

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

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 (U.S.S.A.) and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The IORF Capri 22 One Design Class Rules will apply to the Capri 22 fleet except as may be altered by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The handicap system used for handicap fleets will be the I.O.R.F time-on-time formula using P.H.R.F. handicaps assigned as set forth in the IORF By-Laws. Boats will be assigned to fleets as set forth in the IORF By-Laws.

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 IORF Regular member who is not the owner but has permission of the registered owner shall be on board and skipper the boat.
 - 3) Requirements 1) and 2) above replace and supersede the requirements in the Capri 22 Class Rules, items 2.3 and 4.0.
- 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 of a fleet must be checked in with the Race Committee five (5) minutes before the Warning Signal for that fleet, or the race for that fleet 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 Racing shall be conducted in one series each year. There shall be approximately twenty (20) races scheduled in the series. At least ten (10) races must be completed to constitute a series; "completed" meaning at least one boat in the fleet receives a score, counting for each fleet separately.
- 5.3 Each competitor shall be responsible for supplying assistance to the Race Committee if requested, for one race each season as published in the schedule of races.
- 5.4 A "harbor gun" will be signaled by a gun or other sound thirty (30) minutes before the Warning Signal for the first fleet in the first race of the day. This signal will occur approximately 9:30 a.m. for morning races and approximately 1:00 p.m. for afternoon races.
- 5.5 For back-to-back races, the Warning Signal for the first fleet in each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the postponement signal (see Sailing Instruction 10.6) will be displayed for at least four minutes before a Warning Signal is displayed.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1 Each boat starting a race shall display prominently from a backstay a flag signifying the appropriate fleet as follows:

Fleet	Flag
Blue	Solid blue pennant
Red	Solid red pennant

- 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 between the Harbor Gun and the First 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 Race Committee will decide the order of fleet starts.
- 10.2 The order of fleet starts will be announced orally by the Race Committee to all boats in the vicinity of the starting line during the time between the harbor gun and the warning signal for the first fleet. It is the responsibility of each boat to become informed about the starting order.
- 10.3 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.
- 10.4 Races will be started in accordance to Rule 26:

Time before starting signal	Signal	Flag and sound
35 min. - approx. 9:30 a.m. (morning) 1:00 p.m. (afternoon)	Harbor gun	No flag; 1 sound
5 min.	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

The above sequence of signals results in the start of the first fleet. Remaining fleets will start at five (5) minute intervals. The start of a fleet is the Warning Signal for the following fleet, so once a fleet has started, the class flag for the next fleet is displayed and the sequence repeats.

- 10.5 In the absence of sufficient wind, the Race Committee may postpone the start of the race for up to, but no longer than, sixty (60) minutes. After sixty (60) minutes, the race shall be started or cancelled.

In the event that the earlier race of back-to-back races is cancelled due to the absence of sufficient wind, the Race Committee may postpone the starting sequence of the following race by up to two (2) hours. After two (2) hours, the race shall be started or cancelled. The Race Committee may convey oral instructions to the fleets regarding additional signals to be used in the event the fleets are allowed to return to harbor during the postponement period.

- 10.6 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.

- 10.7 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 .

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 the race at any time if, in their judgment, conditions exist or are imminent that may jeopardize the safety of the boats and crews.

12. Change of Course after the Start

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 In the event that the lead boat in a race does not round the first leeward mark of the course in less than ninety (90) minutes from the starting signal of the first fleet, the race shall consist of one (1) lap only with finish at the first leeward mark.

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 In the event that the lead boat in a race does not round the first leeward mark of the course in less than one hundred twenty (120) minutes from the starting signal of the first fleet, the race shall be cancelled.
- 14.2 The Race Committee is not obligated to remain on station for more than one hundred eighty (180) minutes after the starting signal of the first fleet. 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 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.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the IVY Club office.
- 15.3 A boat must deliver a written protest to the IORF Fleet Vice-Captain, or in his absence to another IORF officer, within thirty (30) minutes of the time the Race Committee boat arrives at its slip following the race.
- 15.4 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. 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 Each fleet will be scored separately.
- 16.2 Scores will be counted only for entrants as defined in sections 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 of these Sailing Instructions.
- 16.3 Race Scoring – Points for each fleet in each race will be awarded as follow:
- 16.3.1 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).
 - 16.3.2 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 in each fleet.
 - 16.3.3 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.
- 16.4 Overall (Series) Scoring – Overall points for each entrant in the series will be established as follows:
- 16.4.1 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 their fleet in the series, in order to qualify for a series score and standing. Completed races are counted for each fleet separately; “completed” meaning at least one boat in the fleet receives a score.
 - 16.4.2 An entrant may elect to “throw out” (e.g. not count) points from up to a maximum of five (5) 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 throw out only the number of scores shown in the following table:

Races sailed over the number required to qualify	Number of throw-outs permitted	Comment
0	0	Qualifying race
1	1	
2	1	
3	2	
4	2	
5	3	
6	3	
7	4	
8	4	
9 & greater	5	Maximum of 5 throw-outs

- 16.4.3 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.
- 16.4.4 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.
- 16.4.4 Any combined races or regattas with other fleets shall not be counted for purposes of determining fleet standing in the series.

17. Alternative Penalties

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

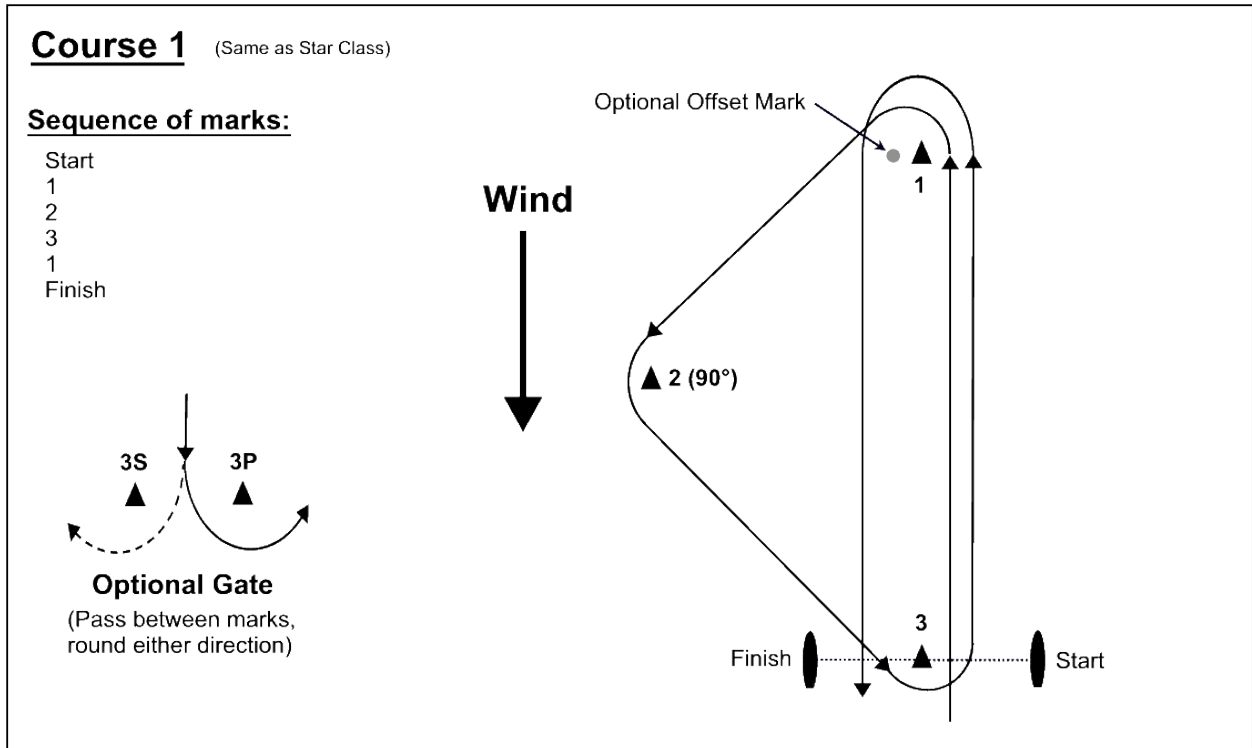
18. Other Requirements

- 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.).

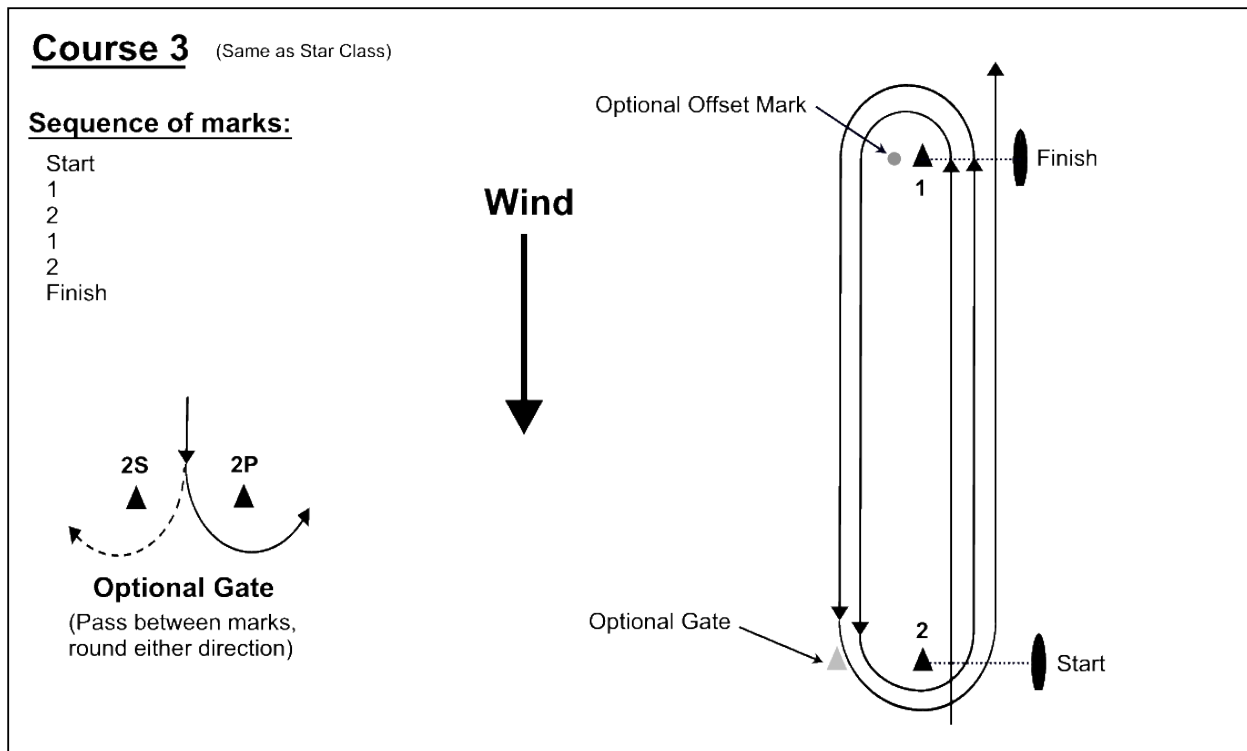
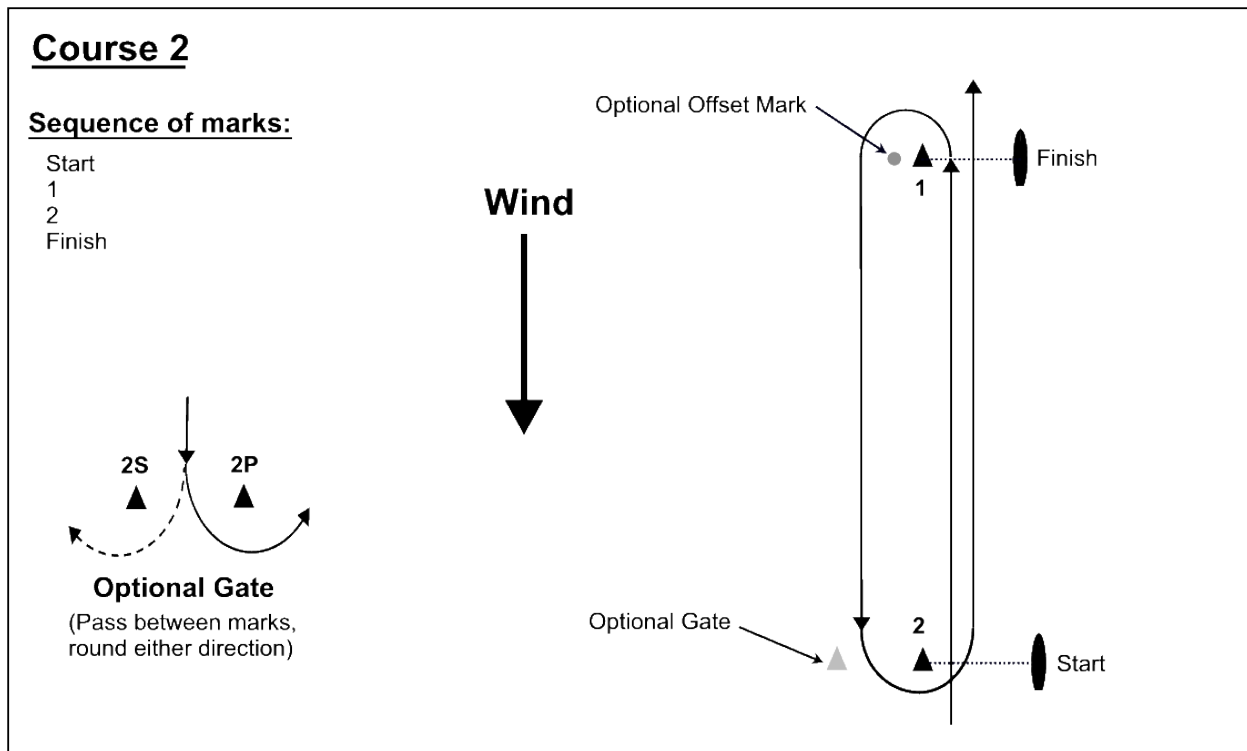
19. Prizes

- 19.1 The number of prizes within each of the fleets for the season will be determined by the fleet officers. Prizes shall be awarded only on the basis of standings in each fleet as determined by the series score of each entrant. Entrants must have qualified to receive a prize. The fleet officers may award a prize to the entrant who has the highest corrected finish for the season in any fleet who has never won an IORF fleet prize in the current or any previous season.
- 19.2 Within the "handicap" fleet(s), traveling trophies for the season shall be awarded to first place based on series standings. The traveling trophies for first place based on actual times shall be retired at the IVY Club's trophy case.
- 19.3 At the discretion of the Fleet Captain, special prizes may be awarded as for special races, special contributions, etc.

APPENDIX A – Course Descriptions



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