

**Thursday Evening Races**  
**5/21/09 thru 10/29/09 except 7/2/09**  
Catalina 22 Fleet 131, Mineral City, OH

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012*
- 1.2 All boats must display a yellow flag or streamer as per MWCD requirements.

**2. Entries**

All sailboats are eligible.

**3. Notices to Competitors**

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Catalina 22 Fleet 131 website, [www.acorn.net/catalina22fleet131](http://www.acorn.net/catalina22fleet131).

**4. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced by 5:00 p.m. on race days. Cancellation of races will be announced via phone and/or email by 3:30 pm on race days.

**5. Schedule of Races**

- 5.1 Races are scheduled for every Thursday beginning 5/21/09 and ending 10/29/09. The only exception is that there is no race scheduled for 7/2/09.
- 5.2 A competitors' meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the picnic table by docks B and C of Atwood Lake Marina West.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 6:00 p.m. If there is more than one class, the start signal for the first class will be the warning (five minutes) signal for the second class, etc. If a competitor plans to attend but will be a little late, please call the RC or someone who has already arrived and can notify the RC, and the start can be delayed but will be no later than 6:30 p.m.

**6. Starting Order**

Classes will start in the following order: JAM Fleet, Spinnaker Fleet. Three boats are required to make a fleet. If fewer than three boats are available for a spinnaker fleet, a boat may fly a spinnaker in the JAM fleet, which will lower its PHRF-AL rating by 12 points (seconds).

## 7. Racing Area

The racing area will be the west end of Atwood Lake, between the dam and the dog-leg.

## 8. Check In

All contestants must check in by sailing past the stern of the RC boat prior to the race. When an RC boat is not present, notification should be made to the designated starting boat, which will be a volunteer from the last class to start.

## 9. The Course

- 9.1 The course will be announced at the competitors' meeting, and can be relayed from the RC boat or designated starting boat prior to the start. When available, the RC boat will display the course on a course board. When available, the RC boat will monitor VHF channel 68 and may use this channel to communicate with boats having a VHF radio.
- 9.2 When an RC boat is present, the course may consist of multiple laps of a short course. In this case, boats must cross the start/finish line each lap in the same direction they started and may not cross the start/finish line in the opposite direction during the race. If there is a change in the number of laps, the course board will be changed and one sound signal will be made as boats near the RC boat to alert them of the change.

## 10. Marks

Marks will be the SBYC racing marks, and/or any of three yellow rectangular prism marks.

## 11. The Start

- 11.1. When an RC boat is present, the starting line will be between the helm position on the RC boat and a starting mark. If an RC boat is not present, the starting line will be between two marks.
- 11.2. Visual signals will not be used. This changes RRS 26.
- 11.3. Sound signals will be as follows: Approximately one minute prior to the warning signal for the first class, four sound signals will be used to alert contestants that the racing is about to begin.

(restating the sound signals from RRS 26)

Warning signal	1 sound	5 minutes before start
Preparatory signal	1 sound	4 minutes before start
One-minute signal	1 long sound	1 minute before start
Starting signal	1 sound	Start

If there is more than one class, the start signal for the first class will be the warning (five minutes) signal for the second class, etc.

## **12. Recalls**

The race committee intends to hail the recall of OCS (on course side) boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1.

## **13. The Finish**

- 13.1 Unless the course is shortened, the finish line will be between the helm position on the RC boat and the finish mark. If an RC boat is not present, the finish line will be between two marks.
- 13.2 When the course consists of one lap, boats may be instructed to cross the start/finish line in the same direction as they started or in the opposite direction. This instruction will be part of the course announcement.
- 13.3 When the course consists of multiple laps of a short course, boats must cross the start/finish line each lap in the same direction they started and may not cross the start/finish line in the opposite direction during the race.
- 13.4 If an RC boat is not present, each boat must record her own race time. The race time, in minutes and seconds since the start of the race, is when the helmsman crosses the line while in his normal position. The race times are to be turned in to the evening volunteer acting as the race committee.

## **14. Penalty System**

RRS 44.1 (two turns penalty, one turn for hitting a mark) will be in effect.

## **15. Time Limit**

- 15.1 The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 15.2 Boats still racing 90 minutes after the start, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will be assigned scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points. If only one boat is still racing 90 minutes after the start, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, it will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will be assigned scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one point. This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A4.2, and A5.
- 15.3 If the order of the boats is obvious and not challenged by any competitor 90 minutes after the start, the race committee may terminate the race and score those boats in the place they would have finished based on their position at the time the race is terminated. This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A4.2, and A5.
- 15.4 When a race consists of multiple laps of a short course, boats will be timed each lap. Item 15.1 does not apply. If all boats have not finished the planned number of laps 90 minutes after the start, the finishing positions for all boats will be assigned based on the time they completed the previous lap, unless the order of the boats not finished is

obvious and not challenged by any competitor. In this case, item 15.3 above will be used. This changes RRS 32, 33, 35, A4.1, A4.2, and A5.

## **16. Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 16.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat or the evening volunteer acting as the race committee of her intention, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 16.2 The Protest time limit is one hour after the last boat finishes. This changes RRS 61.3.

## **17. Scoring**

- 17.1. The *Low-Point Scoring System*, RRS A2 will apply.
- 17.2. Races will be scored using Time-On-Time handicaps using PHRF-AL ratings. Information about these handicaps can be found at <http://phrfal.homestead.com/> and <http://www.ussailing.org/phrf/TOT.asp>. If a PHRF-AL rating is not available for a particular boat, the race committee will assign a PHRF rating as follows:
- 17.2.1 If published, the average PHRF handicap from the US Sailing website, [http://www.ussailing.org/phrf/Tool\\_%20HI\\_LO\\_AVG%20Report%20Oct%202021%202008.pdf](http://www.ussailing.org/phrf/Tool_%20HI_LO_AVG%20Report%20Oct%202021%202008.pdf), will be used.
- 17.2.2 If no PHRF is published, the Portsmouth D-PN from the US Sailing website <http://www.ussailing.org/portsmouth/tables2008.asp> will be used and converted to a PHRF rating using Table V from the US Sailing website, [http://www.ussailing.org/portsmouth/table\\_v.asp](http://www.ussailing.org/portsmouth/table_v.asp).
- 17.3. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the RC boat or the evening volunteer acting as the race committee before leaving the course area.

## **18. Prizes**

- 18.1 Each crew member from the winning boat of each Thursday Evening Race is awarded one extra hot dog with bun and condiments after the races!
- 18.2 Each crew member from the second place boat of each Thursday Evening Race is awarded one extra hot dog or a bun and condiments after the races!
- 18.3 Crew members from the third place boat of each Thursday Evening Race are eligible to share one extra hot dog after the races!
- 18.4 If there are no hot dogs after the races due to inclement weather or other circumstances, this prize is transferable to another evening when hot dogs are served.

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**Principal Race Officer**