

Whiskeytown Sailing Club 2016 Series Club Race Sailing Instructions

There will be two to three races each day TBD by the Race Committee (RC), in accordance with the following simplified Sailing Instructions. We hope to have good participation this year, and welcome new sailors and new racers to come out and enjoy an afternoon on the Lake!

1. The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. All club members and all guest boats are invited to race. All boats will be scored in each race, although only WSC members' scores will be used for official scoring and series results.
3. A brief Skippers meeting will be held at Brandy Creek Marina at Noon on each Race Day. For new racers, the Race Committee will cover the start sequences, courses, the finish line and classes of boats, if there will be more than one.
4. The Warning for the first race will be at 1:30 PM sharp, and will be a simultaneous horn/whistle and the raising of the numeral pennant 1. The horn sound and visual signal are the start of the five minute countdown. With 4 minutes to go before the start, a horn will sound and the "P" flag (preparatory signal) will be raised. With 1 minute to go before the start, there will be a long horn sound and the "P" flag will come down. At the start, the horn will sound and the numeral pennant 1 will come down.
5. The second race will start as soon as possible after the last boat finishes. Approximately 5 minutes before the second start sequence, the RC will sound three blasts of the horn to alert sailors that the next five minute countdown will be beginning soon.
6. The racing area is the main body of Whiskeytown Lake, and race marks and courses can be found under "Resources" on our website (www.whiskeytownsailing.org). The RC will also have course sheets and a map of the lake. The course for the race will be a letter corresponding to the course, and the letter will be displayed on the starting board on the RC boat directly below the class placard. If there is only one class to start, that placard will show the number 1. There also may be a letter flag corresponding to the race course up the flag pole.
7. The numbered marks are 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. They are white cylindrical floats approximately three feet high and have a large number on them, corresponding to the course mark number.

8. The Start and Finish lines will be between an orange flag on the RC boat and a floating buoy with an orange flag (the "S" mark). Boats may not sail through the start finish line unless they are maneuvering to start or to finish.
9. The time limit for each race will be 2 hours. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).
10. Protests shall be delivered to the RC as soon as possible after the Committee boat docks. Hearings will be held immediately after the RC receives the protest. Good sportsmanship is encouraged and protests are discouraged!
11. Scoring shall be done using the Portsmouth Yardstick. The series will be over 4-6 weekends. Boats must sail in half the races to be officially scored at the end of the season. A member who volunteers for the RC boat will receive a score for the races he/she misses that day that is equal to the average of all their races. Throw outs will be allowed depending on total races for that series TBD by scoring committee.
12. The Summer Series will be "pursuit races" with handicaps taken before the start so that each boat, depending on its rating, has its own start time, with the slowest rated boat starting first. Theoretically, all boats would be crossing the finish very close to each other. This is a very fun way to get familiar with the lake and your boat in a social setting. Bring food and drink to enjoy after the race!!!