

VALLEY SAILING ASSOCIATION
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
60th ANNUAL MISSOURI GOVERNOR'S CUP REGATTA
Oct 3 & 4, 2009

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

This regatta is sponsored by Valley Sailing Association.

2. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2011, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of participating classes, except as changed by these sailing instructions, by these sailing instructions, and by the barge Safety Rule as defined in Attachment B..

3. OFFICIAL NOTICES

There will be a skippers' meeting Sat at 9:30 a.m. under the VSA pavilion. The official Race Committee Bulletin Board located at the southeast corner of the VSA pavilion will be used to advise contestants of changes in the Sailing Instructions, published starting times, protest meetings and other official information. Notices will be posted at least one hour prior to starting time of the next race. Posting of such notices shall be deemed notification to all contestants.

4. SIGNALS

All signals shall be made from the race committee boat. All audible signals are for the purpose of calling attention to visual signals. Visual signals govern, a failure or mistiming of an audible signal shall be disregarded.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as follows:

Saturday Oct. 3	*Approx Times	Sunday Oct. 4	*Approx Times
Registration	8:00 – 9:30	Race Notifications posted	8:30
Skippers meeting	09:30	Harbor gun	10:00*
Harbor gun	10:00*	1 st Race warning signal	10:45*
1 st Race warning signal	10:45*	2 nd race warning signal	to follow
Lunch	Follows 1 st race	No race to start after 1:00 pm	
2 nd race warning signal	follows lunch		
3 rd race warning signal	Immediately following race 2		

6. RACING AREA

The racing area shall be as shown in attachment "A".

7. COURSE

The course shall be defined by the course boards displayed on the committee and the map of the sailing area "Attachment A" The posted course is considered official at the preparatory signal code flag "P" The race committee reserves the right to shorten the course when conditions dictate. Yachts shall then finish between the committee boat and a mark, from the direction of the last mark of the course. The committee boat shall be flying a blue flag to indicate that she is on station at the finish line. Before the preparatory signal, the Race Committee may move any mark.

8. MARKS

The marks may not be the same for all boats depending on wind conditions. The marks for monohulls, catamaran's and cabin boats shall be announced at the skipper's meeting.

9. THE START

Races will be started in accordance with the 2009-2011 rules. The order of starts shall be announced at the skipper's meeting. The starting line shall be between the mast on the race committee boat at the starboard end of the starting line and the starting mark at the port end of the starting line. The starting mark will have an orange flag. Prior to a yacht's preparatory signal she shall keep clear of the starting area. The starting area is defined as the area which is 50 yards behind, ahead of, and to each side of, the starting line. The blue flag will only be used as an attention getter on the first start of a sequence of class starts. We will use the white flag as the warning flag for all starts. There will be at least one minute between the end of one classes sequence and the start of the next.

10. RECALLS

Individual recalls shall be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The race officer will attempt to notify a yacht which has started improperly but the responsibility to start correctly rests with that yacht. When a General Recall has been signaled for a class, in accordance with RRS 29.2, that class goes to the end of the sequence (after the last class scheduled to start). The recalled class will start after last scheduled class. Other classes that have a General Recall will follow the first rescheduled class. The warning signal for the next class will follow one minute after the General Recall.

11. FINISH LINE

The start and finish line will be a gate in the middle of the windward leg. The start/finish line shall be considered an obstruction, only those yachts in the process of starting or finishing shall be permitted to cross the line including provisional restarts for over early, other yachts shall receive a DSQ for that race. The start finish line may be relocated in the event that the course is shortened. A Blue Flag will be displayed on the Committee Boat when it is on station at the finish line. Finishes will be designated by 1 audible for the first boat to finish in each division, and the sail number will be called for all other properly finishing yachts.

12. ABANDONMENT AND CANCELLATION

The race committee may abandon or cancel a race in progress when a change in conditions has, in its judgment, caused a safety concern or made the race an unsatisfactory test of sailing skill.

13. TIME LIMITS

A fleet's race shall be abandoned if no yacht within the fleet rounds the first mark within forty-five minutes of the start, or if no yacht within the fleet finishes within 1-1/2 hours. Yachts not finished more than 2 hours after the start will be scored "Did Not Finish". All yachts not finished 30 minutes before sundown will be scored "Did Not Finish". No race will start after 1300 on Sunday. A race is considered started at the preparatory signal (blue flag). Once the first class has started, all classes will start. If a race is abandoned or cancelled, the race committee may start additional races to obtain a maximum of six.

14. RETIREMENT

A yacht which retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

15. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Attempt to settle protests on the water. If a rule is infringed and the infringing yacht performs The "two turns penalty", no notice is needed to the race committee. Notify the race committee when finishing if no "two turns penalty", was witnessed and you intend to file a protest. Protest shall be written on forms available at the official bulletin board and lodged within sixty minutes after the Race Committee boat docks.

The protest committee is composed of capable persons aware of RRS 71.1. However, when no other qualified persons are available, contestants may sit on the Protest Committee.

Since it is essential to establish the results of each race and the series promptly. Decisions of protests shall not be subject to appeal.

16. SCORING

Point System:

<u>Finish Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	3/4
2nd	2
3rd	3
etc.	points equal to finish position
DNS, DNF, PMS, DSQ	Class or Division Entrants + 1

Each yachts score will be the sum of her scores for all races. The yacht with the lowest score wins. Two races constitute a regatta. When there is a tie on total points between two or more yachts at the end of the series, the tie will be broken in favor of the yacht with the most first places, and when a tie remains, the most second places, and so on. When a tie still remains, it shall be broken in favor of the yacht which beats the other(s) in the last untied race of the series. This paragraph modifies RRS A8.2.

17. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The two turns penalty as provided in as provided in RRS 44.2 will apply with the additional provision that when an infringing yacht has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely while taking her penalty and resets it and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one full turn, of one tack and one gybe, instead of two.

18. SAFETY

The race committee will endeavor to have a motor boat lead barge tows through the race course. Any yacht passing between the motor boat and the barge tow shall be disqualified. If a lead boat is not present, then any yacht which (in the judgment of the race committee) passes in front of a barge tow closer than 400 yards shall be disqualified. There will be no appeals for DSQ's based on

passing too close to the front of a barge tow. Due to overriding safety concerns, assistance from the safety boat is not cause for a DSQ.

See also: Special Barge Safety Rule document.

All boats shall comply with all Federal, State, and local regulations concerning safe operation of boats.