will be 1 hour after the docking of the race committee signal boat. The Protest Time Limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

19. SCORING

If there are 5 or fewer races, no scores will be excluded. Otherwise, a competitor's worse score will be excluded. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

20. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded Sunday afternoon based on historical attendance:

Lightnings – 3 deep

Buccs – 1 deep

Albacores – 5 deep

Hobies – 1 deep

Optis – 1 deep

Lasers – 1 deep