

## 2018 Sailing Instructions for Buoy Races

1. **NOTICE:** Any notice to competitors will be posted at the KBSC Tiki Hut no later than 11:00 AM on race day.
2. **CHANGES:** Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at the KBSC Tiki Hut no later than 11:00 on race day.
3. **COMMUNICATIONS:** RRS 25 is changed to allow for on the water communication between the Race Committee and racing boats on the VHFchannel68. Boat to boat chatter is discouraged.
4. **WARNING SIGNAL:** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 12:54 hours and consists of a series of short horn blasts. The Start sequence will commence at 12:55 unless noted by the Race Committee.
5. **DESIGNATED COURSE:** A colored number placard shall be displayed by the Committee Boat designating the course to be completed in the current race. The Color will indicate the Fleet course, with 168 Class Boats designated by RED numbers and Open Fleet Boats using those designated by the BLACK numbers. The placard numbers will indicate course buoy sequences. A Course Map is available.
6. **SUBSEQUENT RACES:** All fleets will attempt 2 races per day, weather permitting. The fleet starting order for the second race may differ from that of the first race. If a third race is planned it will be by notice from the RC. Starting sequences may differ from the initial start sequence. *Monitoring RC instructions by radio is each competitor's responsibility.*
7. **TIME EXPIRATION:** Last race latest start time is 16:00 hours.
8. **STARTING:** The start of all races shall be between the Orange Fender on the Committee Boat and an orange or yellow inflatable mark. An offset buoy can be placed off the race committee boat to keep boats clear of committee boat. Starting signals shall be US Sailing Part 3 rule 26. The **start** signal for the previous fleet will be the warning signal for the following fleet. For the second and subsequent races, the warning signal may or may not be used. The finish line shall be the same as the start line except for shortened course or special sailing instructions. The start/finish line is restricted except to start and finish.
9. **LOCATION:** Regatta location is the Clearlake Oaks arm. Location changes will be posted or noted at the Skipper's Meeting – 11:00 am Race Day
10. **OVER EARLY:** The "I" flag rule (RRS 30.1) is in effect at all times. The Round-End Rule is that if a boat is on the course side (OCS) during the last minute before the start "she shall thereafter sail from the course side across an extension to the pre-start side before starting." You must round either the Committee Boat or the pin end and reenter the starting line (no dipping). Also remember that while you are heading for an end to round, that you will have no rights, (not even starboard!) and shall *KEEP CLEAR* of non-penalized vessels.
11. **INDIVIDUAL RECALL:** The Race Committee (RC) will give one horn blast, "X" flag up, and hail the individual over early boats, on Channel 68 or verbally if within earshot, by sail number. **NOTE:** The RC is not required to hail, this is courtesy of the RC. The failure to hail, the hail of some but not all early boats, or untimely hail of a boat or boats shall not be grounds for granting redress (changes RRS 62.1(a)).

12. **General Recalls:** If more than three boats are over early the Race Committee will give two horn blasts, hoisting the “First Substitute” flag up. The recall will be announced on Channel 68. In the case of a general recall, three blasts will signal a new countdown sequence. **If there is a rolling start sequence in**

place, the subsequent start shall continue and the recalled boats shall keep clear while awaiting further instructions.

13. **Shorten Course:** The Race Committee may shorten the course for any reason. The Race Committee will raise the "S" flag, give two blasts of the horn, and or hail the fleet(s) over channel 68 informing them of the changes.
14. **The Finish:** The finish of all races shall be between the blue flag on the Committee Boat and an orange or yellow inflatable mark. **The Racing Committee may direct a finishing competitor to complete their race outside this line if they anticipate a safety concern.**
15. **Time Limit:** There is a 2 hour time limit for any race. When the blue flag is displayed, the committee boat is finishing boats. When dropped, the time limit has expired. PHRF boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat to finish will be awarded a finish score of one point and designated as DNF.
16. **Penalty System:** The RC has determined that given the particular conditions of the KBSC races, normal Two Turns penalties as described in RRS 44.1 and 44.2, can be taken as a One Turn penalty. One turn penalty for a non-contact foul and a two turn penalty for a boat to boat contact foul. After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a protested boat can take the appropriate Turn Penalty to exonerate herself. When a boat hits a mark the penalty is still one turn.
17. **Protest:** Protests and Requests for Redress: follow RRS 60 – RRS 62.2. A protesting yacht shall hail 'protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity (RRS 61.1a). Also boats intending to protest will, after finishing, notify the Race Committee before leaving the start/finish area. The notification shall include the sail number or yacht name (PHRF) of the protested boat. After receiving this notification the Race Committee will announce over Channel 68 that a protest is pending and that a meeting will occur. The protesting yacht must fill out a protest form and deliver it to the attending race officer no later than one hour after the last finish of that day. The Protest hearing will begin 30 minutes after the form is submitted provided all parties are in attendance. Protest Forms are available online at <http://www.ussailing.org/racemgt/documents/ussapf.pdf>, please print copies and have them on your boat.
  - A. In lieu of holding a protest hearing, the boat protested may acknowledge the foul by taking the penalty proscribed in Section 14.
  - B. Before holding a protest hearing, the protesting skipper and protested skipper will attempt to choose an arbitrator to hear the protest. If they can agree on an arbitrator, the arbitrator's decision shall be final and the parties agree to accept the arbitrator's findings and penalties(s) if any.
  - C. If the parties to the protest are unable or unwilling to choose an arbitrator, the protesting boat may file the protest to be heard as described in Section 15. The protesting skipper shall accompany the protest with a \$35 filing fee that will be donated to KBSC should the protesting skipper lose the protest.

**Sign in Form for Konocti Bay Sailing Club–2018 Sailing Events**

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail# \_\_\_\_\_

NC PHRF Rating: \_\_\_\_\_ Open Class \_\_\_\_\_ KBSC 168 Fleet \_\_\_\_\_

Person name signing in boat (print) \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in a Konocti Bay Sailing Club events are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that, when competitors break a rule, they will promptly take a penalty or retire.

Signature name signing in boat: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_