



GLSS DINGHYFEST

X-Boat Sailing Instructions

JULY 9-10, 2017

1250 S. Lake Shore Dr., Fontana, WI



Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor, or in the case of minors, each competitor's parent or guardian agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of US Sailing.

2. ENTRIES

The regatta is open to Class X Boats. No competitor shall reach or have reached the age of 17 during the calendar year.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the entry corridor at the Geneva Lake Sailing School.

4. COMPETITORS' BRIEFING MEETING

The competitors' briefing will begin at 8:45 a.m., Monday, July 9 near the flagpole at the Buddy Melges Sailing Center.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect. Except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed by the Fleet Signal Boat.

6.2 When the Answering Pennant ("AP") is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes in the Race Signals AP'.

6.3 Approximately one hour prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the day, the signal boat will make a sound signal.

7. NOT USED

8. NUMBER AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 Five races are scheduled.

8.2 Warning signal for first race is Monday, July 9, 10:00 a.m. Except when races are sailed back-to-back, the time of the warning signal for subsequent races will be posted on the official notice board.

8.3 First warning signal on Tuesday July 11th is at 10:00 am.

8.4 No warning signal for a race shall be made after 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10th.

9. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with black letter X.

10. RACING AREA

The racing area will be the navigable water of Geneva Lake north of the Geneva Lake Sailing School

11. THE COURSE

11.1 The courses and their designations are shown as COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS.

11.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course designation.

11.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If only one mark of the gate is present, it should be rounded, leaving it to port.

12. MARKS

All marks will be large orange balls and the offset mark will be an orange ball. If any marks are different in shape or color, they will be displayed at the Competitors' Briefing and a notice stating the differences will be posted.

13. THE START

13.1 Races will be started according to RRS 26.

13.2 The starting line will be:

13.2.1 a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end of the line and either a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the port end or the course side of a nearby mark;

13.2.2 or from a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the starboard end to a staff displaying an orange flag or flags on a RC boat in the approximate center of the starting line, and thence to a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the port end.

13.3 If a midline boat is in place in accordance with SI 13.2.2 a boat may return to the pre-start side of the line around the midline boat, leaving it to port, before starting. This changes RRS 30.1.

13.4 If a midline boat is to be used on the starting line in accordance with SI 13.2.2, a notice to that effect will be posted on the official notice board

13.5 If flag Z is displayed as the Preparatory Signal, and any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall also sail across an extension to the pre-start side before starting according to SI 13.3. This changes RRS 30.2.

14. RECALLS

Following the display of the individual recall signal, the RC will attempt to announce the racing number of all boats identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal. Such announcement is a courtesy and failure by the RC to make the announcement, or of boats to hear or understand it, shall not constitute grounds for redress.

15. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

15.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will either move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position, or the RC will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

15.2 The RC may adjust gate marks without further signaling to maintain the appropriate course configuration.

16. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark, or between staffs displaying orange flags on two Race Committee boats.

17. Not Used

18. TIME LIMIT

18.1 The time limit will be 90 minutes.

18.2 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored the position of the last boat to finish plus 2. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

19. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

19.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the RC finish boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat (s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).

19.2 Protests shall be written on forms available in the Geneva Lake Sailing School building and delivered there within the protest time, which will end one hour after the signal boat docks. The docking time will be posted.

19.3 Notices of protests and requests for redress will be posted within 20 minutes of the expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a location at Regatta Headquarters.

19.4 Notice of a request for redress including the nature of the request and the grounds on which it is filed shall be considered to fulfill the requirements of the prescription to RRS 63.2

20. SCORING

The Low Point System in Appendix A of the RRS will apply. There will be no throw outs. One race shall constitute a regatta.

21. DISPOSAL OF TRASH

Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races sailed on the day the infraction is observed, or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

22. SAFETY

- 22.1 Each competitor, including skipper and crew, his parent or legal guardian, is ultimately responsible for such competitor's safety.
- 22.2 All competitors shall wear, while on the water, a properly fastened U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD.
- 22.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a RC boat before leaving the racing area, or, if that is not possible, notify a regatta official at Regatta Headquarters immediately upon arrival on shore.
- 22.4 Boats that are not leaving the harbor to race shall inform Regatta Headquarters or a regatta official prior to the start of the first race of the day.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The only communication devices that may be used by competitors when racing are: (a) a weather monitor and (b) a cell phone that may be used for emergency purposes only. The penalty for breaking this rule will be total disqualification from the regatta or such lesser penalty as may be determined by the Protest Committee.

24. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS

Except when rendering assistance to a boat believed to be in distress, support and coach boats shall stay outside of the area where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until the coach's X Boat or X Boats have finished and are well clear of the course and finish line, or until the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements or the verbal instructions of the Race Committee will be at the discretion of the Chief Judge. The penalty may be applied to any or all boats associated with the support or coach boat.

25. OUTSIDE HELP

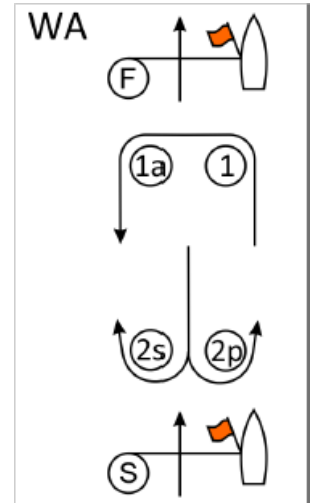
A boat that receives outside help other than help permitted by RRS 41, or from a non-competitor or non-competing boat, shall retire. This changes RRS 41.

26. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat generated during the event to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

SIGNAL	MARK ROUNDING ORDER
WA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish
WA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/sp - Finish
WA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/sp - 1 - 1a - 2s/sp - FINISH



SIGNAL	MARK ROUNDING ORDER
LA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/sp - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/sp - 1 - 1a - 2s/sp - 1 - 1a - FINISH

