



SAILING THE BIG EASY HALLOWEEN REGATTA

Organizing Authority - Atlanta Yacht Club & Snipe Fleet 330
Allatoona Lake, Acworth, Georgia
October 27-29, 2023



Sailing Instructions

'[NP]' means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). '[DP]' means that the penalty for a breach on a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the applicable Deeds of Gift.
- 1.2 Appendix V, ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES, shall apply.
- 1.3 The prescriptions of the *SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Sanctioned or Club/Fleet Regattas* (2/18/18 version) shall apply, except, as approved by the Snipe Class National secretary, section 9.1 is changed from:
"9.1 The wind speed ranges shall be no less than 5 knots and not to exceed 23 knots ..." to "9.1 The wind speed shall not exceed 23 knots ...".
- 1.4 In case of conflict between the *Notice of Race*, *SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Sanctioned or Club/Fleet Regattas*, or *Deeds of Gift* and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2.0 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside the clubhouse near the fish pond.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1130 on Saturday and 0830 on Sunday, except:
 - Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
 - Changes may be made on the water by displaying code flag "L" (yellow and black diagonal squares) in which case all competitors shall sail close by the stern of signal boat in the next 15 minutes and check in by hailing their sail number, receive the oral changes in the sailing instructions from a race committee member on the signal boat and acknowledge receiving said changes in the sailing instructions.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at the head of the Race Committee Boat dock (Dock 3).
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than thirty minutes" in Race Signals AP. This changes Race Signals.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The Competitors' Meeting will be held at the AYC Viewing Pavilion on Saturday, October 22, at 1100.

- 5.2 Dates and Time of racing:

DATE	Warning Signal
Saturday, 10/28	First Warning Signal: 1330 Ghosts Fleet, with start for the Goblins Fleet to follow. Further races for Ghosts and Goblins fleets to follow.
Sunday, 10/29	First Warning Signal: 930 Ghosts Fleet, Goblins Fleet to follow. If needed, subsequent race(s) to follow.

- 5.3 Three races are planned.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta, no Warning Signal for any fleet will be made after 1200.

6.0 FLEET and CLASS

- 6.1 The Competitors will be split into Ghosts and Goblins Fleets. Election of the Fleet the registrant will sail shall be made at the time of registration.
- 6.2 Ghosts and Goblins Fleets will have separate starts.
- 6.3 Goblins shall display an ORANGE ribbon, provided at registration or at the Competitors' Meeting, from the main sail leech at the lowest batten pocket.
- 6.4 The Ghosts Class Flag will be the Snipe Class flag, a red Snipe on a white background or a GREEN flag.
- 6.5 The Goblins Class Flag will be a YELLOW flag or a RED flag.

7.0 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The Racing Area will be on Allatoona Lake, north of the Atlanta Yacht Club, 7120 Yacht Club Drive, Acworth GA 30102.

8.0 COURSES

- 8.1 Illustration A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded.
- 8.2 The course will be designated by placards on a ladder behind the mast on the RC Signal boat before the Warning Signal.

9.0 MARKS

- 9.1 Rounding Marks will be yellow tetrahedrons, except that Mark "OS" in course "WG" will be a RED ball.
- 9.2 For course "WG", if one of the leeward gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to Port.
- 9.3 New rounding marks as provided in Change of the next leg of the Course will be yellow tetrahedrons with a black band, except for Mark "OS" in course WG. Mark "OS" in course WG will be removed if Mark 1 is changed.
- 9.4 The Starting Marks will be the RC Signal Boat flying an ORANGE flag and either a) a nearby ORANGE cylinder, or b) another RC boat displaying an ORANGE flag.
- 9.5 The Finish Marks will be an RC boat flying a BLUE flag and a nearby ORANGE cylinder.
- 9.6 A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.

10.0 THE START

- 10.1 [NP][DP] All boats must check in by sailing on starboard tack past the of stern of the RC signal boat prior to their first race of the day and after a shore break. Each boat shall hail her number and must be verbally acknowledged.
- 10.2 [NP] To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the Race Committee will attempt to make multiple short sounds prior to the Warning Signal.
- 10.3 [NP][DP] Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 The starting line will be between the ORANGE flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and the course side of a nearby ORANGE cylinder, or an ORANGE flag on a nearby race committee boat.
- 10.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 10.6 Starting penalties from races that are abandoned after the Warning Signal and not re-sailed that same day will not carry over to races re-sailed a subsequent day in the regatta. This changes rules 30.2, 30.4 and rule 36.
- 10.7 A "courtesy hail" for boats OCS, may be attempted by the race committee. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the timing of any hail of some or all OCS boats, or the failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

11.0 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark with a black band (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 11.2 When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark (no black band).
- 11.3 If any one gate mark has a black band, it shall be understood to be a change mark.

12.0 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a BLUE flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the ORANGE finishing mark.
- 12.2 The display of Flag "A" (one white and one blue panel) at the finish of any race means, "Racing has ended for the day."
- 12.3 Unless postponed or Flag "A" is displayed, racing will continue upon the finish of the preceding race. Boats should proceed to the starting area.
- 12.4 If racing is suspended for a "shore break," the Finish boat will display Race Signal AP over Flag "H" (Red and White vertical panels) with no associated sound. When flag AP over Flag "H" is displayed, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in Race Signal AP.
- 12.5 [NP] FOC - Finished on Course: If 2/3rds or more of the boats in a fleet that started a race and have finished that race, the PRO has the discretion to terminate that race and a still racing boat will be scored as finishing in her position at the time the race is terminated. A FOC decision to terminate a race will be communicated verbally on water to each still racing boat. The FOC score given by the race committee is not subject to Redress. This changes 35, A4, A5 and 62.1(a)

13.0 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes of the Start, or if no boat has finished within 90 minutes of the Start, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14.0 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Hearing Request forms are available on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.2 A Hearing Request form shall be delivered to a member of the Protest Committee (PC) in the AYC club house Board Room within the protest time limit: 30 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks. The Protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.3 Within the time limit to request a hearing, a list of boats that have been penalized that day by Race Committee Actions will be posted. This posting constitutes the notification required in Rule 61.1(b). The time limit for a boat so notified to file a request for redress is 30 minutes after the time limit to request a hearing. This changes Rule 62.2.
- 14.4 A schedule of hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the end of the deadline to request a hearing. This posting constitutes the notification required in Rules 61.1(b) and 63.2.
- 14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered (a) within that day's time limit to request a hearing, if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes Rule 66.
- 14.6 In accordance with Rule 62.2(a), 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.

15.0 SCORING

- 15.1 One race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 15.2 Ghosts and Goblins will be scored separately.
- 15.3 All races will be scored.
- 15.4 Boats scored as TLE will receive a score equal to the number of boats in their Flight that have finished within the time limit + 2, not to exceed the number of boats in the Flight. This changes Rules 35, A4, A5 and A10.
- 15.5 DNF will be scored as one point more than the last finishing boat of the race. This changes rules 90.3 and A5.

- 15.6 A boat's sail number provided at registration and/or entry form will be the number of the boat scored. In the event a boat races with a sail number other than its registered number, it shall be scored as a DNC (Did not Compete) without a hearing. This changes RRS 62.1, 63.1, 90.3 and A5.

16.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 [NP] USE OF PERSONAL FLOTATION: While use of a personal flotation Device (PFD) is not required, the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee strongly recommends that each competitor wear a USCG-approved PFD at all times while on the water except temporarily while changing clothing or equipment.
- 16.2 [NP] [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.0 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the PRO at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.0 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1 All boats shall have a valid Measurement Data Sheet on file with SCIRA and are subject to measurement at any time at the reasonable discretion of the SCIRA Representative, or Race Committee. All boats are required to have a current Class Decal properly displayed.

19.0 ADVERTISING

- 19.1 [NP] [DP] Any and all advertising shall be in accordance with SCIRA Advertising Prescription.

20.0 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 20.1 [NP][DP] If present, the Judge's boat will be marked as follows: US Sailing Judges Flag.

21.0 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 21.1 [NP][DP] Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

22.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1 Except for any issues concerning safety, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice, data transmissions or data communications that is not available to all boats.

23.0 PRIZES

- 23.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

GHOSTS FLEET

- Top five skippers and crews in the Ghost Fleet
- Perpetual trophies to the top skipper and crew in the Ghost Fleet
- Highest placing Master skipper (55 years and over) (perpetual and keeper)
- Highest placing female skipper (perpetual and keeper)
- Highest placing Junior* skipper (perpetual and keeper) with Junior crew (keeper)

GOBLINS FLEET

- Top three skippers and crews in the Goblin Fleet
- Perpetual trophy to the top skipper in the Goblin Fleet

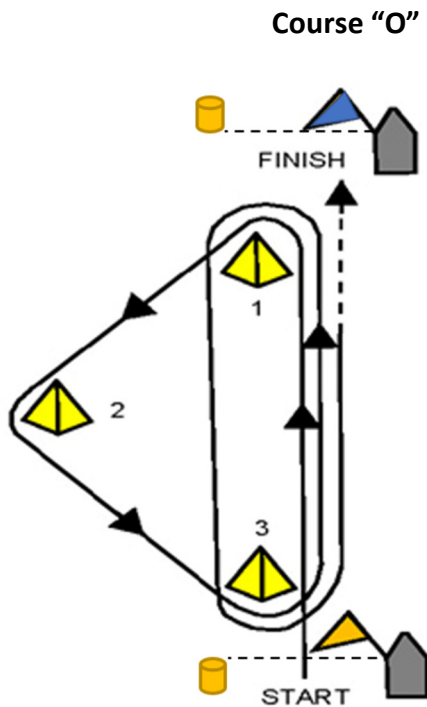
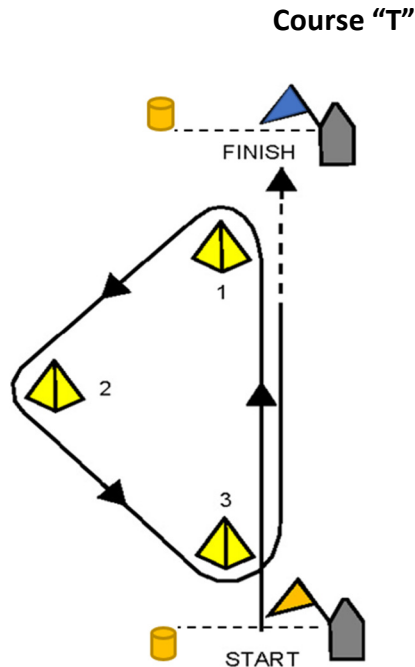
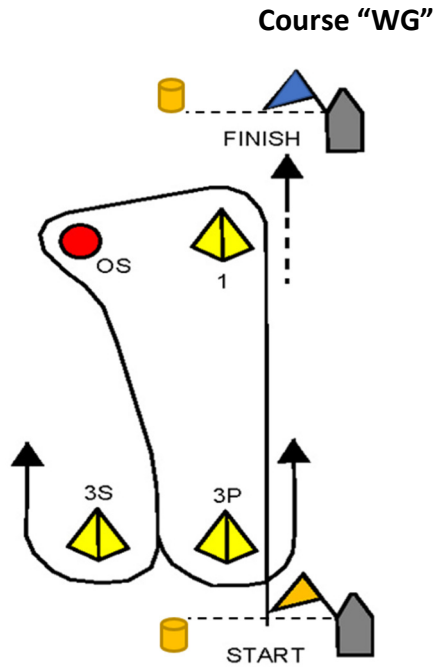
JUNIOR RACES. (*A Junior must not reach their 22nd birthday this calendar year)

- Top Junior* skipper and crew* in the Junior races(s)
- Top Junior* skipper with non-Junior crew in the Junior race(s)

24.0 RISK STATEMENT

- 24.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 3, Decision to Race: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." Participants in this regatta acknowledge by their participation that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. Such risks include but are not limited to those created by strong winds, rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of injury, including permanent, catastrophic injury, or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, collision, or other causes.

Illustration A - Course Diagrams



Course Descriptions

Course "WG or WG2"

Rounding Order

WG: Start - 1-OS-3S or 3P-Finish

WG2: Start - 1-OS-3S or 3P-1-OS-3S or 3P-Finish

Course "T or T2"

Rounding Order

T: Start-1-2-3-Finish

T2: Start-1-2-3-1-2-3-Finish

Course "O"

Rounding Order

O: Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish

NOTE – If 3S or 3P is missing the remaining Mark shall be rounded to port

NOTE: Actual angle between legs may vary depending on wind direction and available space in the racing area.

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