

Sailing Instructions

Spring Series

March 11 & 25, April 8, 22 & 29, May 6 & 20

Stockton Sailing Club, San Joaquin River

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*.

1.1 These Sailing Instructions, along with the current SSC Standing Race Instructions, shall apply.

2. Entries

Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form online at www.stocktonsc.org or to the SSC Race Committee at the Stockton Sailing Club, 4980 Buckley Cove Way, Stockton, CA 95219, along with all applicable fees, before 9:00 AM on March 11, 2018.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the SSC Clubhouse adjacent to the Board Room.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race deck located at the clubhouse. If a postponement has been made, the Platform Committee shall inform all competitors of the new first warning signal time.

5. Schedule and Fleet Flags

5.1 A skippers meeting may be held at 12:00 if code flag "L" (Lima) is displayed from the SSC flag pole. The warning signal for the first fleet will be 12:55 on each race day with following fleets starting at 5 minute intervals.

5.2 Make up races, if needed, will be held the following scheduled Spring Series Race day and will start no sooner than 15 minutes after the last boat in your fleet has finished the previous race.

5.3 Starting order, class assignments and class flags will be determined and separate hand out(s) will be given out at the skippers meeting prior to Spring Series #1.

6. Racing Area

The racing area will be in the San Joaquin River from light 18 down river to the Stockton Golf & Country Club up river.

7. Courses and Marks

The courses and marks will be as described on the attached course sheet. The course will be designated by number placards displayed on the SSC Race Deck no later than the preparatory signal. All marks will be as described on the attached course sheet, along with the order and rounding direction of each mark.

8. Starting and Finishing Lines

The starting and finishing lines will be between the white pole near the Race Deck and the start buoy on the south bank of the river. In the event that no start buoy is present, a pole on the south bank of the San Joaquin River shall be used instead. The start buoy is considered a mark of the course. The area approximately 100 yards either side of the start line and north of the start buoy shall be considered a restricted area. Yachts sailing into this area prior to their warning signal may be scored "DID NOT START". Yachts must start within three minutes of their class start signal in order to be considered racing. *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* starting system (Part 3, 26) will be used.

9. Restricted Areas

The rectangle formed by the buoy marking the pin end of the starting line, racing mark "SC" and the adjacent south bank is restricted to all fleets that have not started.

10. Time Limit

The time limit for each race will be as specified on the attached course sheet for the first boat to finish.

11. Protests

Protest forms may be obtained from the Platform Committee. All protest forms will be filled out completely and given to the Race Committee within 2 hours of the last boat's finish time of the day. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held on the Tuesday immediately following the race, at 7:00 PM, at the Stockton Sailing Club, or at such time as is mutually agreeable to all parties involved, including the Protest Committee. In any event, the hearing must be held within 10 days of the race. Mediation may be attempted to avoid the necessity of a protest hearing.

12. Scoring

Low point scoring system, appendix A4 of RRS, will apply. Seven races are scheduled. If at least five races are completed, each yacht's worst score will be excluded from her series score. Four races will constitute a series. RRS A4 will be modified for scoring the series as follows:

DNF is equal to the number of boats registered in the fleet +1

DNS is equal to the number of boats registered in the fleet +2

DSQ is equal to the number of boats registered in the fleet +3. (DSQ will not be discarded)