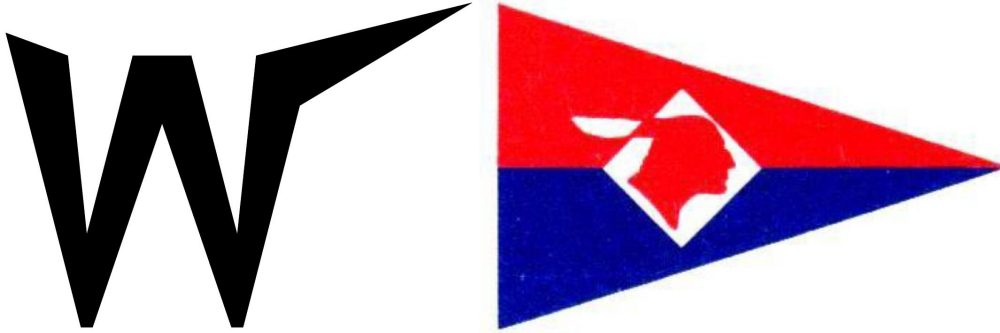


**2017 Old Brown Dog Regatta
Wayfarer and MC Scow Sailing
Sponsored by the Catawba Yacht Club**



**November 3-4-5, 2017
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the class rules of applicable fleets [Wayfarer & MC Scow]. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* including US Sailing prescriptions thereto, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions ("SI"), the Notice of Race (NOR), the class rules of applicable fleets [Wayfarer & MC Scow], and any special instructions issued by the Race Committee.

2 ENTRIES

Entries will be accepted in two classes: MC Scows and Wayfarers. Eligible boats shall register by completing the online form at <http://www.catawbayc.org/OBD-Registration.html> and submitting the entry fee prior to 10:00 Nov 4th.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the CYC clubhouse.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SCHEDULE and CLASS FLAG

5.1 A competitors' meeting will be held at 10:00 **Eastern Daylight Time** on November 4, 2017. The warning signal for the first race will be sounded at 11:00 EDT. Subsequent races each day will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. The class flags shall be a flag bearing the MC Scow emblem and a flag bearing the Wayfarer class emblem.

5.2 On Sunday, November 5, the warning signal for the first race will be sounded at 09:00 **Eastern Standard Time**, and there will be no skippers meeting on this day.

5.3 On Friday, November 3, there is planned a practice race warning signal at 15:00 EDT that does not count as part of the regatta.

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Lake Wylie directly west or north of the CYC harbor.

7 COURSES and MARKS

The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Courses will be posted on a marking board on the committee boat. Rounding marks will be Orange Cylinders. The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a yellow buoy at the port end.

8 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

8.1 Races will be started by using rule 26. (5 minute starts) The starting and finishing lines will be located between an orange flag located aloft on the CYC committee boat and a yellow start/finish buoy. Following the display of the individual recall signal, the RC will attempt to announce by VHF radio and hailer the racing number of all boats identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal. This changes RRS 29.1. Such announcement is a courtesy and failure by the RC to make the announcement or of the boats to hear or understand it shall not constitute grounds for redress.

8.2 There shall be a separate start for each class.

8.3 After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the start/finish line in either direction. A boat shall not cross the start/finish line until she is completing the last leg of the course and finishes. A boat that breaks this rule shall not correct her error. However, she will be exonerated if she takes a Two-Turns Penalty (see rule 44.2). This changes rule 28.1. On a leg of the course from W to L or from L to W, boats may leave the start/finish line either to port or to starboard. For reasons of safety, on legs of the course from W to L or from L to W, the start/finish line and the starting buoy and race committee boat are, taken together, one obstruction, and therefore rules 19 and 20 may apply between boats while they are approaching and passing it.

9 TIME LIMIT

Race Committee will assign finish positions to boats that fail to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat that sails the course and finishes. This changes rule A3.

10 PROTESTS

Protest forms are available at the clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks at the end of each day of racing. The same protest time limit applies to requests for redress. This changes rule 62.2.

Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as possible.

11 SCORING

RRS Appendix A using the Low-Point scoring system with NO discards will be used. This changes RRS A2. Five races are scheduled; one race constitutes a regatta.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

All yachts shall carry all the necessary safety equipment required by law, regulation and class rules. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

13 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

13.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee member to proceed immediately to the club docks for inspection.

13.2 VHF radio channel 69 will be used, as a supplement to flags and hails, to communicate activity on the race course; e.g., delays, over early calls, recalls, weather related issues. The use of a VHF radio is a courtesy and is not required for participation.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Wayfarer: Top three overall.

14.2 MC Scow: Recognition will be given to the top 3 skippers.

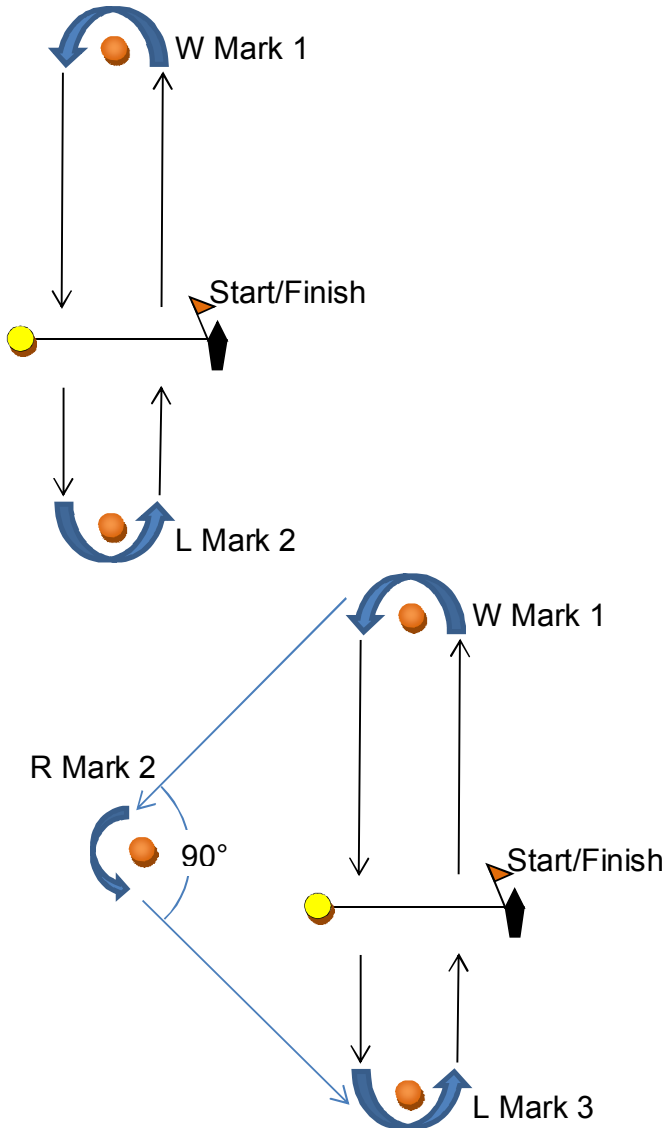
15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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 the regatta. A signed letter of waiver must be completed by each skipper prior to racing.

Addendum A – Illustrating the Courses

Windward-Leeward Courses:

W1: Start – 1 – 2 – Finish
W2: Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – Finish
W3: Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – Finish



Triangular Courses

T1: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
T2: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
T3: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish