

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Eastern Class E Scow Association
2018 Championship Regatta
Organizing Authority: Keuka Yacht Club
August 3 – 5, 2018**

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the 2017- 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and by the National E Scow Association rules, including the rules of the E Scow Eastern Association as revised.

2 Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The regatta is open to all Class E Scow yachts which meet the rules (see 1 Rules above) and who properly complete registration and measurement requirements.

2.2 Each yacht must keep the same crew throughout the regatta, unless a written declaration is made at registration to the Jury Chair specifying crew changes (including helmsman) and the specific times the changes will be made. If an emergency causes a crew member to be unable to sail, a substitute crew may be used only after receiving permission from the Jury Chair.

3 Notices to Competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the bulletin board inside the clubhouse

4 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by the harbor gun horn on the day it will be effective, and any change in the schedule of racing will be posted by 20:00 the day before the change is effective.

5 Signals made ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the committee signal boat.

5.2 The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag “AP” is lowered. This changes “Flag AP” in the RRS.

5.3 The Committee Boat will sound the harbor gun (a horn) one hour before the first warning signal, and display the blue Race Committee Flag.

5.4 The blue race committee flag will be lowered prior to the attention signal. The yellow Q Flag (starting line flag) will be raised with a horn 5 minutes prior to the warning signal. This is the attention signal.

5.5 The blue race committee flag will be displayed from the Committee Boat located in front of the club after racing for the day is complete. When lowered an hour later, protest time has expired. The protest time will be noted on the bulletin board.

6 Schedule

6.1 Seven races are scheduled.

Thursday – August 2nd

13:00 – 19:00 Check in. Registration and measurement

15:00 – Practice race Harbor Gun

16:00 – Practice race – weather permitting

Friday – August 3rd

7:30 – 8:30 – Check in. Late registration and measurement

9:30 – Skippers meeting

10:00 – Harbor gun

10:55 – Attention Signal

11:00 – First warning signal – sail 3 races

17:00 – ECESA Meeting (weather permitting)

Saturday – August 5th

8:00 – Harbor gun

8:55 – Attention signal

9:00 – warning signal – sail 3 races

Sunday – August 6th

8:00 – Harbor gun

8:55 – Attention signal

9:00 – Warning signal – 1 race if 6 races have already been sailed. Up to 3 races can be sailed to get the total to 7. No race will be started after 13:00 unless there have only been two races sailed. In that case the warning signal may be extended to no later than 15:00.

7 Racing Area

7.1 The racing area will be east of the club.

8 The Course

8.1 Windward-leeward courses will be sailed with an offset mark at the windward mark, and two gate marks at the leeward end of the course. See Appendix One - Course

8.2 The number of legs and the magnetic bearing to the windward mark will be displayed from the Committee Boat.

9 Marks

9.1 The windward and gate marks will be orange tetrahedrons. The offset mark will be an orange ball.

9.2 The pin end of the starting line mark will be an Orange ball. The starboard end of the starting line will be a staff flying a Yellow flag which will be on the committee boat.

9.3 The pin end of the finishing line mark will be a Yellow ball, and the other end of the finish line will be a staff flying a Yellow flag which will be on a committee boat.

9.4 If marks are moved the new moved mark or marks will be Yellow tetrahedrons. If moved again, orange, etc.. If the windward mark is moved, the new offset mark will be a yellow buoy. Marks which remain in place except for minor adjustment (a gate mark adjusted to be square with the wind or the offset adjusted) after a mark or marks are moved, will remain the same color.

9.5 Minor changes to the position of a mark will be made by dragging the existing mark. Minor changes will be made before the lead boat has begun the leg but will not be signaled. For major changes to the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. When in a subsequent change the new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by a mark of the opposite color.

10 The Start

10.1 The blue race committee flag will be lowered prior to the attention signal. The Q yellow flag will be raised (with a horn) five minutes before the warning signal for each race and the starting signals will be as in RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between the staffs displaying a Yellow flag on the signal Committee Boat (starboard end), and a Yellow buoy.

10.3 If a float is attached to the Committee Boat, it is not part of the boat, and hitting it does not require a penalty turn.

10.4 Yachts starting later than five minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS.

10.5 The RC will attempt to hail the sail number of any yachts in violation of RRS 29.1 on VHF radio channel 69. Failure to hear the hail, or the order of hails, will not be grounds for redress.

11 Changing Course

11.1 A new mark will be laid if the course is changed, and the change will be signaled at the turning mark ahead of the changed mark. Other course marks, and the finishing line if affected, will be adjusted without signal to conform to the wind direction.

12 Time Limits

12.1 A Race shall be abandoned if no yacht reaches the windward mark within thirty minutes of the starting signal, or if no yacht finishes the course within two hours of the starting signal.

12.2 Any yacht failing to finish within thirty minutes of the first yacht to finish shall be scored one point more than the number of yachts finishing within that time.

13 The Finish

13.1 If finishing to leeward, the finishing line will be between a Yellow buoy on the starboard end of the line and the staff flying a Yellow flag on the committee boat. (Note: if the course is shortened to finish to leeward, the finish is through the gate, not between the Committee Boat taking the finish nearby and one of the gate marks.)

13.2 If finishing to windward, the finishing line will be between the pin end of the finishing line mark (yellow ball) and a staff displaying a Yellow flag on a Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line.

14 Consecutive Races

14.1 Blue race committee flag displayed on the Race Committee Boat on finish station indicates that another race will follow. The second race of the day will be started as quickly as possible after the completion of the first race.

14.2 No more than 2 races will be sailed back to back

15 Penalties

15.1 RRS Rule 44.1 is changed - the required penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be one turn, not two, including one tack and one gybe.

16 Protests

16.1 As soon as possible after finishing or withdrawing from the race in which an alleged breach occurs, the protesting yacht shall notify the Committee Boat at the finishing line of the number of any yachts she intends to protest.

16.2 Any yacht making penalty turns shall notify the Committee Boat at the finishing line of any penalty turns performed.

16.3 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Jury at the North Dock Head area once ashore.

16.4 Time and location of protest hearings shall be posted on the notice board within five minutes of the end of protest time, and the notice will include the yacht numbers of parties to the protest and names of witnesses. This information shall also be broadcast over VHF channel 69 at the end of protest time (see 5.5).

17 Withdrawing From A Race

17.1 Any yacht withdrawing from a race shall inform the Committee Boat in person, or on VHF channel 69, ASAP.

18 Scoring

18.1 Seven races are scheduled - three races scored will constitute the regatta.

18.2 Low point RRS Appendix A scoring shall be used, and modified so that if six or more races are scored, each yacht's worst score shall be excluded from her total score.

19 Safety

19.1 Each boat shall carry an USCG approved PFD for each person aboard, a paddle, and have mainsail flotation panels attached.

20 VHF Radio Use

20.1 The Race Committee will communicate the starting sequence, any yachts OCS, and any information it believes useful to the fleet on VHF channel 69.

20.2 The only communication devices that may be used by competitors are: a weather monitor, a VHF radio tuned to channel 69, and a cell phone. Using the cell phone, or the VHF radio, for anything but an emergency (except for simply listening to VHF channel 69) will result in disqualification from the regatta.

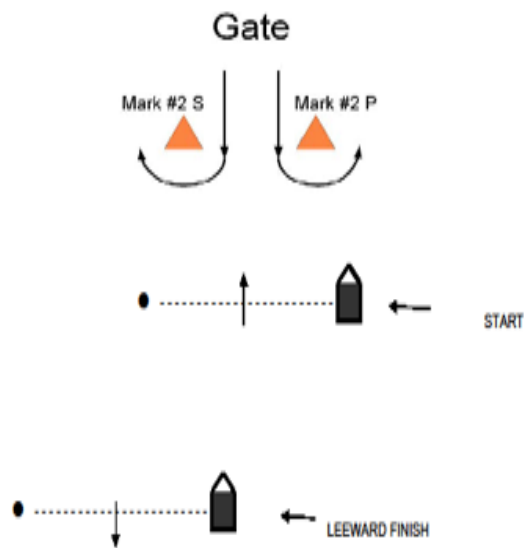
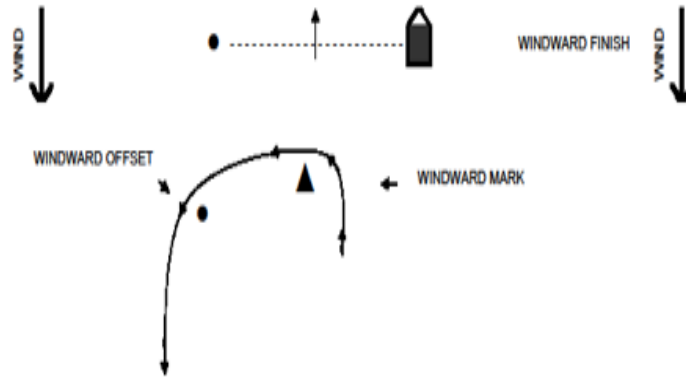
20.3 Failure to receive a VHF hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails, or to receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress.

21 Prizes

21.1 Prizes will be awarded for skipper and crew for each of the top five finishers, the top rookie skipper, the top master (65 or better on 8/3/18) skipper, and the top vintage yacht (built prior to 2008) skipper.

22 Participation

22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Please see RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.



Appendix #1 Race Course Diagram