

2009 - 2010 GMSC Keel Boat Series & Regattas

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, the rules of each fleet and by these sailing instructions.

2 Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices will be posted on the bulletin board at the Pavilion.

2.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no less than 30 minutes before the harbor gun on the day the changes take effect.

3 Signals Made Ashore

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the committee boat.

3.2 The harbor gun will be signaled by one horn no less than thirty (30) minutes before the first warning signal for the first fleet. Harbor gun will be at 12:30 p.m.

4 Schedule

4.1 2-4 races are scheduled per race day, conditions permitting.

5 Class Flags/Fleet Sequence

5.1 *Class Flags: To be announced at competitors meeting.*

A Fleet

B Fleet

ONE BOAT FROM ANY FLEET DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A FLEET.

6 Safety

6.1 *All boats must conform to their respective fleet and GYA-PHRF rules, and are subject to inspection by the race committee and/or fleet captains at any time during the series.*

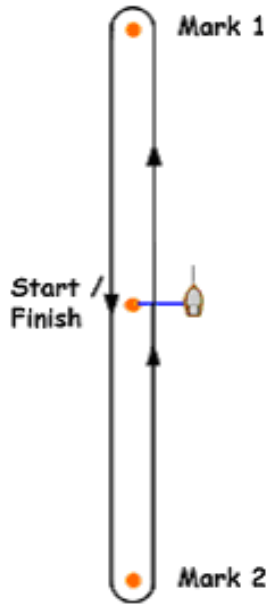
6.2 *Before the first warning signal for each race, all competitors shall check in with the race committee by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the anchored committee boat and hailing their sail number until acknowledged by a committee member.*

6.3 *A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the race area. If this is not possible, the competitor shall notify a series representative immediately after arriving ashore.*

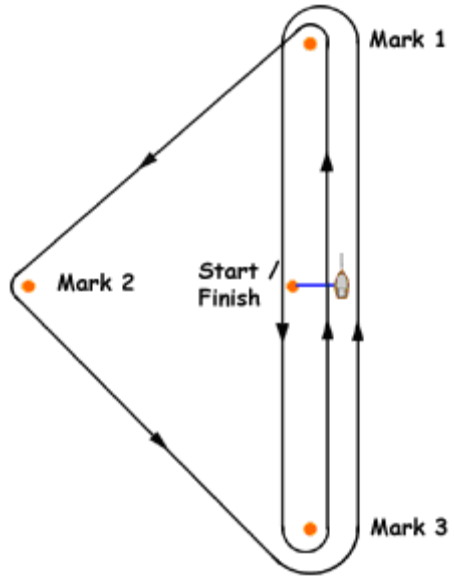
7 The Courses

7.1 *The diagrams with the identifying letters below show the courses for both fleets, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left (orange background on course board - port roundings; green background - starboard roundings). A leeward gate may be set on any windward/leeward leg. Boats shall pass through the gate from the direction of the last mark, rounding from inside to outside.*

Course WL, LW, etc



Course M*



Basic windward/leeward courses:

Start/finish lines may be in the middle of the course or at either end of the course. If at the end of the course, the start/finish line will be outside the mark(s). **Look for the committee boat on station.**

Course M* On the last race of the day, the finish line may be moved upwind of the weather mark to finish as close to the club as possible in appropriate wind directions. **Look for the committee boat on station.**

Starts and/or finishes may be downwind depending on wind direction and proximity to the sailing club.

- 7.2 The course will be displayed from the transom of the race committee signal boat before or with the **preparatory** signal for the first fleet, along with the approximate compass bearing to the first mark. This changes ISAF Rule 27.1.
- 7.3 Both fleets shall sail the same course with the only exception being **2 windward marks**.
A-Fleet's will be the furthest upwind.
- 7.4 Shortened course will be signaled with the hoisting of Code Flag S and two (2) sound signals.
- “ 32.2 If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sounds), the finishing line shall be,
- (a) at a rounding *mark*, between the *mark* and a staff displaying flag S;
 - (b) at a line boats are required to cross at the end of each lap, that

line;

(c) at a gate, between the gate *marks*.

The shortened course shall be signalled before the first boat crosses the finishing line."

Additional:

(d) at the finish line on the next passing of that line, if the line is in the middle of the course.

8 Marks

- 8.1 Marks will be yellow cylinders and/or permanent marks, to be discussed at competitors meeting.
- 8.2 As provided in instruction 11, Change of Position of the Next Mark, marks will be same as above.
- 8.3 The starting and finishing marks will be an orange cylindrical buoy.

9 The Start

- 9.1 Races will be started using rule 26 as follows:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag and sound</u>	<u>Minutes before start</u>
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z and I, or black flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Start	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

- 9.2 The lowering of Code Flag L with one sound signal will take place 1 minute before the warning signal of each race.
- 9.3 Fleets will start in the order shown in SI 5. **The warning signal for each succeeding fleet shall be the starting signal of the preceding fleet.**
- 9.4 A boat shall start within four minutes of her starting signal. Any boat(s) starting later than 4 minutes shall be scored DNS for that race.
- 9.5 The starting line will be between a staff displaying the blue RC flag on the race committee signal boat and the starting mark.
- 9.6 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made. In the event of a downwind start, B Fleet sailors shall sail out to either side of the starting line **well clear of the starting area until A Fleet has started.**

10 Recalls

- 10.1 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) that are OCS. When the Round-an-End Rule is

in effect, the race committee may hail sail numbers during the minute before the start.

10.2 The race committee procedure for hailing boats that were OCS shall not be grounds for redress.

10.3 After a general recall, the starting sequences for all fleets shall continue as before one minute after lowering of first substitute flag.

11 **Change of Position of the Next Mark**

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark(s) as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat of either fleet has begun the leg, although the mark(s) may not yet be in the new position. An RC boat displaying Code Flag C will be on station at the mark beginning the change and shall notify each boat with a sound signal and approximate compass course to next mark.

12 **The Finish**

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying the blue RC flag on a race committee boat and the finishing mark or nearby mark.

12.2 The finish line is an obstruction. Do not cross unless finishing.

12.3 **After finishing, all boats shall vacate the finishing area and sail out to starboard side of race course clear of boats still racing.** See Racing Rules of Sailing, Section D, Rule 23.

13 **Protests**

13.1 Upon finishing each race, a boat intending to protest shall immediately, without consultation with instructors or spectators, notify the race committee of her intent to protest and, if possible, the sail number of the protested boat. (This adds to rule 61.1) This action shall be delayed if the race committee personnel are busy finishing other boats and shall be completed at first appropriate opportunity. **All boats intending to protest shall follow the guidelines set forth by ISAF Rules 60-62.2 EXACTLY, no exceptions.**

13.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at RC boat and/or the pavilion and delivered to race committee within **1 hour** after the race committee boat docks.

14 **Penalties**

14.1 ISAF Rule 44.2 Two-Turns Penalty shall apply. A boat that has taken a penalty shall notify the Race Committee at end of said race.

15 **Scoring**

15.1 Scoring is at the discretion of each fleet concerning throw-outs, DSQ's, etc.

16 **Discipline**

See Racing Rules of Sailing, Part 1 -- Fundamental Rules