

Grand River Sailing Club

G.R.S.C.

COMMITTEE BOAT

HANDBOOK

(REV: 05/05/12)



**PROCEDURES FOR RACES CONDUCTED WITHOUT
AN ASSIGNED COMMITTEE BOAT
(G.R.S.C. RACING RULES APPENDIX A - Rev: 05/05/12)**

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

In accordance with GRSC Rule 18, VHF Channel 80 will be used as the official radio channel for race information. Please set your radio to low power. When calling the entire Grand River Racing Fleet, refer to it as "Grand River Racing Fleet".

COURSE TO BE SAILED:

Courses will be determined in accordance with GRSC Rule 6.2, whereby the Spinnaker & Jam Fleet Captains will establish the course to be sailed and determine whether a race should be abandoned due to weather conditions.

START/FINISH LINE:

The Start and Finish Line will be between a temporarily set GRSC mark (anchored ball, inflatable tetrahedron, or other mark) and -S- mark.

For inside the wall starts, the start will be between the temporarily set mark and the inner-harbor, green (rectangular) navigational day-marker - located on the river entrance pier. (For inside the wall starts, the mark/ball should be placed south of the break-wall sand-bar – and east of the freighter channel.)

A volunteer or assignee will bring the temporary mark to the course and, as required, the spinnaker fleet captain or alternate will assist in providing direction regarding the setting of the line.

START SEQUENCE:

A boat willing to volunteer or the fleet captains/alternates for the first fleet to start will announce the 6 minute wake-up, the 5 minute warning, 4 and 1 minute preparatory signals for the first fleet to start by sounding the horn signals over Channel 80.

A volunteer or the fleet captain/alternate for the second fleet to start will signal the first fleet's start (same time as the second fleet's 5 minute warning), the 4 and 1 minute preparatory signals, and start for the second fleet's start over Channel 80.

Standard GPS timekeeping is preferred – or the timekeeping between the two boats signaling the starts will have to be calibrated.

(If only one fleet races – the assigned boat will announce the entire start sequence.)

FINISHING:

The first boat to finish ***in each fleet*** will record the finish times for that fleet. The first boat to finish will announce their finish time (time of day – hours/minutes/seconds) over Channel 80, and then immediately position themselves to observe & record subsequent boats to finish in their fleet. For the last race of the day, boats that are lagging significantly behind boats that have already finished may release the boat taking finishing times from the finishing area by hailing them on Channel 80 and then announce a countdown to when they cross the finish line. (For example, call the finishing boat on Channel 80: "This is *Trigger* about to finish: 5-4-3-2-1 - Mark".) Boats reporting their finish over the radio do not report times! The boat recording the finishing times will capture all times using the same clock/watch so that calibration will not be required between boats.

RETRIEVING THE STARTING BALL:

Last boat to finish from all competing fleets retrieves the temporarily set start/finish mark.

SCORING:

Boats recording the finish times for each fleet will provide the recorded finish/elapsed times directly or via email to the GRSC Secretary/Scorekeeper – or leave a completed record sheet in the storage shed at the GRM pavilion. All boats should carry a blank score-sheet to record finish times as it should be their hope/goal to be the first to finish.

On Course Side (OCS) / Over Early:

An honor system will be utilized - whereby the skipper/person-in-charge of the boat is ultimately responsible for starting correctly - and if they consider themselves to OCS before the start, shall return to restart in accordance with the standard "P" flag rule requirements.

Advanced notice will be provided for all races/series that will be run without a committee boat.

All other established GRSC and/or RRS racing rules remain unchanged.