

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
for the
Cleveland Model Boat Club
Seasonal Race Series

1 RULES

- 1.1** The series will be governed by the rules of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), revised 2017, as modified and extended by Appendix E, *Radio Sailing Racing Rules*.
- 1.2** U.S. Sailing prescriptions apply.
- 1.3** American Model Yachting Association (AMYA) rules apply.
- 1.4** AMYA one-design class rules apply for boats covered by participating classes.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1** The Race Director will verbally announce between heats all notices to competitors.
- 2.2** The Race Director will make changes to the diagram on the Course Board to reflect course changes.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

An email announcing changes will be sent to all club members with an interest in radio sailing by the Race Director at least 2 hours before the scheduled start of a race.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

All signals will be audio, made either by the voice of the Race Director or by an automated starting device.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The schedule of races for the season from April to November is posted on the Events page of the club website:

<https://clevelandmodelboat.org/events/>

5.2 The club Sail Director will appoint as the principle race officer a Race Director to conduct each race for about two hours.

5.3 Each race will consist of 6 to 10 heats that are scored separately for each class.

6 CLASSES

6.1 Soling One Meter (S1M)

6.1.1 For boats in the S1M class, bow bumpers are allowed.

6.2 One Design One Meter (ODOM)

6.3 Dragon Force 65 (DF65)

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 Borrow Pit Pond, 9999 Durkee Rd, North Ridgeville, Ohio

7.2 Elmwood Park Pond, 6200 Elmwood Ave, Independence, Ohio

7.3 Veterans' Memorial Park Pond, 6328 State Rd, Parma, Ohio

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1** A circular array of 4 or 5 turning marks will define the major pattern of a course.
- 8.2** To extend a course, the Race Director may include 2 or 3 turning marks in minor sausage or triangular patterns within the circular pattern.
- 8.3** Depending on wind direction, the Race Director will determine whether boats will race clockwise or counter clockwise around turning marks.
- 8.4** When racing clockwise, all turning marks will be passed to starboard. When racing counter clockwise, all turning marks will be passed to port.
- 8.5** The Race Director may change the course and update the Course Board between heats, but not during a heat.

9 MARKS

- 9.1** Turning marks are sequentially numbered clockwise from the starting line.
- 9.2** Start and finish line marks are lettered.
- 9.3** RRS rule 31, *Touching a Mark*, is modified to allow touching a turning mark but not to allow touching a mark that defines the start or finish line.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1** Borrow Pond has occasional weed patches the Race Director may designate as obstructions
- 10.2** Elmwood Pond has a central fountain that is an obstruction.
- 10.3** Veterans' Pond has a central overflow intake pipe that is an obstruction.

11 THE START

- 11.1** The start line will be set between two lettered marks or a lettered mark and an object on shore at the edge of the pond.
- 11.2** When more than one class participates in a race, each start of a heat is exclusive to one class.
- 11.3** One start line will serve all classes racing.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1** The finish line will be set between two lettered marks or a lettered mark and an object on shore at the edge of the pond.
- 12.2** One finish line will serve all classes racing.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1** A protest must be verbally registered with the Race Director during the time between heats following the heat when the incident occurred.
- 13.2** Protests will be heard and decided at the end of the race by a Protest Committee of the Race Director and two club members appointed by the Race Director.

14 SCORING

RRS rule A4.1 *Low Point System Finishing Points* is modified to give a score of 0.75 to a heat first place finish and to a race first place finish for series scoring.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1** Only club members wearing life jackets are allowed in the retrieval boat.
- 15.2** The dock at Borrow Pond is for retrieving and launching of boats only. A maximum of 4 persons may be on the dock at one time.
- 15.3** Footwear must be worn at the ponds by everyone at all times. No wading with bare feet.

16 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT

- 16.1** A boat or the sails of a boat may not be changed during a race.
- 16.2** At the discretion of the club Sail Director, damaged boats and sails may be replaced during the series.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the November club business meeting.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, *Decision to Race*. The Cleveland Model Boat Club will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any race.

19 INSURANCE

The Cleveland Model Boat Club provides general liability insurance to the owners of Borrow Pond.