

**Mississauga GoCats Regatta**  
**June 24-25, 2023**  
**Mississauga Sailing Club, Mississauga, Ontario**  
**Sailing Instructions**

*The notation [DP] in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

## **1 RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing and as amended by Sail Canada*.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the south wall of the MSC clubhouse on the first floor.

## **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change 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 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the MSC clubhouse.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

## **5 SCHEDULE**

### **5.1 Registration:**

Registration will be held outside the MSC clubhouse from 0800 – 0930 on Saturday, June 24.

### **5.2 Competitors' Meetings:**

0900 Saturday, June 24 at the MSC clubhouse.

### **5.3 Racing Schedule:**

Saturday June 24 - Warning Signal at 1100

Sunday June 25 - Warning Signal at 1000

5.4 **Number of races:** The race committee shall attempt to run as many races as possible each day in consideration of the weather conditions and the safety of the competitors. Race target times will be approximately 45-50 minutes.

5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1330.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS AND INITIAL ORDER OF STARTS**

6.1 There will be one start, with one fleet scored.

## **7 RACING AREAS**

Racing area will be in Lake Ontario, south of the entrance to MSC.

## **8 THE COURSES**

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to left.

8.2 Only courses 1, 2, 5 and 6 will be used. A gate will be used for all courses. An offset mark will be used for the Low Fleet. The "G" and "O" options will not be displayed by the signal boat.

8.3 No later than the warning signal the signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

## 9 MARKS

9.1 Mark A1 (Low Fleet) and gates will be a **yellow cylindrical inflatables**. Mark A2 (High Fleet) will be a **yellow tetrahedron inflatable**.

9.2 The A1 change mark will be a **yellow tetrahedron**. The A2 change mark will be a **red ball**.

9.3 The offset mark shall be a **red ball**.

9.4 The starting and finishing marks will be a red ball on the port end and the signal boat at the starboard end.

9.5 If mark A1 is not present, it will be omitted from the rounding order.

9.6 If either of the gate marks are missing, the remaining mark will be rounded to port.

## 10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the starting mark.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is defined as an area extending approximately 100 feet in all directions from the starting line. [DP]

10.3 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes rule RRS A4 and A5.*

## 11 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 (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. *This changes RRS 28*

11.3 In the event of the next leg of the course mark A1 will not be relocated. All divisions shall round the new mark 1 leaving it to port.

## 12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the RC flag on the signal boat and the finishing mark.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 Time limits are as follows:

Time limit - 90 minutes

Mark A time limit – 30 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark A within the Mark A time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. *This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.*

14.3 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, award points to a boat, equivalent to the boat's position in a race. The Race Committee determines the method and order. *This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.*

## 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the official notice board or at the protest desk. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the protest desk within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat has docked after the last race of the day.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held upstairs in the MSC clubhouse, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.

15.4 A boat protesting another boat shall follow RRS 61.1(a) with the following modification: A protest flag is not required for any class. *This changes RRS 61.1(a)(2).*

15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.6 Breaches of F18 Class Rule C.5.1(a)(3) (mandatory tow line requirement), and Sailing Instructions 10.2, 17, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. *This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

15.6 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.*

## 16 SCORING

16.1 For the MSC GoCats / High and Low Fleet classes, the 2023 ISAF SCHRS numbers shall be used.

16.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.4 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Boats shall check in by hailing their sail numbers to the signal boat before the start of the first race each day and the first race following any postponement ashore. [DP]

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

## 18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the Race Committee. [DP]

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

## 19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 20 GARBAGE DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put garbage in the water. Garbage may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. [DP]

## 21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

21.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats. [DP]

## 22 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of racing on the last day.

## **23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

## **24 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1,000,000 CAD per incident or the equivalent.

## **SPECIAL NOTES**

24.1 The race committee will not answer any questions from a competitor on the water.

24.2 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish. *This changes rule A5.* The race committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

24.3 SPORTSMANSHIP: The race committee may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.

## **ADDITIONAL SAFETY NOTES TO ALL SAILORS**

### **GENERAL**

If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, please retire from the race.

### **ELECTRICAL POWER LINES – AVOID !!!**

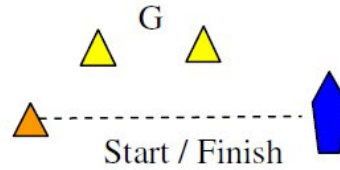
Before raising the mast, and always while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. If you see a power line, AVOID IT! A MAST COMING IN CONTACT OR EVEN NEAR AN ELECTRICAL POWER LINE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO PEOPLE ON OR TOUCHING THE BOAT!

**APPENDIX A  
RACE COURSE CONFIGURATIONS**

**COURSES 1, 2**

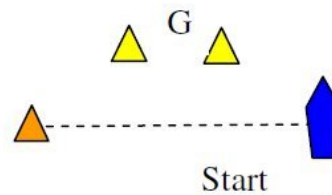
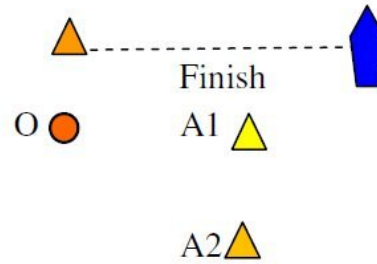


- 1 Start – A(O) – G – A(O) – Finish  
 2 Start – A(O) – G – A(O) – G – A(O) – Finish  
 Classes using the A2 weather mark will not have an offset.



**COURSES 5, 6**

- 5 Start – A(O) – G – Finish  
 6 Start – A(O) – G – A(O) – G – Finish  
 Classes using the A2 weather mark will not have an offset.



A1 = the weather mark for the Low Fleet.  
 O = the offset mark for the Low Fleet.  
 A2 = the weather mark for the High Fleet – no offset mark  
 G = the gate (note gate may be substituted with a single leeward mark)