

# NOSA 2009 Racing Instructions

## Schedule

Races take place every Thursday evening from May 14 until Aug. 27.

## Times

Boats should be rigged by 6 PM with the 5 minute warning for the first race sounded at 6:15 Last race must start before the sun touches the hills on the North side of the lake.

## Time Limit

For all races, the maximum time for the first boat to cross the finish line shall be 60 minutes. Any boat that doesn't cross the line within 30 minutes of the first boat crossing the finish line shall be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF)

## Equipment

All boats must be rigged according to their class rules and federal regulations(e.g. Bailers, paddles and floating line). All skippers and crews must wear a PDF at all times during the races.

## Race Committee

The race committee must set out the starting line markers before the first race and bring them in after the last race. The race committee starts all of the races for the evening and records the results.

## Starting

The starting system will follow ISAF racing rules and will be as follows:

Signal	Flag	Sound	Time
Warning	Class Flag (White) up	One short sound	5 Minutes
Preparatory	Blue up	One short sound	4 Minutes
One Minute	Blue down	One short sound	1 Minute
Start	Class Flag (white) down	One short sound	) Minutes

Note Prior to the warning signal a series of short sounds **may** be used to notify sailors that the warning signal is about to be given.

If there are multiple fleets being started separately then the class flags are Red – X multihull; Yellow – X monohull and White – specific class e.g. Laser or Sea Spray The number of fleets will be decided by the race committee before the start of the first race and communicated to the skippers.

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## ***Recalls***

General Recall – First Substitute Flag will be displayed with 2 long sounds. After the First Substitute has been lowered a new start sequence will commence with the raising of the Warning flag.

Individual Recall – The X flag will be displayed with 1 long sound. X flag will remain displayed until all over-early boats are completely on the pre-start side of the line.

## ***Course***

The race committee shall set the course for each race. The marks used are A, B, Q & C. A is the yellow channel marker just west of the Vernon Yacht Club; Q is the yellow channel marker west of A; C is the yellow channel marker at the east end of the lake; B is the pale spherical marker north of the paddlewheel clubhouse. All markers are to be rounded to starboard unless otherwise directed by the race committee.

## ***Start & Finish Line***

The start and finish lines shall be between the starting mark and the east dock. Prior to the start of a race, boats may cross over the start line. If they cross over the start line, they must completely recross the start line with all parts of their boat.

## ***Protests***

Boats protesting may verbally register a protest with another boat by hailing them. A boat must display a red flag to register a protest with the race committee. Protests must be written on a CYA protest form and delivered to the race committee within 30 minutes of the end of the last race of the day. Rules of racing are the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012

## ***Alternate Penalty***

A boat may acknowledge a protest by performing a 360° turn at the first safe opportunity. During this maneuver the boat must avoid all other racers.

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## **Scoring**

The NOSA scoring system, a modified low points scoring system based on Appendix A4.1 of The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012 , will be used to score all classes. Penalty scores shall be assessed as follows:

Penalty	Points assessed
Did Not Compete	# of boats plus 4
Did Not Start (DNS)	# of boats plus 3
Did Not Finish (DNF)	# of boats plus 1
Disqualified (DSQ)	# of boats plus 2

A score of OOD will be assigned to any boat that acts as the race committee rather than racing. The points for OOD are the average of all other points assigned to the boat over the series. This effectively removes the penalty for acting as the race committee rather than racing.

## **Handicapping**

For the Xmonohull and X multihull fleets the Portsmouth wind adjusted handicap will be used. The values are assigned by the Racing Director and posted on the official notice board, Values are not subject to appeal.

## **Throw-outs**

There will be one throw-out race for every 6 races completed.