



Buckeye Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta

Hosted by The Ohio State University and Alum Creek Sailing Association

3241 Lewis Center Rd, Lewis Center, OH

April 25-27, 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and any changes to the RRS by the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendments or changes thereto.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority for this regatta is the Ohio State University Sailing Team in conjunction with the Alum Creek Sailing Association (ACSA).
- 1.4 The completion of one race shall constitute the series.

2. ENTRY

- 2.1 All Teams must be members of the ICSCA and are scheduled for the event at the Annual meeting or after that by the MCSA Regatta Coordinator.
- 2.2 All regatta team members participating must meet ICSCA eligibility requirements.
[See PR 12]
- 2.3 Student-athletes shall register annually with ICSCA prior to competing.
- 2.4 All Student-athletes shall register online using Techscore
[\[scores.collegesailing.org\]](https://scores.collegesailing.org).

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the Notice Board on Techscore and the Official Notice Board inside the ACSA pavilion.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions on-shore shall be posted to the Official Board not later than one (1) hour before the Warning Signal for the first day on which they will take effect.
- 4.2 Changes to the Schedule of Races will be posted to the Official Board not later than 10:00 pm on the day before they will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the ACSA Facility.
- 5.2. Flag “AP” with two sounds (one sound when lowered) means the race is postponed. The first warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after “AP” is lowered.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Friday, April 25

- 1500 Team Registration Opens
1600 Open Practice Begins
1900 Open Practice Ends
1930 Provided Dinner

Saturday, April 26

- 0800 Report Time and Provided Breakfast
0830 Skipper’s Meeting
1000 First Warning Signal
1700 Provided Dinner

Sunday, April 27

- 0830 Provided Breakfast
- 1000 First Warning Signal
- 1300 No Warning Signal After This Time
- 1400 Awards and Provided Meal

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will occur on Alum Creek Lake between the dam and the Cheshire Road bridge.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be windward/leewards and will be designated as 1, 2, or 3.
- 8.2 The Race Committee will display the course and will also announce this information on the regatta VHF channel (Channel 69).
- 8.3 An Offset may be used at the windward mark. IF an offset mark (1a) is used, it will be an Orange Tetrahedron and shall be rounded to port. If there is no offset mark, the windward mark is to be rounded to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 All marks will be inflatable cylinders or balls or tetrahedrons. The following are the Mark colors:
 - Start – Red Ball
 - Finish – Orange Tetrahedrons
 - Weather Mark (1) – Yellow Cylinder
 - Offset Mark (1a) – Orange Tetrahedron
 - Leeward Mark (2a/b) – Yellow Cylinder

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between the staff supporting ORANGE FLAG on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a Red Ball at the port end of the starting line.

11. RECALLS

- 11.1 It is each competitor's responsibility to start properly. Individual and General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1 and 29.2, respectively. The race committee intends to hail boats that have not started properly on VHF Channel 69.
- 11.2 The following are not grounds for redress: failure of the committee to radio or hail any or all boats, failure of a boat to hear or receive its hail, timeliness of the hail, or the order of boats within the hail.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying the Blue Flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby orange/red mark.
- 12.2 Boats that retire from a race for any reason shall report their action as soon as possible to the Race Committee. This report shall be made by marine radio (VHF Channel 69) or in person to one of the Race Committee Boats.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 If the lead boat of a class has not rounded the first mark within forty five (45) minutes after its start, the race will be abandoned
- 13.2 The Time Limit is two (2) Hours for each race.
- 13.3 Boats finishing more than twenty (20) minutes after the first finisher in its class will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) - DNF.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1 Protests shall be made as defined in RRS 60 and 61. Boats intending to protest shall, after finishing or retiring, notify the Race Committee Signal Boat, either in person or by radio (VHF Channel 69), of their intent to protest and shall provide their bow number and the bow number of the boat or boats being protested.
- 14.2 Protest Time shall be one (1) hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat returns to the docks. The docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

- 14.3 Protest forms are available at the ACSA protest desk in the ACSA Pavillion, and protests shall be delivered there within the time limit specified in instruction 14.2.
- 14.4 Protests will be heard in the approximate order received and as soon as possible. Protest notices will be posted on the notice board shortly after Protest Time ends to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to or named as witnesses.
- 14.5 The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of the protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 14.6 Protests delivered on the last day of this regatta, which do not involve award winners, may, at the Protest Committee's discretion, be heard after the awards presentation.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.2 Boats scored TLE-DNF will receive points equal to the number of boats that finished within the time limit plus two (2), not to exceed the number of points of a DNF.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 16.1 The regatta VHF channel will be VHF channel 69. Boats shall always monitor this channel while on the water. A hand-held VHF radio as a backup is recommended.

17. AWARDS

- 17.1 Boats shall receive first-, second-, and third-place awards for the series.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 USCG Approved personal flotation shall always be worn while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40.2.
- 18.2 All boats shall check with the Race Committee signal boat prior to their first warning of the day.
- 18.3 Wind Limits:
- 18.3.1 The Race Committee will indicate the prohibition of spinnakers when the on the water wind velocity in the sailing area is measured at a steady 20 to 22 knots.
- 18.3.2 The Race Committee will abandon any race in progress and not start another race when the on the water wind velocity in the sailing area is measured at greater than 22 knots, or gusts are measured at 27 knots or greater.
- 18.3.3 Races should not be started unless the Race Committee is satisfied that the wind strength in the starting area, and to the best of its belief on the rest of the course, is in excess of an average of three (3) knots for three (3) minutes before the start as measured using instrumentation and while not moving over the bottom or anchored.

19. CREW

- 19.1 The number of crew for a boat will be the same throughout the regatta, and will not exceed five (5). Individual crew members may be replaced for valid reasons. The Race Committee shall be notified of any such changes.
- 19.2 In addition to the crew, the assigned Owner's Representative must remain on board during all racing.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to acknowledge that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with

inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in an increased risk of injury. Inherent to the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

- 20.2 The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this regatta to the fullest extent permitted by law. Signed waivers in affirmation of this statement will be required by all participants at registration.

Course Diagram

Course 1: S - 1 - 1a - F

Course 2: S - 1 - 1a - 2a/b - 1 - 1a - F

Course 3: S - 1 - 1a - 2a/b - 1 - 1a - 2a/b - 1 - 1a - F

