



Gamecock Sailing Club  
**Home Regatta Template**

Columbia Sailing Club

Date: March 15, 2026

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)
- 1.2. RRS 26 will be changed to a three-minute whistle start.
- 1.3. RRS 44.1 will be modified such that a boat is only required to complete a One-Turn Penalty after she breaks one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.

### 2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the club to the right, as you walk in the main entrance.

### 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located between the club and Lake Murray.

### 5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. Race Schedule

Arrival	09:00
Skipper's Meeting	09:30
First Warning	10:00
Racing	10:00-15:00
Last Warning	15:00

- 5.2. Starting Boat Assignments
  - Please see Techscore Rotations

### 6. Class Flags

- 6.1. There will be no class flag flown from the committee boat. C420s will be the only boats sailed at this event

## **7. Courses**

- 7.1. No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course by displaying one or two letters followed by a number. It may also display the approximate compass bearing of the first mark
- 7.2. The course diagrams are displayed in the pages following the Sailing Instructions. They show the courses, the order, and the side on which the marks are to be rounded.
- 7.3. The start/finish line will be closed for both W3 and W5 courses.

## **8. Marks**

- 8.1. Marks will be round, orange-red marks

## **9. The Start**

- 9.1. Races will be started by using the three-minute whistle starts established in SI 1.2
- 9.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark

## **10. Change of the Next Leg of the Course**

- 10.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark

## **11. The Finish**

- 11.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark

## **12. Time Limits**

- 12.1. Any given race will be called abandoned when the time parameters below are exceeded
  - A. Mark 1 Time Limit: 10 minutes
  - B. Time limit for first boat to finish: 30 minutes
  - C. Time limit for any boat after the first boat to finish: 15 minutes
- 12.2. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish without hearing. This changes RRs 35, A4, and A5.

## **13. Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 13.1. Protest forms are available at the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit
- 13.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later
- 13.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings will be held.

- 13.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee, or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1 (b)
- 13.5. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

