



Sailing Instructions for 2017 Diva Regatta

Empowering Women Both On and Off the Water!

September 9-10, 2017

Western Carolina Sailing Club, Anderson, SC



1. Rules

- ▶ The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016.
- ▶ Each sailboat on the distance course must have a female at the helm throughout the duration of each race. Day Sailors must have a female aboard either helping to sail or learning to sail.

2. Entry

- ▶ Competitors may enter by completing registration with WCSC Diva Regatta registration desk.

3. Notices to Competitors

- ▶ Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the WCSC clubhouse.

4. Changes in Sailing instructions

- ▶ Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on Notice board by 8:00am the day it will take effect

5. Signals Made Ashore

- ▶ Signals made ashore will be displayed on the WCSC flagpole
- ▶ When code flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" will be replace by "Not less than 30 minutes" in "Race Signals" section of the RRS.

6. Schedule of Races

- ▶ Saturday 1200 Race warning signal

7. Class Flags

- ▶ Class flags will be announced at the competitors meeting.

8. Racing Area

- ▶ The racing area will be in front of the WCSC property.
- ▶ Fleets and starts will be announced at the competitors meeting.

9. Course

- ▶ The Distance Race Fleet will round government marks.. Those Marks will be specified on the course board on the back of the RC boat prior to the display of the Preparatory signal for that fleet.

11. The Start

- ▶ Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- ▶ Multiple starts may be used and classes may start individually or may be combined. Starting decisions will be made after registration is closed. STARTS: In multiple class starts the Starting Signal of one class may be the Warning Signal for the next starting class. i.e. the Class flag(s) of the next starting class(es) may be hoisted simultaneously with lowering the Class flag(s) of the Class currently starting.
- ▶ The order of start is subject to change from one race to the next. The next fleet(s) to start will be indicated by the class flag(s).
- ▶ The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end and a red ball at the port end.
- ▶ Competitors not starting or racing shall keep clear of the starting area except when starting or finishing.

12. The Finish

- ▶ The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and a red ball.

13. Time Limit

- ▶ The overall time limit for the distance course will be 4 hours Saturday and 1 hour after first boat finishes.

14. Scoring

- ▶ The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- ▶ The distance fleet is scheduled for one race. One race shall be completed to constitute a regatta
- ▶ No Score shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2.
- ▶ All boats will be scored using PHRF or Portsmouth ratings as appropriate to their fleet.

15. Safety

- ▶ Each competitor is solely responsible for his own safety and, by participation, agrees to sail and utilize WCSC's facilities at his or her own risk. WCSC or persons assisting with the conduct of races shall be responsible for damage or injury suffered during races or related activities.
- ▶ A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore via radio contact.