

# Cactus Cup 2026 Sailing Instructions

**1. Rules** The regatta will be governed by the ICSA Procedural Rules, the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US SAILING (US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, 63.4 are deleted); the rules of the CFJ Class or PCCSC regarding Collegiate FJ's (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions, or the ICSA Procedural Rules); the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions (SI) including their Appendices. In case of conflict, the SI and any amendments and Appendices will prevail.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** Notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board (Techscore Website for Each Fleet) or made orally to all competitors on the water.

**3. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before racing on the day they will take effect.

## **4. SCHEDULE**

Saturday, March 1

0800 Breakfast

0845 Report time, registration

0900 Competitor's Meeting

1030 First Start

1900 Dinner

Sunday, March 2

0730 Breakfast

0830 Report time

0900 First Start

1430 Last start

**5. RACING AREA** Fleets will compete on the water in the south area of Lake Pleasant

**6. COURSE** The course is shown in Appendix A.

**6. ROTATIONS** Competitors will rotate off boats on the water. Please be careful when rotating between FJs and other boats. Competitors will be on the water all day! Bring snacks, water, and sunscreen. There will be a bathroom available on the committee boat.

**7. MARKS** The starting pin shall be an orange buoy. The course marks shall be orange/yellow marks, unless specified otherwise by the race committee. A green tetrahedron may be set on the water as an alternate mark. Race committee will notify the competitors if the alternate mark is being used. The finish pin shall be a pale yellow buoy.

## **8. START/FINISH**

8.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule Appendix S as modified by the ICSA Procedural Rules.

8.2 The start line will be between the leading edge of a mast on the committee boat, which is painted orange, and an inflatable mark or orange flag. The finish line will be between the leading edge of the mast on the committee boat and an inflatable buoy. The start and finish line will be sighted from the course side of all marks.

## **9. RECALLS**

9.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with ICSA Procedural Rules. The race committee will attempt to hail a yacht's sail number; however, it is the responsibility of each yacht to make a proper start. Failure to be hailed or hear a hail is, in itself, insufficient cause for granting redress.

9.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with ICSA Procedural Rules (multiple whistles and no visual signal, and the '1 minute rule' shall be in effect after any general recall.)

**10. RETIREMENT** A yacht that retires from a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the racing area. If that is not possible, the competitor shall notify a regatta representative immediately after arriving ashore.

**11. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES** The one-turn and two-turns penalties described in RRS Rule 44.1 will apply.

## **12. PROTESTS**

12.1 Protests shall be filed in writing within 15 minutes after the last boat reaches the beach for each rotation.

12.2 Protests that do not materially affect the standings of the affected parties are strongly discouraged.

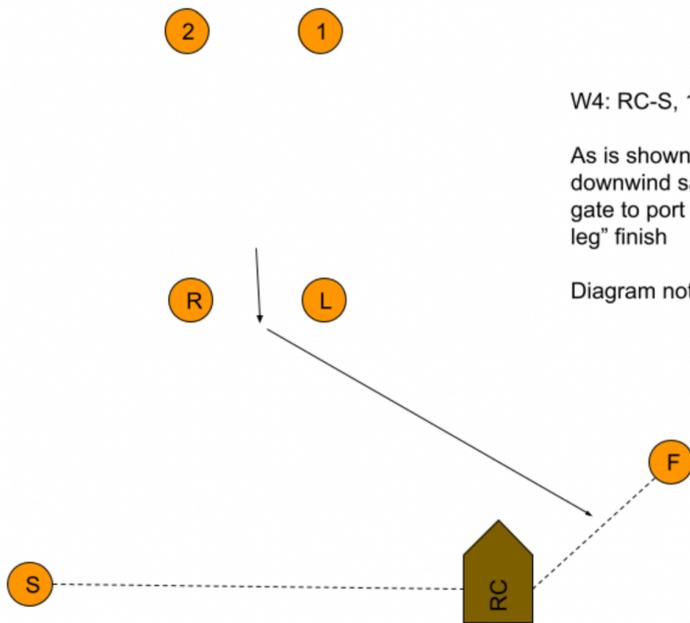
12.3 Competitors are reminded that it is far more pleasant for all involved to exonerate themselves on the water using the Alternative Penalties described in SI 11 and RRS Rule 44.1 than to necessitate a protest hearing.

## **13. COACHING**

13.1 For all fleets, coaching shall be done from the beach.

13.2 Any spectators on the water shall have no contact with any competitor except when rendering assistance under RRS Rule 1, or as instructed by the race committee.

Appendix A



W4: RC-S, 1, 2, R-L, 1, 2, L, RC-F

As is shown in the diagram, on the last downwind sailors must round the "L" gate to port before sailing to the "dog leg" finish

Diagram not to scale

W2: RC-S, 1, 2, L, RC-F