

Sailing Instructions  
Gopher Invite  
September 14-15th, 2019

**I. Rules**

The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the ICSA Procedural Rules, and the MCSA Policy Handbook, except as these are modified by these Instructions.

**II. Entries**

Eligible schools shall enter the event by listing the names of Registered Contestants to participate for a team on the Record of Participation Forms.

**III. Notices to Competitors**

Notices to Competitors will be posted of the Official Notice Board, located on the window of the lake side entrance of the Mike Plant Community Boathouse.

**IV. Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day that it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect. Other changes may be made to expedite the running of the event if the Judges approve and all teams are notified before the race in which the change would take effect.

**V. Schedule of Races**

Saturday: Report Time 0830  
Competitor's Meeting 0845  
First Race Warning will follow as soon as possible  
after a reasonable amount of

time is given for the rotation of boats. Starts will not be delayed.

Sunday:	Report Time	0900
	No A Division Race Started After	1300

Competitors may not leave the docks each morning until permitted. Warning for subsequent races will be sounded as soon as possible after time is allowed for boat rotation. Starts will not be delayed.

## **VI. The Course**

The diagrams below show the courses that the Race Committee will choose from. Course selection may be announced orally or signaled by numeral pennant. All marks may be of any color. Should a gate mark or a windward or offset mark be missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

## **VII. The Start**

- i) The starting procedure outlined in PR18(b)(i) will be used. Sound signals may be horn or whistle.
- ii) The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end, and the course side of the port end starting mark.

## **VIII. The Finish**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of a mark on its port side.

## **IX. Protests and Breakdowns**

- i) A protesting boat shall follow the procedure outlined in PR 29.
- ii) Protests shall be written on forms available from the host school. Completed forms must be handed to the scorer when the protesting skipper has more than 30 minutes ashore between races.
- iii) Protests will be heard in approximate order of receipt. The protesting parties and all witnesses shall be prepared to have their hearings at any time after the protest has been filed and all parties are ashore.

## **X. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to the first place finishers in each division and to the top three finishers overall.

Course	Marks
3	Start – W – O – G – Upwind Finish
4	Start – W – O – G – W – O – Downwind Finish
5	Start – W – O – G – W – O – G – Upwind Finish

