

MSC Racing Rules for 2016



1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Except as noted in these race instructions, all Club Races will be held in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013/2016 as published by the Canadian Yachting Association.
- 1.2. Canadian M.O.T. and/or Canadian Coast Guard approved PFDs must be worn during all club races. Canadian M.O.T. and/or Canadian Coast Guard regulations must be adhered to .

2. SAFETY

- 2.1. The sign out & in sheet on clip board hanging on hall wall must be signed by a representative from all competing boats prior to leaving the dock and after returning. Each MSC competitor must check in with Committee Boat before start of race(s). A competitor must notify Committee Boat if retiring from race(s).
- 2.2. Each boat is required to carry all safety gear outlined by the Small Vessel Regulations including a PFD, paddle, bailer, heaving line, whistle and flashlight.
- 2.3. A competitor withdrawing from a race to aid a boat in distress will be awarded average points in that series.
- 2.4. Visiting Competitors: Any guest sailor participating in a regular club race should check in with the race officer of the day to be counted in each race.

3. CLUB RACING

3.1. Series Format: There will be 4 race series:

- Sunday Series ➤ Thursday Spring Series ➤ Thursday Summer Series ➤ Sunday / Thursday Fall Series ➤ A minimum of 5 races must be completed to constitute a series.
- A minimum of 4 boats constitutes a race.
- ***A maximum of 2 Adult race staff (One to be a SENIOR MEMBER) must be on the water to hold a race. No Non senior member is allowed to drive club boats. Senior member must be checked out driving all boats.***

3.2. STARTING TIMES

- Sunday Series 1:00pm.
- Thursday Spring Series 7:00pm
- Thursday Summer Series 7:00pm
- Fall Series Sunday 1:00pm / Thursday 6:30pm

3.3. RACE TIME LIMIT

- The time limit will be 90 minutes from the start. Should one boat finish within the time limit, the time limit for that boat's Class will then be 30 minutes after first boat finishes.
- The Race Committee may cancel the race prior to the time limit due to darkness, weather or safety reasons. If a race is cancelled as noted above, each competitor will be awarded average points and race will be counted.

3.4. CANCELLATION

- At the discretion of the Race Committee races may be cancelled for reasons of poor weather (including wind and waves) or lack of attendance at any time. Races will not be permitted with winds of 20 knots or higher.

3.5. STARTS

- A 5 minute starting sequence will normally be used. There will be one start for all classes unless otherwise announced by the race committee. ➤ A fleet may request a separate start, providing there are 4 boats racing in that fleet.

3.6. GENERAL RECALLS

- A general recall will be signaled by raising the First Substitute flag. This will remain until one minute before the next starting sequence.

3.7. NOVICE STARTS

- A novice is defined as an MSC member, or visitor, who is skippering in their first year of the MSC race program.
- A novice may start at the preparatory signal (blue four minute flag). The race committee must be notified of novice status prior to the warning signal (red five minute flag). A skipper must relinquish novice status after competing in four races.

4. SCORING

- 4.1. **Two Fleets scoring – Fleet One** –CL/16s, Wayfarers and Mistrals, **Fleet Two-** All other boats than fleet one.
- 4.2. **Throw outs 80% of races count; however, no less than 5 races shall be used.**
- 4.3. **Handicapping** will be done as per the Portsmouth Handicap System.

4.4. The low point scoring system as per Appendix A2 Section 2 of the CYA Racing Rules of Sailing will be used (as calculated by MSC scoring software).

4.5. Race duty - a boat whose crew is on race duty will be awarded their average points for the series.

4.6. Missing assigned race duty will score a DSQ on 2 best seasonal scores (cannot be thrown out).

4.7. Club Races missed due to conflicting club duties or attendance competition away, will be awarded average points. The competitor is required to inform the race officer in writing prior to race not after.

4.8. Average points defined as the average of points taken after throw outs, as calculated by the racing computer program.

4.8. Overall is defined as position after handicapping.

5. PROTEST PROCEDURES

5.1. The 720 Rule is in effect (CYA Rules 44.2).

5.2. Initiating a Protest: in addition to the CYA Rules, (Part 5.2.1 to 5.2.3)

- The protesting boat must inform the race committee of the intention to protest within ½ hour of finishing the race.
- Written protests must be submitted to the race committee within ½ hour of the return to shore of the race committee.
- The race officer of the day will form a committee and arrange a hearing.

6. RACE COURSE

6.1. The Standard Olympic Course will be the standard race course (buoys to port). The Standard Olympic Course shall consist of one complete triangle plus a windward leg, a leeward leg and finishing with a windward leg. (As described in Appendix N Addendum A of the CYA Racing Rules of Sailing, 2013-2016). See attached diagram.

6.2. Shortened course will be signaled by 2 horn blasts plus the continuous display of the S code flag. These signals must be given prior to any boat entering the new finishing leg. Shorten courses see attached diagram.

6.3. Marks will be left to port.

6.4. Finish line will sighted between the pin end mark and the Red flag on the committee boat.






7. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

Shall be awarded based upon the best 80% the sailed races marked with an asterisk in the MSC racing schedule.

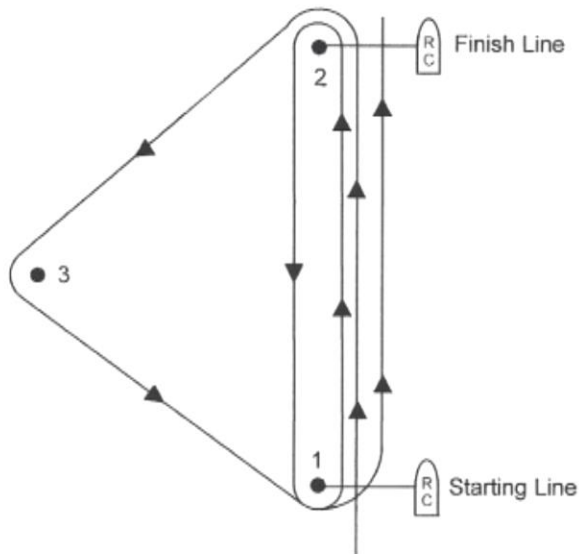
8. STARTING SEQUENCE MSC Rule 3.5 (Amended May 25, 2015)

Time	Description	Flag	Horn
5:00	Warning Signal	Red up	One Horn
4:00	Preparatory Signal	“P” flag Up	One Horn
1:00	Preparatory down	“P” flag Down	One Horn
0:00	START	Red Down	One Horn

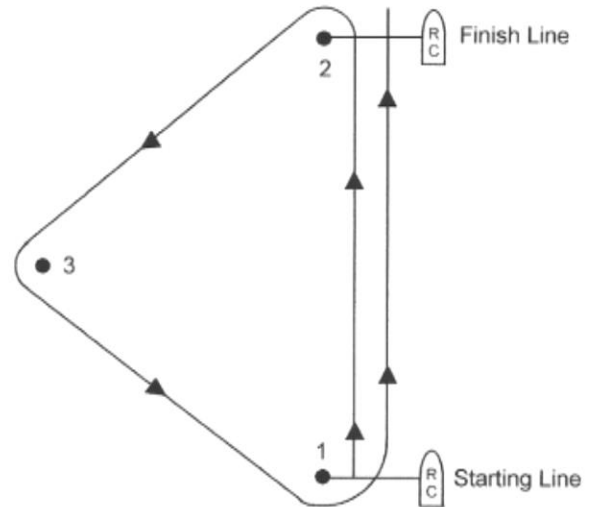
SIGNAL FLAGS

DESCRIPTION	FLAG	HORN	
Individual Recall	X Code	1 Horn	
General Recall	First Substitute	2 Horns	
Abandonment	N Code	3 Horns	
Shorten Course	S Code	2 Horns	
Postponement	Answering Pennant	2 Horns	

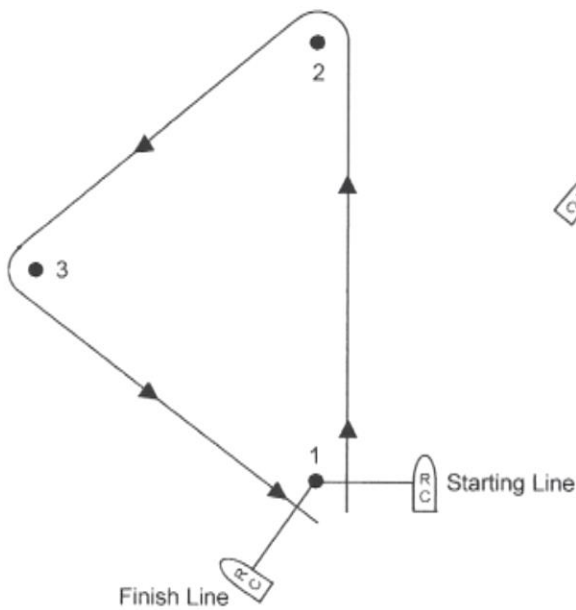
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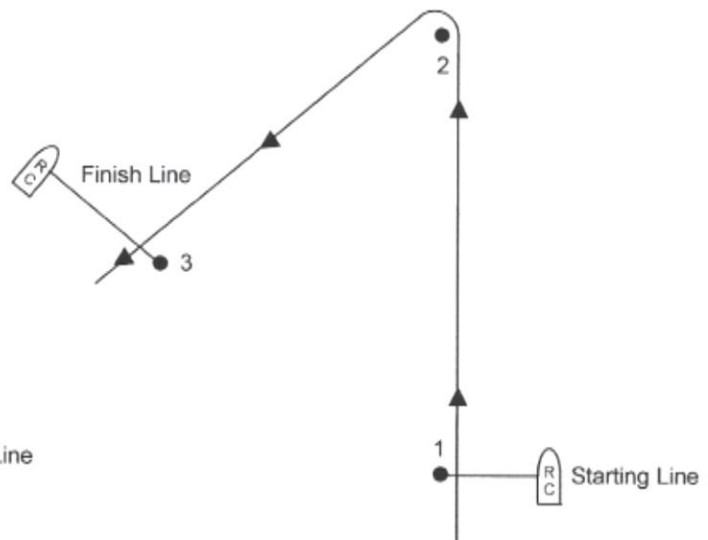
Olympic Course
Standard Course
Start- 2- 3- 1--2 -1- Finish



Olympic Course
#1 Shorten Course
Start- 2- 3- 1-2 - Finish



Olympic Course
#2 Shorten Course
Start- 2- 3-1 - Finish



Olympic Course
#3 Shorten Course
Start- 2- 3- Finish