

2025 WOW Championship Series

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and by the US Sailing Prescriptions. Rules of the RRS that have been changed by a sailing instruction are identified in the sailing instruction.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Yacht Club west entry hallway.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later than 48 hours before it will take effect. No change to the SIs will be announced on the water. Any change to the SIs or SI Supplements must be approved by the Rear Commodore or another flag officer.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 When the race committee signal boat is at the pier, signals made ashore will be made from the signal vessel or the Yacht Club flagstaff yard. When the signal boat is off her moorings, signals made ashore will be displayed from the Yacht Club flagstaff yard and also from the race committee signal vessel.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 When Flag K is displayed on the committee boat before a warning signal for a race the Sonar WOW class shall not be permitted to use a spinnaker during that race.

5 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 For the Sonar WOW Championship Series (WOW), all boats shall have an all-female crew, including the helmsperson, with no requirement of LGYC membership.

- 5.2** It is requested that Boats check in with the Race Committee Signal Boat prior to the warning signal of the Boat's first race each day.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1** The schedule of races shall be as described in the Race Calendar. The Race Calendar shall be approved by the Rear Commodore or another flag officer and posted on the official notice board.

- 6.2** In the schedule of races shown in the Race Calendar:

- (a) When more than one class is scheduled to race, the order of their warning signals will be as shown in the Race Calendar;
- (b) When the race schedule is interrupted by an incident after the first warning signal is displayed, the order of class flags may be revised at the discretion of the race committee and will take precedence over the order in which class indicators and course signal are displayed;
- (c) The race committee will determine the order of warning signals for the second of the back-to-back races.

- 6.3** Restrictions on times of warning signals, are as follows:

- (a) For all races scheduled after 4:45 p.m., no warning signal for any class will be made later than 7:15 p.m.

- 6.4** Races may be canceled only by the Rear Commodore or another flag officer. The decision will be posted on the official notice board.

7 CLASS INDICATORS AND CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1** Class indicators will be black class initials or insignia on white boards and displayed with the course signals.

- 7.2** Class flags will be a flag displaying the class insignia.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area is the navigable waters of Geneva Lake.

9 COURSES

- 9.1** Courses are described in SI Supplement 1, Courses and Course Signals.

- 9.2** Course signals will be black letters and numerals displayed on orange boards or on a white board displayed by a race committee signal vessel.

- 9.3** When an offset mark is used at the windward mark and the offset mark or the windward mark is missing or out of position, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port. The mark missing or out of position is no longer a mark.

- 9.4** When course W, WA, L or LA is signaled the leeward mark shall be a single orange mark.

- 9.5** When course W, WA, L or LA is signaled and flag G is displayed before or with the warning signal, the leeward mark for all classes will be replaced by a leeward gate, which shall be two orange marks. If one of the gate marks is out of position the remaining mark shall be rounded to port. The mark out of position is no longer a mark.

- 9.6** The start/finish line of all modified courses is open. Racing boats sailing any leg of the course may pass through the line.

10 MARKS

- 10.1** Marks will be **orange** shapes or yellow shapes unless otherwise stated.
- 10.2** New rounding marks, when used in accordance with instruction 12, Change of Course will be **green** tomato inflated mark at the port end.

11 THE START

- 11.1** Races will be started as provided in RRS 26 except as modified in SIs 11.2 and 11.3.
- 11.2** Flag Z, flag Z with I, flag U and the black flag will not be used as preparatory signals. This changes RRS 26.
- 11.3** The starting line will be between:
 - (a) a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at one end of the line and the course side of the yellow mark at the other end of the line, or
 - (b) staffs displaying orange flags on race committee vessels at both ends of the line, or
 - (c) the course side of an orange mark at one end of the line and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the other end of the line.
- 11.4** Signals will be displayed from a race committee vessel at or near one end of the starting line.
- 11.5** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall not enter the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is rectangular and extends approximately 50 yards along the extensions of the starting line and approximately 50 yards to windward and to leeward of the starting line and its extensions.
- 11.6** A boat not starting within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.7** If any part of the boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the one minute before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number by VHF radio or hailer. Such requests are invalid. Rule 61.1(d) is added, "if it is based on a claim that an OCS hail via VHF or hailer was not made, not heard, or based on the order of such hails."
- 11.8** When a general recall is signaled, the time of the next warning signal for the recalled class will be determined by the race committee. This changes RRS 29.2.

12 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE OR SHORTENING THE COURSE

- 12.1** A course may be shortened only by eliminating the last leg of the course. This changes RRS 32.1.
- 12.2** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. Changes in direction and length will be signaled according to RRS 33.
- 12.3** Gate marks may be moved (without signal) to maintain the configuration of the course.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between:

- (a) a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel at one end of the line and the course side of a yellow tetrahedron mark at the other end of the line, or
- (b) staffs displaying blue flags on race committee vessels at both ends of the line, or
- (c) the course side of a yellow mark at one end of the line and an orange mark at the other end of the line.
- (d) the course side of an orange mark at one end of the line and a staff displaying an blue flag on a race committee vessel at the other end of the line.

13.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

For the WOW, RRS41.1 is changed so that a Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 Race Time Limits for series races are one hour (1h).

15.2 The Finishing Window is a 15 minute time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes within the Race Time Limit. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A9.

15.3 All Race Time Limits and the Finishing Window Time Limit expire at sunset.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 A boat that finishes and intends to deliver a protest involving an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee vessel at the finishing line of her intention as soon as possible after finishing.

16.2 Protest forms are available at the Yacht Club office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Principal Race Officer for the race, a Flag Officer or Club Manager within one hour after the race committee vessel has docked. The person receiving the form will sign it to acknowledge receipt and the time of receipt.

16.3 The Yacht Club Chief Judge shall schedule the date, time and location of hearings and post such notice on the official notice board.

17 SCORING

17.1 For a race to be scored, at least two boats must be in the starting area at the time of the warning signal.

17.2 For all classes each boat starting and finishing a race and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress will be scored as follows:

<i>Finishing place</i>	<i>Points</i>
First	1
Second	2
Third	3
Fourth	4
Each place thereafter	Add 1 point

17.3 Boats scored DNF, DNS and DNC will be scored as follows:

(a) Did Not Finish (DNF) - Boats that start but fail to finish within the Finishing Window as defined in 15.2 or that after starting retire or are disqualified, will be scored DNF and will be given points equal to the number of boats that finished the race plus one(1) point.

(b) Did Not Start (DNS) - Boats that come to the starting area but do not start will be scored DNS and will be given points equal to the number of boats that started the race plus two(2) points.

(c) Did Not Contend (DNC) - Boats that did not come to the starting area shall be scored DNC and will be given points equal to the number of boats that register the series plus one(1) point.

This changes RRS 35, A4 and A9.

17.4 Boats not in compliance with SI 5.1 shall not be scored. This changes RRS 35.

17.6 Each boat's series score is determined by excluding her worst races. Every boat will receive the same number of throw outs based on the total number of races completed in the series by the fleet. A race is completed if scored; see RRS 90.3(a). The number of excluded races is based on each fleet's chosen throw-out percentage of 20% as noted below. The number of races to be thrown out is rounded down to the nearest integer. The tables below show the number of excluded races for each class. The boat with the lowest series score wins and others are ranked accordingly.

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<u>Races</u>	<u>20% exclusion:</u>
5-9	1
10	2

18 SAFETY

18.1 When races will be postponed or abandoned due to expected or actual severe weather, the race committee will attempt to broadcast its decision on VHF radio channel 18. The race committee may also display a flashing light on race committee vessels. Visual race signals govern any postponement or abandonment.

18.2 Boats leaving the racing area before the end of racing on any day shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18.3 At least two race committee vessels must be in the race area at the Warning Signal with a combined total of four race committee members on board. If at least two race committee

vessels with a combined total of four race committee members are not in the race area at the time of the Warning signal the race shall be abandoned or postponed until this requirement is satisfied.

19 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

- 19.1** Boats in all fleets are asked to have a working VHF radio on board to receive race committee transmissions intended for all boats.
- 19.2** The race committee may, as a courtesy, communicate to the fleets via VHF radio the race course, wind direction, distance and starting sequence or other pertinent information. It may also communicate change of course and in certain conditions notify boats to seek safe harbor.
- 19.3** The race committee will use VHF radio channel 18.

20 COACHING

Coaching is not allowed.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top four overall finishers in the series.

Wakewood Trophy – Awarded to the highest-ranking regular, senior, intermediate, junior, honorary service, or honorary life LGYC club member.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

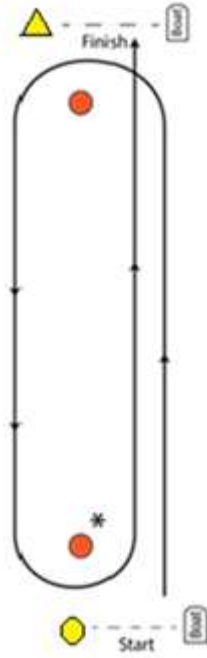
Competitors participate in Yacht Club races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after races.

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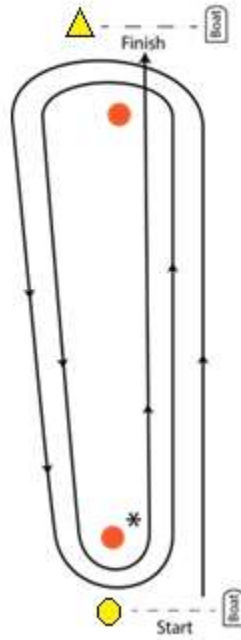
- 1 Course and Course Signals** The race committee may set any of the following courses: Windward-Leeward (W or L), Windward-Leeward with Offset (WA or LA), Windward-Leeward Modified (WM), Triangle (T), Triangle Modified (TM), Olympic (O), Olympic with leeward finish (OL), Olympic Modified (OM) and Trapezoid Modified (TZM). Modified course will include a single starting and finish line positioned between the windward and leeward marks as shown below in the Windward-Leeward Modified diagram.
- 2** Visual course signals will be displayed on boards in rows in a framework above the Flagship cabin or on a white board. The top row will show class designators; the middle row will show the courses W, L, WA, LA, WM, T, TM, O, OL, OM or TZM in black letters on an orange background. The bottom row will show the number of laps in black numerals on an orange background or for Windward-Leeward courses the number of upwind or downwind legs.
- 3** If for class WOW a minus “(-)” is posted after the number of laps or legs, then there will be a shorter yellow weather mark for that fleet. The shorter yellow mark is NOT a mark of the course for any other classes. When a race committee vessel other than Flagship II is the signal boat, course signals will be displayed on a white board.

“PLEASE NOTE: These course diagrams are for example purposes only. The course, mark, start line and finish line locations are determined by the Race Committee in accordance with the RRS and LGYC NOR & SI.”

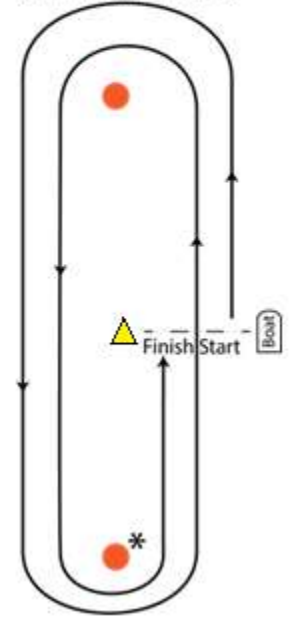
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WITH OFFSET WA-2



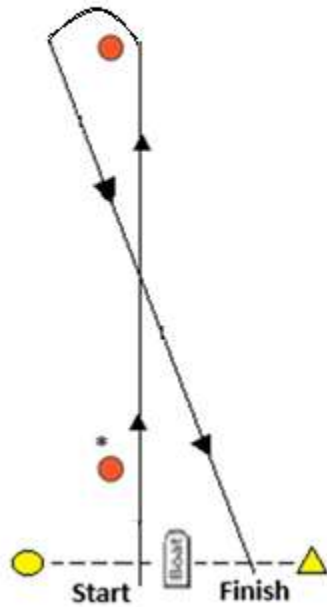
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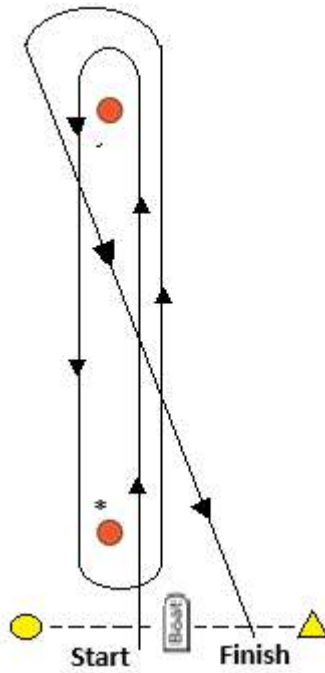
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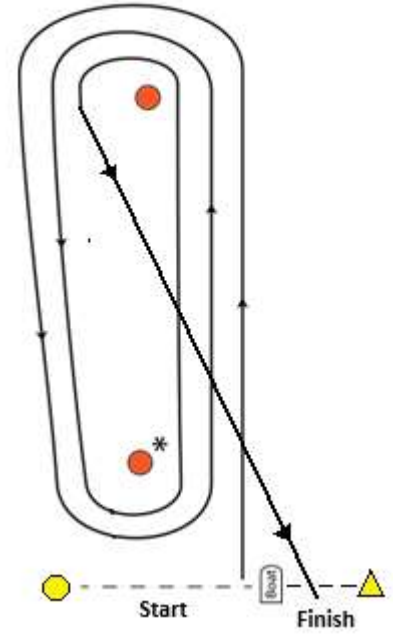
LEEWARD L-1
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LEEWARD L-2
WITH OFFSET LA-2

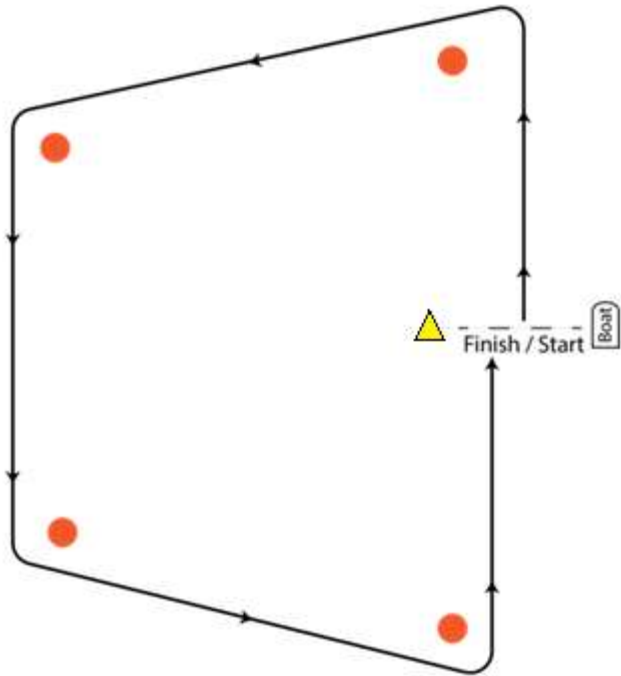


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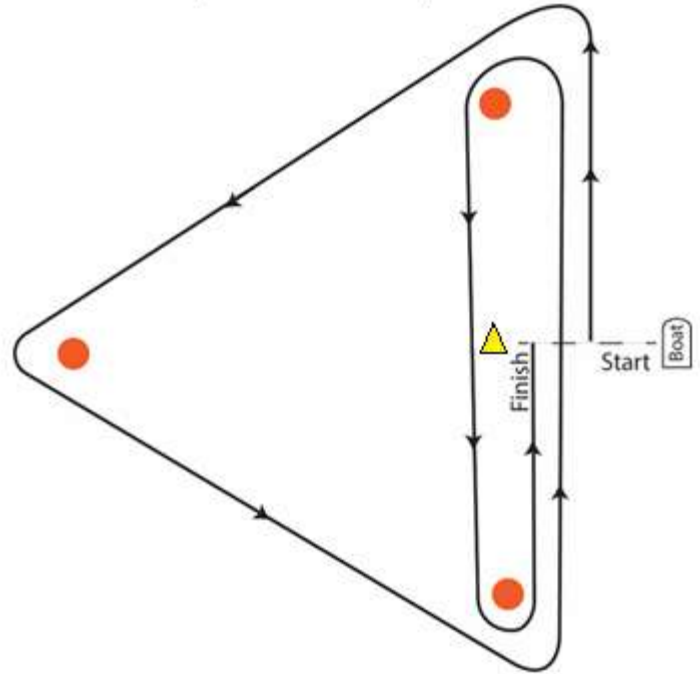


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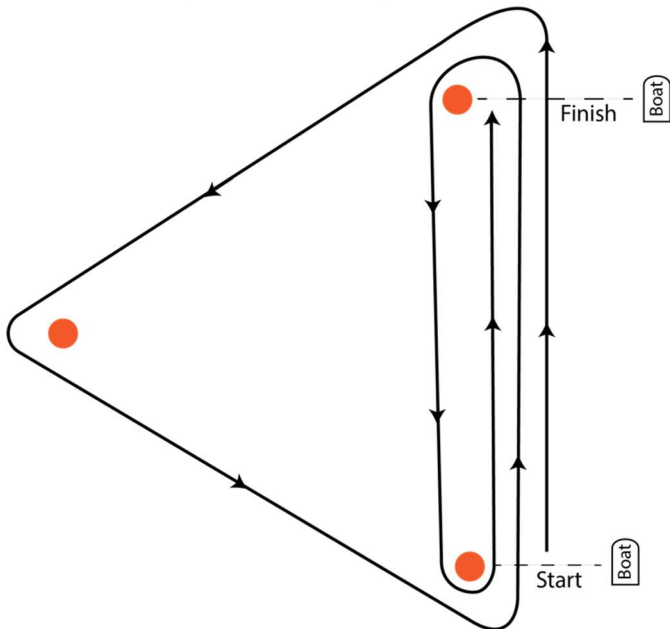
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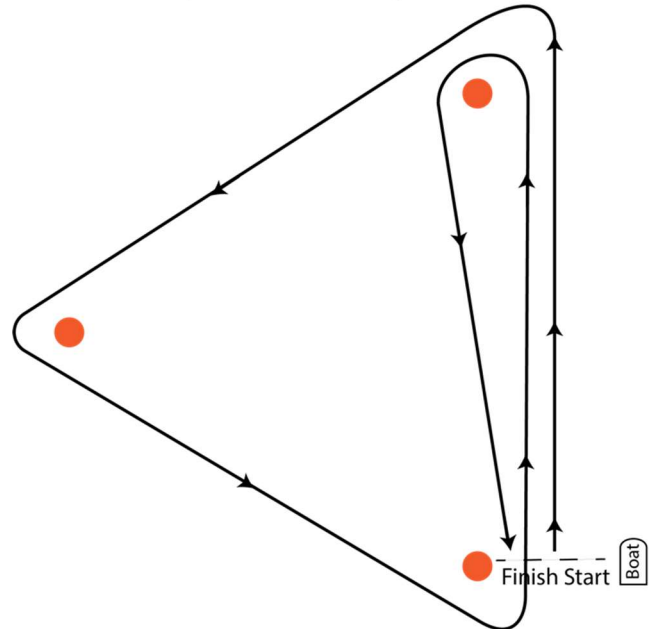
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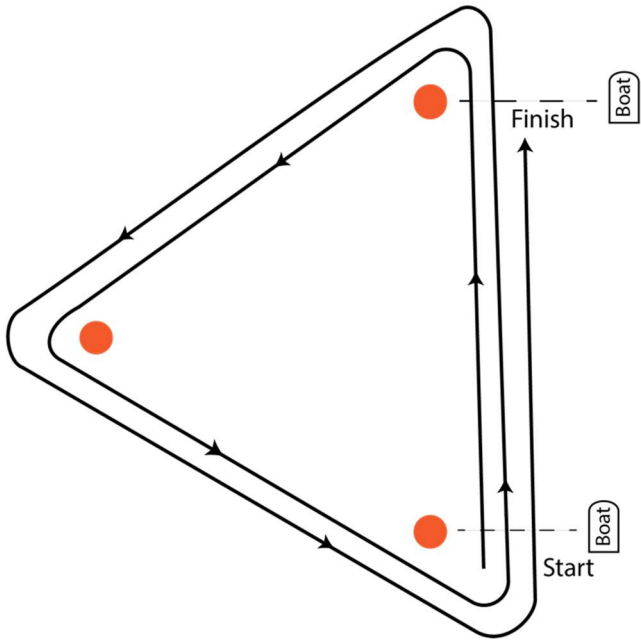
OLYMPIC
(AS SHOWN - O 1)



OLYMPIC
(AS SHOWN - OL 1)



TRIANGLE
(AS SHOWN - T 2 1/3)



TRIANGLE MODIFIED
(AS SHOWN - TM 2)

