

G.R.S.C. RACING RULES APPENDIX A

PROCEDURES FOR RACES CONDUCTED WITHOUT AN ASSIGNED COMMITTEE BOAT

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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 or their assignees will establish the course to be sailed and determine whether a race should be abandoned due to weather conditions.

START/FINISH LINE:

For starts at S mark, the Start/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/Finish line will be defined as one of the following options or an alternative defined by the fleet captians:

- between a temporarily set mark and the inner-harbor green (rectangular) navigational day-marker located on the river entrance pier.
- between two temporarily set marks.

For inside the wall starts, the Start/Finish line should be positioned south of the break wall sandbar and east of the freighter channel. Every effort should be made to orient the start finish line with respect to wind direction and course to the first mark so that all starting positions along the line are equally desirable.

A volunteer or assignee will bring the temporary mark(s) to the course and, as required, the fleet captians or their assignees will assist in providing direction regarding the setting of the line.

START SEQUENCE:

A boat willing to volunteer or the fleet captians/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, may signal the first fleet's start, and will begin the second fleet's start sequence 5 minutes after the start of the first fleet, by sounding horn signals over Channel 80.

Example: 6:54pm-wakeup, 6:55pm-5minute warning, 6:56pm-4minute, 6:59pm-1minute, 7:00pm-start followed by 7:05pm-5minute warning, 7:06pm-4minute,7:09pm-1minute, 7:10pm-start

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:

Immediately after finishing, the first boat to finish in each fleet must ~~will~~ announce their finish time, position themselves to observe the finish line, and record finish times for the other boats in their fleet. Failure to do so may result in a penalty as determined by the GRSC Race Committee.

After the first boat to finish, each subsequent boat finishing must identify themselves, count down their approach to the finish line, and call "Mark" as they cross the line over Channel 80. For example, "This is Trigger finishing in 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Mark."

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. Before finishing, the lagging boats must hail the boat taking finish times on Channel 80, identify themselves, count down their approach to the finish line, and call "Mark" as they cross the line. For example:

Boat finishing: *"Hokey Pokey, this is Trigger."*

Boat taking finish times: *"Trigger, this is Hokey Pokey."*

Boat finishing: *"Hokey Pokey, Trigger is approaching the finish line in about one minute."*

Boat taking finish times: *"OK Trigger."*

Boat finishing: *"Hokey Pokey, this is Trigger finishing in 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Mark."*

Note that boats reporting their finishes over the radio do not report their finish 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:

The last boat to finish from all competing fleets must retrieve the temporarily set start/finish mark(s).

SCORING:

Boats recording the finish times for each fleet will provide the recorded finish/elapsed times directly or via e-mail to the GRSC Secretary/Scorekeeper or leave a completed record sheet in the storage shed at the GRM Sailing Center 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.