

2022 Oktoberfest One Design Regatta
September 24th 2022
Union Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

MANAGEMENT AND RULES

The Organizing Authority is the Union Sailing Club. The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS"). All races are under the management of the Race Committee of the Oktoberfest One Design and shall be conducted in accordance with

- the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS"), with US Sailing Prescriptions;
- the Sailing Instructions

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Boats shall enter the Regatta by pre-registering online at XXXX or checking in with RC prior to the first race..

FEES

There will be no charge for this regatta.

SCHEDULE

Saturday September 24th

- 9:00 AM - Competitors Meeting
- 10:00 AM - First Gun with five (5) or more races planned. No races will be started after 4:30 PM

Depending on wind conditions there may or may not be a break for lunch.

COMPETITORS MEETING

There will be a short competitors meeting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, signaled by two sound signals.

COURSES

The race course will be described at the competitors' meeting. Courses will be designated on a magnetic board on the Race Committee boat before each race by a series of numbers and letters that correspond to the order in which marks are to be passed and ending with "F" for finish. All Courses will be "Port Around".

THE START

The AP Flag (red and white striped Answering Pennant) will be displayed when the Race Committee boat is "on station" on the starting line, and will be lowered approximately one minute prior to the 3-minute warning signal (class flag). Note: Multiple classes may start at the same time.

The starting line is between the mast hoisting an orange flag on the Committee boat and the course side of the starting pin. If a postponement is signaled after the warning signal (5-minute signal - class flag), a new warning signal will be made approximately one minute after lowering the postponement signal

REPORTING AT THE START

Before starting the first race, the Committee Boat will display the L Flag (yellow and black Checkered, "Come to Within Hail"). During this time each boat is REQUIRED to sail past the stern of the Race Committee boat on starboard tack and check in by hailing its Sail Number and Skippers last name. When the Race Committee verbally acknowledges a boat's sail number, the entry has been officially noted. Any boat failing to check in as specified above shall be scored DNS

RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signaled by code flag "X" (blue cross on white field) and one sound signal. A general recall will be signaled by the 1st Substitute (blue triangle with yellow center) and two sound signals. The 1st Substitute will be lowered approximately one minute prior to a new warning signal (class flag).

SHORTENED COURSE

At its discretion, the Race Committee may shorten a race in progress. A shortened course will be signaled by code flag "S" (white square with blue) and two sound signals.

Competitors will finish between the next posted rounding mark or gate and the S-flag (this changed rule 32.1)

FINISH

The finish line will be between the mast hoisting an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of the finishing pin (same as the starting pin). A boat finishes when any part of her hull, or crew or equipment in normal position, crosses the finishing line from the course side. However, she has not finished if after crossing the finishing line she (a) takes a penalty under rule 44.2, (b) corrects an error under rule 28.2 made at the line, or (c) continues to sail the course.

To accommodate rapid fleet starts, a separate finish line may be set up, extending from the RC flag to a ball mark on the starboard side of the RC boat. The start and finish lines are restricted and are closed to all boats unless starting or finishing.

At all other times the start and finish lines are defined as an obstruction, unless a course mark designated "G" or Gate, is part of the race course, which will be between the orange flag and the pin. In the event that the Race Committee is unable to set a finish line, boats shall finish and note their place in the order.

The finishing line is a line through the remaining mark at a 90-degree angle to the last leg and the shortest practical length. If the Race Committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report to the race committee her finishing position in relation to nearby boats at the first reasonable opportunity.

TIME LIMIT

Boats finishing more than 10 minutes after the first boat shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

WITHDRAWING FROM THE RACE

A boat which exits the course before a start or without finishing shall notify the Race Committee at the first opportunity.

PROTESTS

Another boat may be protested by a boat according to the US Sailing Rule 61. Protests shall be filed as follows:

- a) notify the Race Committee of your protest when you finish; any boat intending to protest or request redress shall notify the Race Committee immediately after finishing that race, or if unable to finish, within 30 minutes after the Race Committee boat returns to shore.
- b) All equipment and eligibility protests must be filed for each race; and
- c) protests must be filed with the Race Committee in writing, on forms available from the Race Committee, within one hour after the Race Committee boat returns to shore.

SCORING

The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 will be used. If 6 or more races are scored each competitor will score drop one race. If there is a tie, Appendix 8 will be used.

AWARDS

Participants will be awarded prizes for fair sailing and good humor.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Union Sailing Club, Union Reservoir Park, and the City of Longmont will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.