

DEEP CREEK YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION, INC.

2026 RACING SEASON

NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The organizing authority is Deep Creek Yacht Racing Association, Inc. (DCYRA).

- (a) All races will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028 (RRS)*, the current prescriptions of *US Sailing*, the class rules of each fleet as determined in advance and on file with the Race Committee (except as they are altered by this Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions), by this Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions, and any duly posted amendments. In the event of any conflict, this Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions shall govern.

1.2 Scope of Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

- (a) This Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions ***only apply*** to the following DCYRA events:

(1) The Fred Steiding Trophy Race

(2) Regatta Races: Races that are part of one of the following regattas:

Becker Cup Regatta, **Firecracker Regatta**, Commodores' Cup Regatta

(3) Series Races: Races that are part of either the June Series or the July/August Series.

- (b) The following DCYRA events each have separate Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions that replace this document. These are not in scope of this document:

Sandy Douglass Memorial Regatta, Women's Invitational Regatta, ILCA (Laser) Invitational Regatta, Fair Winds Regatta, and Magellan Race.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Eligibility

- (a) Current Active Members (including members of their immediate families living at home), Young Adult Members and Junior Members of the Deep Creek Yacht Racing Association, Inc. (DCYRA) are eligible. (Note: Only boats registered with DCYRA will be scored.)
- (b) A boat registered by a Current Active Member may be raced and scored regardless of the DCYRA membership status of the skipper or crew.
- (c) A Junior in these Sailing Instructions shall be defined as a person who will not be 19 years old in the calendar year for which these instructions are adopted.
- (d) Anyone (DCYRA members and non-members) sailing a boat propelled by sail only is eligible for the Fred Steiding Trophy Race.

2.2 Classes

- (a) The Flying Scot and ILCA (Laser) are the only classes presently recognized.
- (b) Classes may become recognized if at least six Active DCYRA Members own boats of that class and request recognition of the Class.
- (c) An 'OPEN' class may be recognized if at least six Active DCYRA Members own boats of different classes and request recognition of an 'OPEN' class.

2.3 Fleets and Streamers:

- (a) The Flying Scot and ILCA (Laser) fleets shall be split into divisions according to rules determined by each fleet and are shown in the tables below.

(1) **Flying Scot fleets currently recognized**

Fleet	Restrictions	Streamer
GOLD		YELLOW
SILVER		BLACK
MASTERS	Skipper age 60 or older. Ages of Skipper and next oldest crew must total 120 years or more	GREEN
JUNIOR	Skipper must not turn 19 years old in the calendar year	GREEN
CHALLENGER		BLUE

(2)ILCA (Laser) fleets currently recognized

Fleet	Restrictions	Streamer
OPEN	All rigs, all ages	ORANGE/RED
JUNIOR	Radial or 4.7 rigs ONLY Skipper must not turn 19 years old in the calendar year	GREEN

- (b) All boats shall display a streamer in the area of the lower batten on the mainsail to indicate the fleet in which they are sailing. Yachts not displaying a streamer will be notified of their failure to do so, and for a subsequent infringement, may be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS). Appropriate streamers and sail tape will be available at the Skippers' Meeting and on the Signal Boat and/or Patrol Boat.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin boards located at both the Deep Creek Lake Sailing Association (Turkey Neck) and the Deep Creek Yacht Club (Deerhaven). Notices may also be posted on the DCYRA web site at <http://www.dcyra.com>. It shall be the responsibility of each participant to check one of the bulletin boards for posted changes. **A Skippers meeting will be held at 1000 Saturday, May 23 at the Turkey Neck Club. All sailors are encouraged to attend.**

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTION

- 4.1 Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted at least six days prior to the first race in which the changes become effective.
- 4.2 Any changes in the schedule of races or starting times will be posted no later than 1900 the day prior to the first race in which the changes become effective.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Races will be held as set forth in the 2026 Racing Schedule.
- 5.2 No race shall start after 1600.
- 5.3 The Race Committee at their discretion may elect to sail an additional race on Sunday if one or more races were not completed on Saturday, no posted notice is required.
- 5.4 Starting times will be as follows:
- (a) Series:
- Saturday: Flying Scots. Race 1 at 1200, and Race 2 at 1430.
- Saturday: ILCA on the same course with Flying Scots in June Series and July/August Series.
Race 1 at 1200, additional races to follow.
- Sunday: Flying Scots. Race at 1200, additional make-up race if sailed to follow (back-to-back).
- Sunday: ILCA on the same course with Flying Scots in June Series and July/August Series.
Race 1 at 1200, additional races to follow.
- (b) Regattas:
- A day on which two races are scheduled: Race 1 at 1200 and Race 2 at 1430.
- Last day of regatta: Race 1 at 1100. Any make-up races will follow.
- 5.5 Code flag "L" (black and gold checked rectangle) displayed by the Race Committee at the finish indicates that competitors should stay in the area and stand by for an additional race to be sailed back-to-back.
- 5.6 During a regatta the Race Committee at their discretion may conduct more than the scheduled number of races per day so long as the total number of races for a regatta is not greater than the total number of races that were originally scheduled, no posted notice is required.
- 5.7 Series Races will be on courses as described in 5.4 and 6.1. The Race Committee will set separate marks for ILCA fleets for an inside course whenever possible. The inside ILCA course will be indicated by the use of Short Yellow Cylinders. The Race Committee may elect to set one course for Flying Scot and ILCA. When no Short Yellow Cylinders are present the Lasers shall round the Flying Scot marks. The

Race Committee may hail the ILCA to indicate the use of a combined course, no posted notice is required.

- 5.8 For Series and Regattas, the Masters Flying Scot Fleet will sail only the first scheduled race of each race day. In the event that the first race of a race day is in the afternoon the Masters will sail that race, but in no event will the Masters fleet sail more than one race per race day.

6. THE COURSE

- 6.1 Illustration “A” shows the basic courses and roundings. Letters posted on the course board on the starboard side of the Signal Boat will designate the actual course to be sailed. Courses may be combined from those indicated in Illustration “A” by adding a WL or T to increase the number of roundings. The courses shall be set with all port roundings, except at gates as noted in SI 6.11. A number (not to exceed 3) following the letter designation indicates the number of times around for that course. Example: “T2” indicates a triangle course as indicated in Illustration “A” sailed two times around leaving all marks to port. Example: “TWL” indicates a triangle then windward leeward course leaving all marks to port.
- 6.2 The course will be displayed on the starboard side of the Signal Boat prior to the warning signal. The Race Committee may change the course in accordance with *RRS 33*. A boat flying code flag “C” may give compass headings to the new mark or display a green triangle or red rectangle to indicate that the mark is to starboard or port of its original location. A periodic sound alert will be given at the mark rounding prior to the new leg.
- 6.3 The Race Committee may, at their discretion, use a different course for each recognized class or fleet division. The courses to be sailed by each class will be displayed on separate course boards on the starboard side of the Race Committee Boat. The course board for each class will be designated by that class symbol. Classes sailing different courses will use common starting and finishing lines except that the finish lines may be in different locations for shortened courses.
- 6.4 Generally, the finish line will be on the opposite side of the Signal Boat at the start, and the finish mark will be passed to starboard.
- 6.5 A boat sailing between a Turkey Neck Club mooring and the Turkey Neck shore when on a leg of the course shall be disqualified.
- 6.6 A boat that has started properly and is sailing the course shall not sail through the starting line at any time after her start, except to finish. The starting line shall rank as an obstruction except for boats starting.
- 6.7 The race committee may elect to set a separate start line and finish line. This will be indicated by the start line being set to leeward of the designated course.
- 6.8 The Fred Steiding Trophy Race course will be a “zone” course. The traditional number designations for zones of the lake will be used and the course displayed as specifically described at the Skippers meeting immediately preceding the race.
- 6.9 DCYRA will designate a Flying Scot Race Commander who may consult with the Race Committee to set and adjust the racecourse marks or starting line prior to any race starting signal.
- 6.10 The Race Committee may shorten course (reduce the number of legs to be sailed) by display of code flag “S” in accordance with *RRS 32*.
- 6.11 The flag signal “S” over “F” displayed at a rounding mark shall indicate that the course is shortened as follows: “Round this mark and proceed directly to the finish line to finish”. This is an addition to *RRS 32.2*.
- 6.12 The Race Committee may elect to set a leeward gate for any series or regatta race. When the leeward gate mark is in place a boat shall sail between the two leeward marks and then may round either mark.

7. MARKS

- 7.1 Rounding marks will be ORANGE TETRAHEDRONS for Flying Scots and ICLAs. SHORT YELLOW CYLINDERS when set are only for ICLAs. A black band around the mark indicates its position has been changed.
- 7.2 The offset mark will be a white sphere. The offset mark may be used at the windward mark. This offset mark will be set approximately 60 yards from the windward mark. When in place the offset mark shall be

rounded next after rounding the windward mark leaving the offset mark to port. The offset mark when set shall be rounded even if the course is a triangle.

- 7.3 The Starting mark will be an orange cylinder or mast buoy
- 7.4 The Finish mark will be a TALL YELLOW CYLINDER or mast buoy.
- 7.5 The leeward gate marks will be orange tetrahedrons for Flying Scots.

8. THE START

8.1 Races will be started in accordance with *RRS 26*. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. The visual signals for starting a race will be as follows:

Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class. Fleets may start in the order listed in 8.2, however the Fleet flag color shall indicate the starting fleet and in the event of a conflict the Class flag shall govern.

8.2 Class flags are assigned as follows:

- ILCA: ILCA Class flag, with ILCA text on flag
- Flying Scot Gold: large yellow flag
- Flying Scot Challenger: large solid blue flag
- Flying Scot Silver: large silver flag with black top & bottom stripe
- Flying Scot Masters, 1st race of day: large green flag
- Flying Scot Junior, 2nd race of day on Saturday: large green flag

8.3 All boats will start together for the Fred Steiding Trophy Race using the yellow flag as the class flag.

8.4 ILCA Fleets:

- (a) ILCA fleets shall start together when sailing on the Flying Scot course.
- (b) The Race Committee may divide the ICLAs into two starts when ILCA are sailing series races on a separate ILCA course. The Race Committee shall indicate the two-start sequence by verbal hail.

8.5 As a gather signal, code flag “L” (black and gold checked rectangle) will be hoisted together with a horn 30 minutes prior to the first starting signal for each race.

8.6 Code flag “L” will be lowered with a horn one (1) minute prior to the first warning signal for each race. As a courtesy to the competitors, the Race Committee may sound a get-ready whistle approximately 10 seconds prior to the first warning signal.

8.7 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a small orange flag on the Signal Boat and the windward side of the starting mark.

8.8 Before the first warning signal of each race, each boat shall sail past the stern of the Signal Boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number, her fleet, and the names of the crew on board until the Race Committee acknowledges her. A boat that does not hail will be notified of her failure to do so, and for subsequent infringement, may be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS).

8.9 Boats that are subject to *RRS 30.1* may be notified when they are over the starting line before the starting signal.

8.10 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made. **Note** – As a courtesy, boats that have not started are asked to keep clear of boats attempting to cross the starting line after their starting signal.

8.11 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

9. RECALLS

9.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with *RRS 29.1*. The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) concerned and may further attempt to notify each boat after she has wholly

returned to the pre-start side of the starting line.

- 9.2 The Race Committee may attempt to hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) concerned and may further attempt to notify each boat after she has wholly returned to the pre-start side of the starting line by transmission over VHF radio Channel 19.
- 9.3 Failure of the Race Committee to make hails or VHF transmissions or for a competitor to fail to hear a hail or transmission shall not be cause for redress, this changes *RRS 61*.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a **SMALL BLUE FLAG** on the Signal Boat and the leeward side of the finishing mark, unless the course is shortened in accordance with Sailing Instruction 6.10.
- 10.2 In the event of a shortened course, using code flag "S", the finish will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the nearby rounding mark. When used as one end of the finish line, a rounding mark need only be passed (not rounded) to port.
- 10.3 In the event of a shortened course, using code flag "S" over "F", the finish will be the original finish line described in Sailing Instruction 10. 1.
- 10.4 When ILCAs are sailing a separate course the first-place finishing boat shall record the ILCA finishes in the absence of a RC finish boat. In the event there is no RC finish boat, the first-place finisher of the last race shall be responsible to report the order of finishes of all races to the scorer. ILCA competitors shall assist the first-place finisher with the recording of the order of finishers

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 **For all Flying Scot Classes the Two-Turns Penalty *RRS 44.1* is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.**
- 11.2 For the ILCA Class the Two-Turns Penalty *RRS 44.1* is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12. THE TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The time limit will be 1.5 hours for all series races and 2.0 hours for all regatta races or 30 minutes after the finish of the first boat in the respective fleet, whichever is later. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF).
- 12.2 The Race Committee may, at their discretion, assign finishing positions to a boat or boats that have not finished within 20 minutes of the first boat to finish in their respective fleet.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee immediately upon finishing (if unable to finish, at the first reasonable opportunity), giving her sail number and the sail number(s) of the boat(s) she is protesting, this is an addition to *RRS 60*.
- 13.2 **The DCYRA website may have a dedicated phone number that may be used to notify the Race Committee in order to comply with the time limit in SI 13.5.**
- 13.3 A boat protesting is NOT required to fly a protest flag but is required to hail the word protest and attempt to get acknowledgement from the protested boat(s).
- 13.4 A boat performing penalty turns should hail to nearby boats that she is "performing her penalty turns".
- 13.5 Protests shall be written on the Standard Protest Forms (available at Turkey Neck and Deerhaven Clubs) and lodged with the Race Committee within one hour after the finish of the last boat in the final race of the day. Protests will be heard in the order received by the designated Protest Committee. The Protest Chairperson will determine time and place of the hearing.
- 13.6 A boat wishing to appeal a decision of the Protest Committee shall comply with RRS Appendix R and shall pay a \$75.00 fee to the DCYRA.

14. SCORING

14.1 Rules common to both Regattas and Series races:

- (a) Eligibility: Only boats registered with DCYRA will be scored.
- (b) The Race Committee shall **record** all boats that properly start, sail the course, and finish. In accordance with RRS A5.1, the Race Committee will score a boat NSC if the Race Committee determines the boat did not properly sail the designated course. For any other alleged infractions determined by the Race Committee, the Race Committee shall file a protest for decision by the Protest Committee.
- (c) Ties will be scored per Appendix A of the RRS.

14.2 Scoring of Regattas:

- (a) Scoring of Regattas will be per *RRS Appendix A*. The RRS term “Series” is equivalent to DCYRA’s term “Regatta”.
- (b) For regatta races, a boat’s score will be the total of her race scores for that regatta.
- (c) For regattas, one race shall constitute a regatta. The total number of boats entered in the regatta for each fleet or division shall be equal to the total number of boats, counting each boat only once, from each fleet or division that came to the starting area with the intent to race at least once during the regatta.
- (d) The Flying Scot Silver, Flying Scot Gold and ILCA Open fleets, are only to be scored as a fleet in a regatta if at least three boats of the fleet (counting each boat only once) start or are **not** scored DNC in both first two races. The Flying Scot Masters, Flying Scot Challenger, and ILCA Junior fleets are only to be scored as a fleet in a regatta if at least three boats of the fleet (counting each boat only once) start or are **not** scored DNC in any race of the regatta.
- (e) For all Regattas a sailor may only start or be scored in the fleet in which the sailor was first scored any score but a DNC.

14.3 Scoring of Series

(a) Scoring Systems:

(1) All fleets:

Series races will be scored using the ‘Low Point’ scoring system per RRS Appendix A EXCEPT that RRS A5.2 is replaced by the following:

Boats scored DNF, DSQ, DNS, NSC, RET and OCS will receive points equal to one more than the number of boats that started or were **not** scored DNC in that individual race.

- (b) For series races, one race shall constitute a series. Each qualifying boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races, excluding worst scores equal to the number of scores in excess of the number of scores required to qualify.
- (c) Qualification for the June Series or the July/August Series:
 - (1) A Flying Scot must start or not be scored DNC in a minimum of 60% of all the races completed by a specific fleet in that series. (Races that are canceled or abandoned are not counted in ‘races completed’.)
 - (2) An ILCA boat must start or not be scored DNC in a minimum of 50% of all the races completed by a specific fleet in that series. (Races that are canceled or abandoned are not counted in ‘races completed’.)
- (d) Individuals not sailing series races due to active patrol or race committee service will receive a score equal to the average (rounded off to the nearest whole position) of their qualifying races for up to three of the races missed or 30% of the number of races required to qualify, whichever is greater.
- (e) Individuals not sailing series races due to participation as skipper in a national class-sanctioned regatta (of the normally sailed class of boat) shall receive a score for the races missed equal to the average (rounded off to the nearest whole position) of all races in that series in which he/she started or was not scored DNC.
- (f) When scoring a series, average scores may account for a maximum of 30% of an individual's qualifying races (rounded off to the nearest whole race). Average scores shall not be used for a race in which the individual's boat started or was not scored DNC concurrent with his/her service or absence.
- (g) Series races for a fleet are scored as canceled if fewer than two boats of the fleet start or are not scored

DNC.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded for fleets of recognized classes.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1 All sailors are required to wear an approved PFD while racing. First violation of this rule shall result in a warning. Subsequent violation will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification.
- 16.2 Boats are subject to verification by the Race Committee that they have on board all class-required safety equipment.
- 16.3 A boat retiring from the race is required to notify the Race Committee either upon leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately upon arriving ashore.
- 16.4 It is each competitor's exclusive and individual responsibility to decide whether or not to race or continue racing, and to otherwise provide for his or her own personal safety.
- 16.5 The Race Committee shall not start a race without at least one patrol boat available, in addition to the Signal Boat. The Race Committee may postpone or cancel if the one or more patrol boat(s) available are not, in their opinion, adequate for the conditions.
- 16.6 Electronic communication devices, except for VHF radios, such as cell phones and pagers may be carried on board while racing but may not be turned on while racing except for emergencies.
- 16.7 A boat may monitor VHF Channel 19 before and during the racing. Any VHF transmission from a boat while racing, unless a call for assistance shall result in a disqualification.
- 16.8 The Race Committee shall not start any race until Turkey Neck and Deerhaven Yacht Clubs have each acknowledged by radio the one-half hour signal transmission from the Race Committee signal boat. The Race Committee shall cancel races in progress if it is determined that either Yacht club has failed to monitor VHF Channel 19 while races are ongoing.
- 16.9 **Code Flag V (White flag with Red X) displayed from the RC signal boat and /or a Patrol boat indicates that all support, spectator and racing vessels shall monitor VHF Channel 19 for search and rescue instructions. Transmissions on VHF Channel 19 shall not be made unless a response is specifically requested by the Race Committee. VHF Channel 68 shall be the alternate channel for transmissions during a search and rescue operation.**

17. REGATTA RACE CREW SUBSTITUTION

- 17.1 During a regatta, boats that change the skipper or crew will be subject to protest, except as allowed in Sailing Instruction 17.2, 17.3 and 17.4.
- 17.2 Children age 10 and under may be added or removed as crew without approval of the PRO.
- 17.3 A substitute crew member over the age of 10 may not be added, removed, or substituted as crew without approval of the PRO. The request to substitute a crew member that is over age 10 must be made to the PRO at the Skipper's Meeting or not less than 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the race in which the substitution will occur. The substitute crew member must be of similar weight to the replaced crew member.
- 17.4 During Regattas the skipper and crew may exchange skipper/crew positions for the duration of a race by notifying the PRO by hail prior to the start, for any and all races. However, a new crew member approved under Sailing Instruction 17.2 or 17.3 may NOT act as a skipper but may only act as a crew member.