

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

for the  
**Wednesday Series**  
of the  
**IVY OPEN RACING FLEET (IORF)**  
**Illinois Valley Yacht and Canoe Club (IVY Club)**

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## **1. Rules**

- 1.1 Races shall be governed by the current edition of “The Racing Rules of Sailing” as published by the United States Sailing Association (USSA) and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The handicap system used will be the IORF time-on-time formula using PHRF handicaps assigned as set forth in the IORF by-laws. All boats competing in this series will be scored using this handicap system.

## **2. Entries**

- 2.1 Races will be counted only for entrants each of whom must be either a Regular member or member of a Sponsored Organization, in good standing of the IORF, as described in the By-Laws. Each entrant must have registered with IORF for the current season and paid the applicable dues.
- 2.2 For a boat to sail and be scored in any official IORF race, it must satisfy each of the following criteria:
  - A. The owner must be an entrant and have registered the boat with IORF. Boats owned by the IVY Club or a Sponsored Organization satisfy this criterion if skippered by an entrant.
  - B. The boat must have a complete and accurate handicap form filed with IORF for the current season.
  - C. For each race either:
    - 1) The owner or a member of the owner’s family who resides with the owner shall be on board the boat, or
    - 2) Another entrant who is not the owner but has permission of the registered owner shall be on board and skipper the boat.
- 2.3 Races will be counted for the registered owner if the owner or a member of the owner’s family who resides with the owner is on board, unless either:
  - A. The race committee is informed prior to the harbor gun that the race will count for another entrant who skips the boat, or
  - B. Neither the owner nor a family member is on board, and the boat is skippered by another entrant who has permission, in which case the race will be counted for the skipper.
- 2.4 All boats intending to start a race shall check in with the Race Committee in the vicinity of the starting line by hailing with the boat name and sail number. This check in shall occur prior to a boat starting the race and must be no more than ten (10) minutes after the starting signal for that boat’s fleet. The Race Committee will not score any boat which is not properly checked in.
- 2.5 At least two (2) boats must be checked in with the Race Committee five (5) minutes before the Warning Signal, or the race will be cancelled.

## **3. Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official IORF bulletin board located in the IVY Club clubhouse in the hallway across from the men’s and ladies’ rooms.

## **4. Changes in Sailing Instructions**

Changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made as set forth in the IORF by-laws and published by the appropriate IORF officer(s).

## 5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Races will be scheduled as set forth in the IORF by-laws and published by the IORF Race Scheduling committee and appropriate IORF officer(s).
- 5.2 Each competitor shall be responsible for supplying assistance to or acting as the Race Committee if requested, for one race each season as published in the schedule of races.
- 5.3 All races shall be in a single series. At least five (5) races must be completed to constitute a series.

## 6. Class Flags

- 6.1 The series will have one single handicap fleet with all boats in that fleet. The class flag is a green pennant. Boats are not required to display a class flag.
- 6.2 Each boat starting a race shall have sail numbers displayed on at least the main sail.

## 7. Racing Area

Unless otherwise specified in the racing schedule, races will be conducted in Upper Peoria Lake in the vicinity of the IVY Club.

## 8. The Course

- 8.1 The Race Committee will decide which course will be sailed.
- 8.2 Diagrams of courses are shown in Appendix A at the end of these instructions.

The Race Committee at their discretion may add a windward offset mark to any course (see mark description in SI 9). Course diagrams illustrate this optional mark.

The Race Committee at their discretion may make the leeward mark a gate, consisting of both a port and starboard mark. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark (see course diagrams).

- 8.3 The course to be sailed will be displayed by course number on the committee boat and/or announced orally by the Race Committee to all boats in the vicinity of the starting line during the time prior to the Warning Signal. It is the responsibility of each boat to become informed about which course is to be sailed.
- 8.4 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee boat will display the approximate bearing from the starting mark to the first mark.

## 9. Marks

All marks are sixty six (66) inch (5.5 foot) tall yellow or white inflatable tetrahedrons, with the exception of the windward offset mark which is an eighteen (18) inch red inflatable ball.

## 10. The Start

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the vertical middle of the starting mark.
- 10.2 Races will be started in accordance to Rule 26:

Time before starting signal	Signal	Flag and sound
5 min. - approx. 6:00 p.m.	Warning	Class flag (remains up until start); 1 sound
4 min.	Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z+I, or Black; 1 sound
1 min.	One-minute	Preparatory removed; 1 long sound
0 min.	Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound

There will be one start for all boats sailing in the race.

- 10.3 Recalls will be per rules 29.1 and 29.2. Additionally, for individual recalls the Race Committee will hail each infringing boat by her sail number.
- 10.4 The Race Committee shall at their sole discretion determine if there is sufficient wind to start the race. In the absence of sufficient wind at the designated time of the warning signal, the Race Committee may either postpone or cancel the race. The time limit for any postponement is 6:30 p.m. by which time the warning signal must be made or the race is cancelled.
- 10.5 The Race Committee will signal postponement and cancellation by exhibiting the following signals:

Meaning	Visual Signal
Postponement	Code Flag "AP" (Answering Pennant)
Cancellation	Code Flag "N"

The Race Committee will call attention to these signals by a gun or other sound signal.

## 11. Abandonment and Cancellation

- 11.1 Races may not be abandoned in this series; they must either be sailed or cancelled. The words "cancel" in lieu of "abandon", "cancelled" in lieu of "abandoned", "cancellation" in lieu of "abandonment", and so on will apply as a modification to the Racing Rules.
- 11.2 The Race Committee may cancel a race at any time if, in their judgement, conditions exist or are imminent that may jeopardize the safety of the boats and crews. This decision will be signaled in accordance with Sailing Instruction 10.5.

## 12. Change of Course after the Start

To change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled per Rule 33 before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

## 13. The Finish

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the vertical middle of the finishing mark.
- 13.2 When the course is shortened at a gate, a Race Committee boat near the gate will display flag S and boats shall finish by sailing through the gate from the direction of the previous mark. The finishing line will be between the gate marks. This changes race signal S.

## 14. Time Limits

- 14.1 The time limit for the race shall be seventy five (75) minutes from the start. If no boats finish by this time, then the race shall be cancelled and no scores recorded. If at least one boat has finished by this time, then the race will be counted.
- 14.2 The Race Committee is not obligated to remain on station for more than seventy five (75) minutes from the start. If the Race Committee leaves the course, it shall notify any boats still racing to keep their own finishing times.
- 14.3 Each boat finishing after the Race Committee leaves the course shall turn in its finishing time, and the identity of the boat immediately ahead and the boat immediately behind, to the Handicap Committee or Race Results committee within seventy two (72) hours following its finishing time.
- 14.4 Each boat crossing the finishing line in the absence of the Race Committee shall be responsible to determine if any other boats are racing, and the last boat shall pick up the finishing mark and place it aboard the Race Committee boat in harbor. The Race Committee shall have already picked up all other marks.

## 15. Protests

- 15.1 Protests are discouraged in this race series, as it is intended to be a fun and learning event. However, certain events, including a “learning opportunity”, may require lodging a protest. In addition to actions described in the Racing Rules, the following apply.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the IVY Club office.
- 15.3 A boat wishing to lodge a protest, if the boat has knowledge of the facts justifying the protest before she finishes, shall notify the Race Committee of the fact that a protest is being lodged and identify the protested boat(s). This notification shall be made orally as soon as possible after the boat wishing to lodge a protest finishes, but in any event shall be made before leaving the finishing line area.
- 15.4 A boat must deliver a written protest to the IORF Fleet Vice-Captain, or in his absence to another IORF officer, or in their absence to a Race Committee official, within thirty (30) minutes of the time the Race Committee boat arrives at its slip following the race.
- 15.5 The IORF Fleet Vice-Captain or in his absence another IORF officer shall convene a Protest Committee as soon as practicable following delivery of a written protest as set forth in Sailing Instruction 15.4. The Protest Committee shall consist of at least three (3) persons who meet the qualifications set forth in Rule 63.4.

## 16. Scoring

- 16.1 Scores will be counted only for entrants as defined in sections 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 of these Sailing Instructions.
- 16.2 Race Scoring – Points for each race will be awarded as follow:
  - 16.2.1 Points are awarded only if an entrant/boat has checked in with the Race Committee as required in section 2.4 of these Sailing Instructions, and all boats checked in for a race must receive a score. Entrants/boats not checked in receive no score (e.g. a blank entry; no points).
  - 16.2.2 The number of boats sailing in a race, defined as “N” boats, is the number of boats checked in with the Race Committee for the race.
  - 16.2.3 The “Low Point” scoring system defined in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be used with the following modifications:
    - a) DNS, OCS, DNF, and RAF each receive N points. Boats which withdraw (sometimes noted WD or termed “retired”) from a race for whatever reason including infraction of the rules will be scored DNF.
    - c) DSQ receives N plus 1 points.

d) The following scores are excluded from use: DNC, SCP (and Rule 44.3), DNE, and DGM.

**16.3 Overall (Series) Scoring** – Overall points for each entrant in the series will be established as follows:

- 16.3.1 An entrant must qualify in the series to receive a series score and a place in the series standings. The entrant must have points in at least 50% of the races completed in the series, in order to qualify for a series score and standing. A race is counted as completed if at least one boat receives a score.
- 16.3.2 An entrant may elect to “throw out” (e.g. not count) points from up to a maximum of three (3) races in the series by notifying the Scorekeeper in writing no later than seven (7) days after the last race of the series. If an entrant does not notify the Scorekeeper as required, then the Scorekeeper will determine which races to throw out based on highest points and that decision is final. As a condition of exercising the rule, the entrant must have qualified in the series, and may not throw out any score which will result in counting points from less than six (6) races in the series.
- 16.3.3 Final score is determined by the average points in all races in which that entrant received points, after throw outs are eliminated. Final standing is based on the order of scores from lowest to highest, low score being first place, next higher score being second place, etc.
- 16.3.4 Ties shall be broken by the result of the races sailed against each other, after throw outs are eliminated, by determining which boat beat the other the most number of times. If a tie still remains, the winner of the last race between the boats will win.

## **17. Alternative Penalties**

The 360° /720° Turns Penalty, Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will be used.

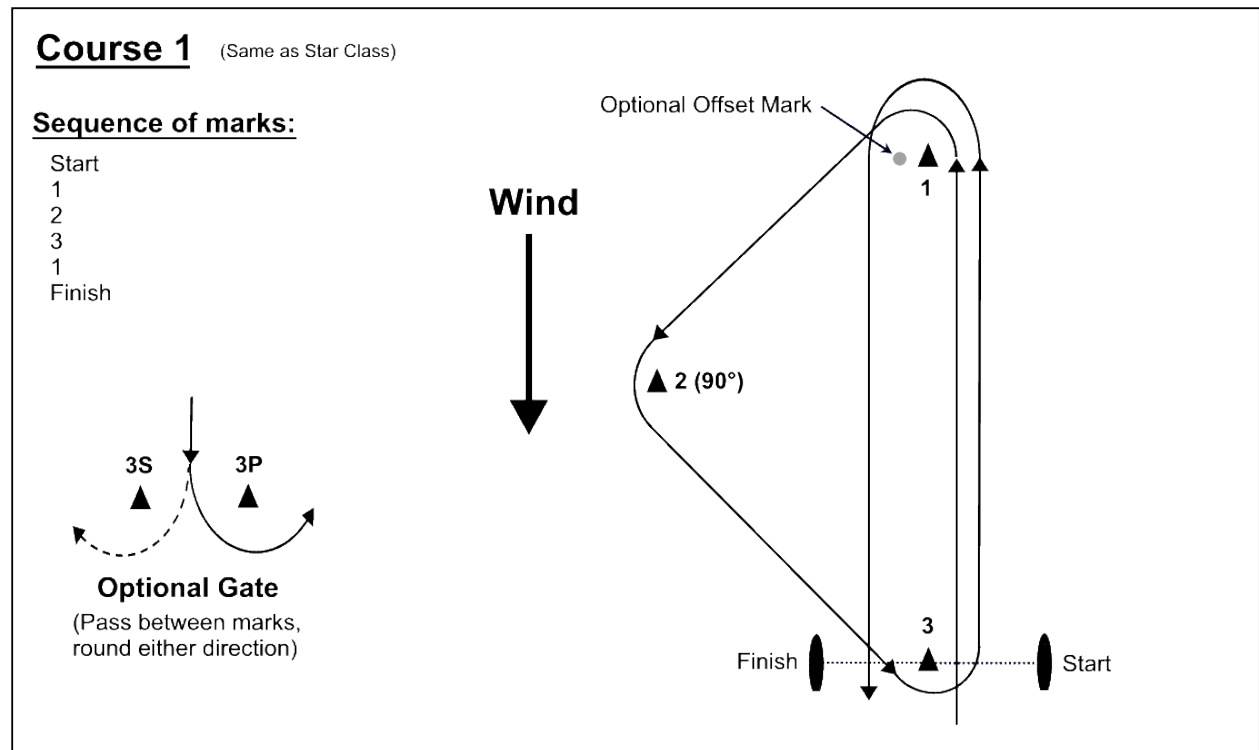
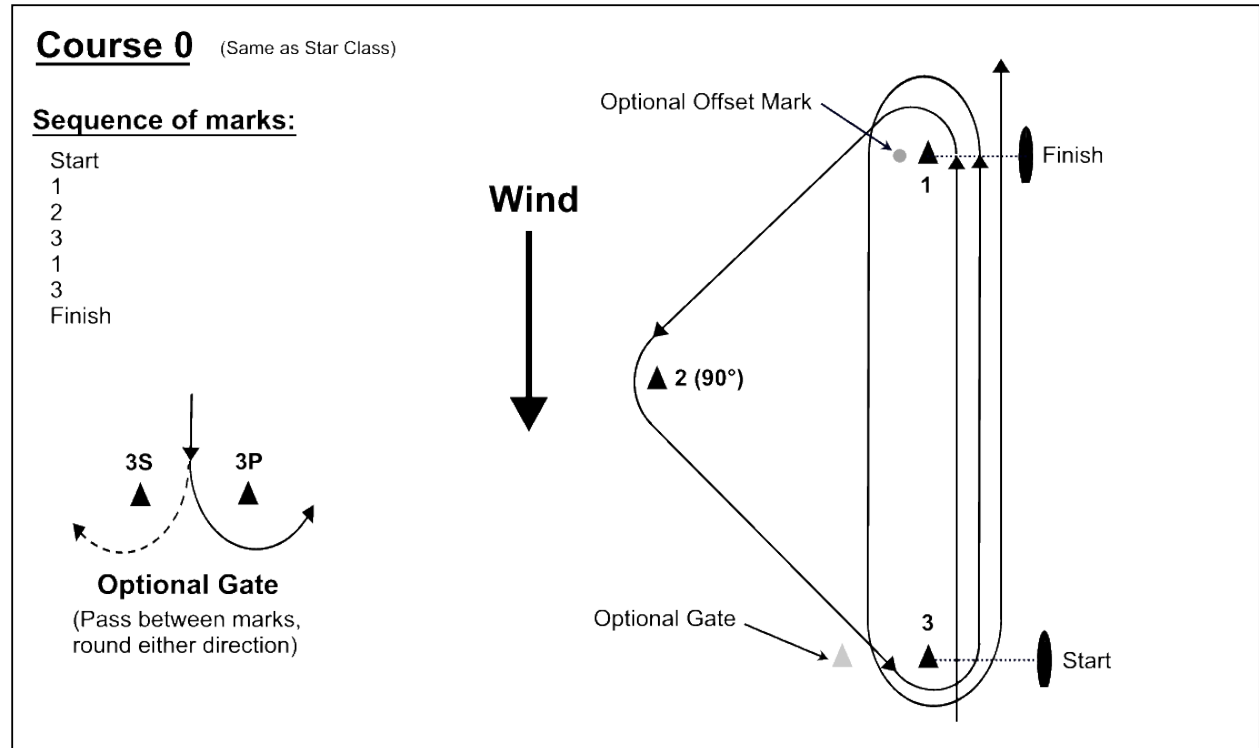
## **18. Other Requirements**

- 18.1 No part of the torso of skipper or crew shall be outside the lifelines or outside the place lifelines would normally exist, except when in the cockpit area. The onus of proof shall be on the protested boat.
- 18.2 All boats will satisfy equipment requirements set forth by the various regulating agencies (such as but not limited to the U.S. Coast Guard, State of Illinois, etc.).

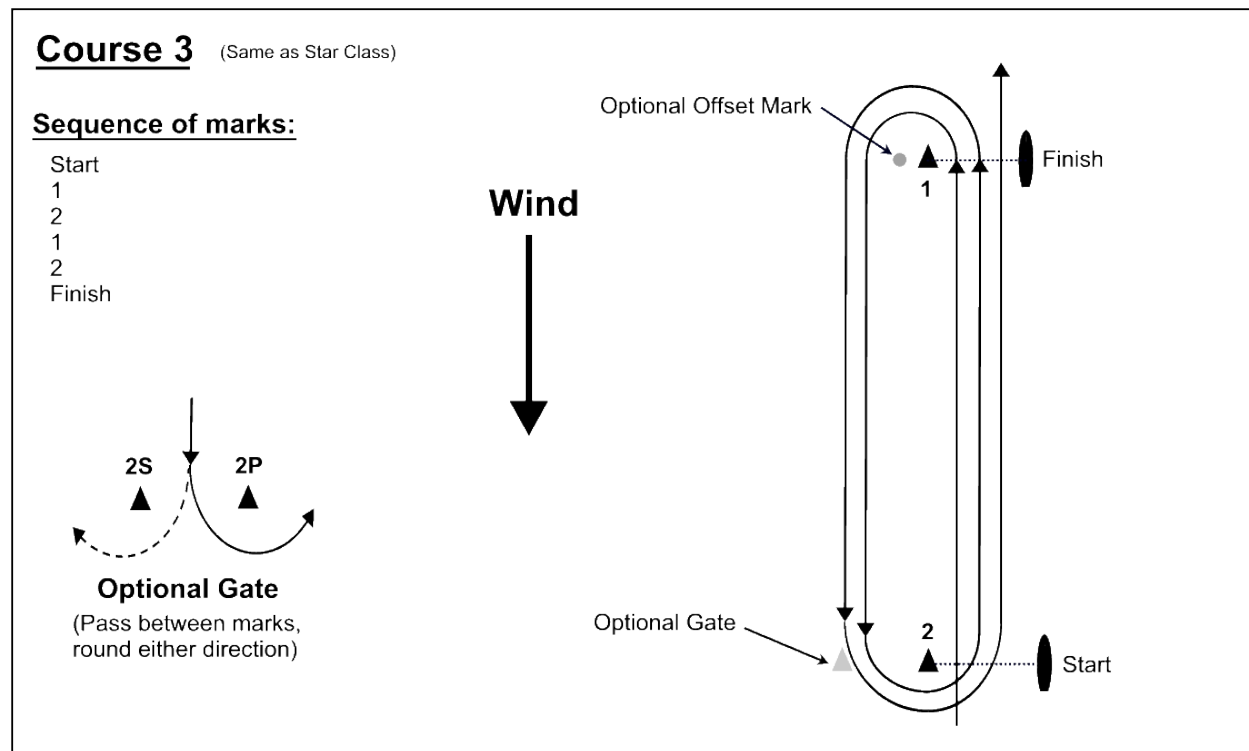
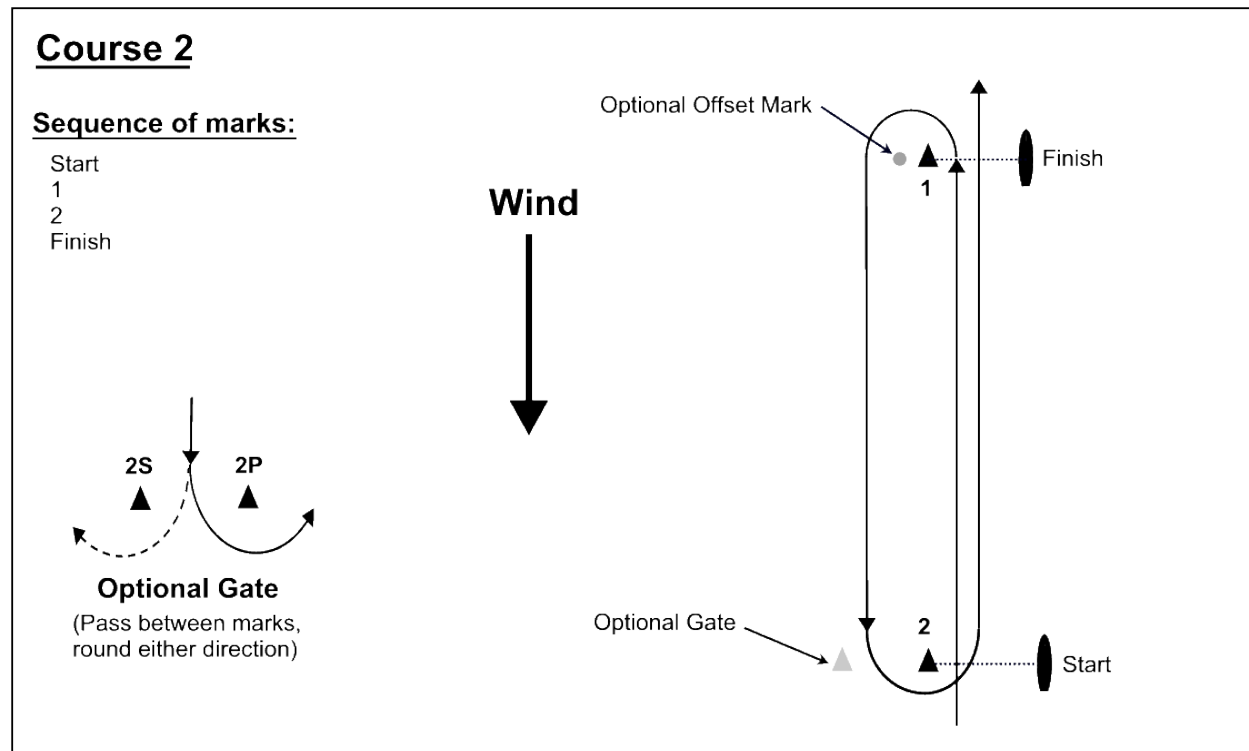
## **19. Prizes**

- 19.1 Prizes shall be awarded to boats finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> places in the series standings. Other boats which qualified for prizes will receive mementos commemorating their participation.
- 19.2 At the discretion of the Fleet Captain, special prizes or mementos may be awarded as for special races, special contributions, etc.

**APPENDIX A – Course Descriptions**



**APPENDIX A – Course Descriptions (continued)**



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