



2023 OAKCLIFF TRIPLE CROWN SERIES

Proudly presented by Oakcliff Sailing

Stage 1

September 23-24, 2023

Sailing Instructions

Abbreviations:

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| PC – protest committee | RC – race committee |
| OA – organizing authority | NA – national authority |
| RRS – racing rules of sailing | SI – sailing instructions |
| IJ – international jury | NOR – notice of race |

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Class Rules for the i470, 49er, and 49erFX classes are amended such that IHC stickers will not be required on masts and sails and country flags will not be required on sails.
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescriptions 63.1 & 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.4 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be considered as misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 1.5 In accordance with rule 70.5(b), decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing's permission has been granted. If the requirements shown on <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/appeals/no-appeal-rule-70-5-procedures/> are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed.

2 IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 Appendix G3, Identification on sails, will apply.
- 2.2 [DP] A boat shall not display the sail number of another boat in her class that is racing. This applies to spinnakers in addition to mainsails.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the WhatsApp group. Go to [Triple Crown WhatsApp](#) and join to see all notices and results.

5 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the WhatsApp group before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

- 5.2 Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water by displaying flag Lima and the RC hailing to boats as they sail by. Changes will also be announced on VHF 69 to support boats on the water.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed in the official [Triple Crown WhatsApp](#) group. When a signal is displayed over a class flag, it applies to that class only.
- 6.2 If AP is displayed ashore in the WhatsApp group, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in the race signal AP.

7 SCHEDULE

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| Friday, Sep 22 | 1200-1700 | On-site check in at Oakcliff Office |
| Saturday, Sep 23 | 0900-1100 | Competitors Meeting at Oakcliff Beach First Signal |
| Sunday, Sep 24 | 1030-1500 | First Signal No warning signal after |

Prize giving will be held at the Oakcliff Beach following the expiration of the protest time limit or the conclusion of protests.

8 FORMAT OF RACING

- 8.1 10 fleet races are scheduled for each class.
- 8.2 A maximum of 5 races per day for each fleet may be sailed at the discretion of the race committee.
- 8.3 Flag Alpha displayed under a class flag(s) with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today for the class(es) indicated."

9 CLASS FLAGS

- 9.1 The class flag for the 49er class will be the 49er Class Flag
- 9.2 The class flag for the 49erFX class will be the 49er FX Class Flag
- 9.3 The class flag for the 470 Class will be the 470 Class Flag
- 9.4 The class flag for the ICLA 6 class will be ILCA 6 Class Flag or the numeral penant number 6.
- 9.5 The class flag for the ICLA 7 class will be ILCA 7 Class Flag or the numeral penant number 7.
- 9.6 The class flag for the Nacra class will be Nacra Class Flag
- 9.7 The class flag for the WASPZ class will be WASPZ Class Flag or the letter penant W.

10 RACING AREA

- 10.1 Addendum A shows the approximate location of the race area.
- 10.2 The course location will be Cold Spring Harbor.

11 COURSES

- 11.1 Addendum B describes the courses to be sailed.
- 11.2 Flag Charlie displayed with or before the warning signal of a class, with repeated sounds, means the first windward mark will be the change mark. Subsequent classes may or may not be started with flag Charlie.
- 11.3 Flag Echo displayed with or before the warning signal of a class, means that the course will be L3. Subsequent classes may or may not be started with flag Echo.

12 MARKS

- 12.1 Mark 1 will be a tetrahedron.
- 12.2 Marks 2A and 2B will be short orange cylinders, and form a gate.
- 12.3 If only one short orange cylinder is set, it will be Mark 2A (round to port).

- 12.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying the Oakcliff flag on the Signal boat and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark on the port side of the Signal Boat.
- 12.5 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Signal boat and the course side of a red inflatable mark on the port side of the Signal boat.
- 12.6 For the dingy competitors (470, ILCA 6, ILCA 7), the windward mark will be a orange tetrahedron with a white inflatable offset mark, and the windward change mark will be a tall orange cylinder.
- 12.6 For the skiff competitors (49er, 49erFX, Nacra, Waspz), the windward mark will be an yellow tetrahedron, and the windward change mark will be a large yellow inflatable mark.

13 START

- 13.1 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.
- 13.2 Classes may be started in any order at the discretion of the RC. Preference will be to start faster fleets before slower fleets.

14 CHANGE OF COURSE

- 14.1 To change the next windward mark of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and signal a course change at the gate. If the course is being changed for some classes and not others, flag 'Charlie' will be displayed over the class flag.
- 14.2 The gate may be adjusted to be squared without signaling a course change while boats are on the first half of the leg. This changes RRS 33.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limits and target time for each class (in minutes) are as follows:

| Class | Race Limit | First Mark Limit | Finish Window | Target Time |
|----------|------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 49er | 45 | 15 | 10 | 25 |
| 49er FX | 45 | 15 | 10 | 25 |
| 470 | 60 | 25 | 15 | 40 |
| NACRA 17 | 45 | 15 | 10 | 25 |
| ILCA 6 | 45 | 25 | 15 | 40 |
| ICLA 7 | 45 | 25 | 15 | 40 |
| WASPZ | 45 | 15 | 15 | 25 |

- 15.2 A race in which no boat in a class rounds the first mark within the above First Mark Limit following the start, or sails the course and finishes within the Race Limit following the start, will be abandoned.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within the finish window (the time after the first boat sails the course and finishes) will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Add to the last full sentence of RRS 61.1(a) 'and shall inform the RC of her intent to protest and the boat being protested no later than 3 minutes after finishing.'
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat moors.
- 17.3 Request for hearing forms are available at US Sailing or click on [US Sailing Protest Form](#). This form may be filled out online, saved, and emailed to Bruce Cook at bacook@optonline.net and cc jury@oakcliffsailing.org. Protests and requests for redress or re-opening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.4 Notices will be posted on the WhatsApp group to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be conducted in accordance with RRS Part 5, Section B.
- 17.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee, or protest committee will be posted on the WhatsApp group to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based upon a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 17.7 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.2 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19 SUPPORT & COACH BOATS

- 19.1 All support persons must register with the OA at regatta@Oakcliff.org.
- 19.2 All support persons must comply with the oral instructions of the race committee, OA, or the protest committee. Penalties for not complying will be at the discretion of the protest committee. The penalty may be imposed on any or all boats associated with the support or coach boat. This adds to RRS 64.4.

20 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 20.1 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the race committee or safety boat and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to a member of the OA on shore at the launching area or in the Oakcliff office. Coaches may radio the RC to notify of retirement on behalf of their competitor.
- 20.2 Prior to the Warning Signal for the first race a boat is scheduled to sail each race day, the boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Signal Boat, and shall hail her sail number and skipper last name until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 20.3 The penalty for failing to comply with SI 20.1 and 20.2 will be finishing place plus two points without a hearing, but not worse than DNF for her first race of the day. This changes RRS 63.1, 64.1, and A4.1.
- 20.4 Competitors shall not sail impaired by alcohol or drugs.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile devices. The race committee will communicate on VHF CH69.
- 21.2 Tracking devices and sensors that record or transmit data to a coach boat, that are used for post-race debriefs, and do not give feedback to sailors during the race, may be used.

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 22.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

23 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any part in this event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates, and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, sickness, disease, or inconvenience incurred, however so caused. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

25 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum policy limit of US \$500,000 per occurrence or the equivalent.

26 CONTACTS

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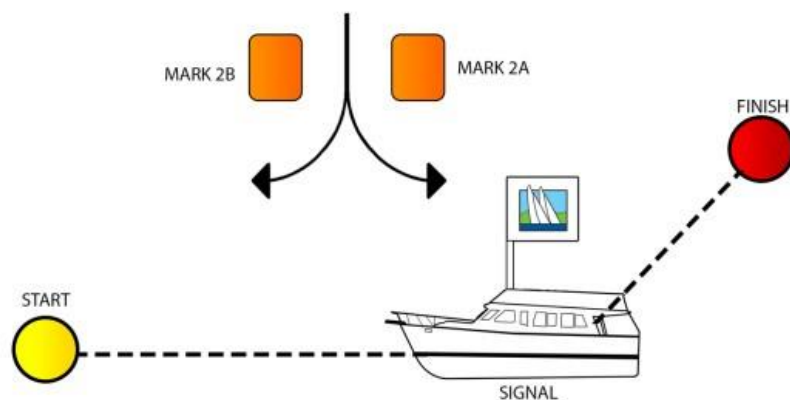
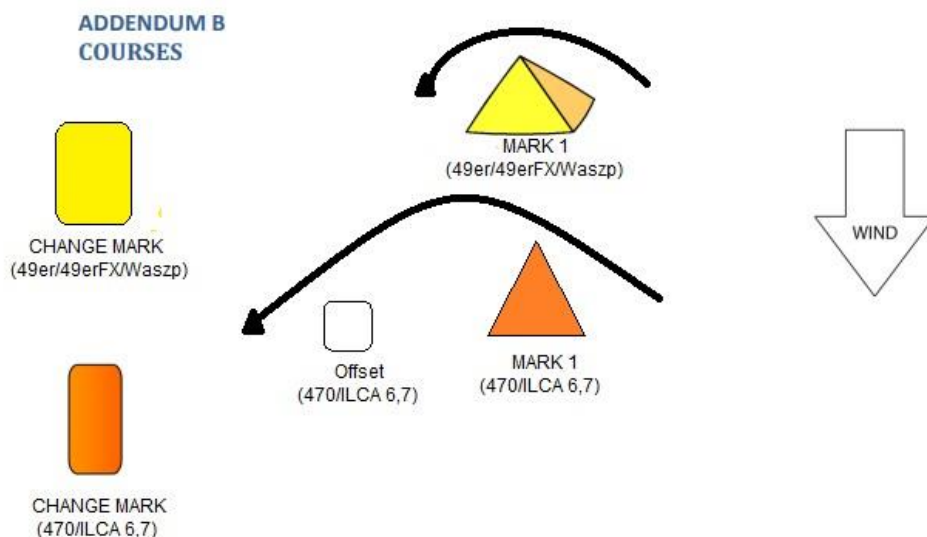
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ADDENDUM B COURSES



| Course 49er/49erFX/WASZP | |
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| L2 Standard | Start, 1 (P), 2A/2B(gate), 1 (P), 2A (P), Finish |
| L3 Extended (Echo) | Start, 1 (P), 2A/2B(gate), 1 (P), 2A/2B(gate), 1 (P), 2A (P), Finish |

| Course 470/ILCA 6,7 | |
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| L2 Standard | Start, 1 (P), Offset (P), 2A/2B(gate), 1 (P), 2A (P), Finish |
| L3 Extended (Echo) | Start, 1 (P), Offset (P), 2A/2B(gate), 1 (P), Offset (P), 2A/2B (gate) 1 (P), Offset (P), 2A (P), Finish |

| Course | |
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| L2 Standard | Start, 1 (P), 2A/2B(gate), 1 (P), 2A (P), Finish |
| L3 Extended (Echo) | Start, 1 (P), 2A/2B(gate), 1 (P), 2A/2B(gate), 1 (P), 2A (P), Finish |