

Asheville Sailing Club 2018 Regatta Organization

1. Schedule - The club will continue its tradition of holding regattas on the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month during the regatta season. All regattas are official point regattas except the Frostbites and the Shrimp-a-Roo event in August and Fun sailing.
2. Notice of Race - A Notice of Race (NOR) will be sent to ASC members by e-mail 3-5 days before each event by the Vice Commodore.
3. Race Eligibility - Although regattas are open to anyone, only racing (not "basic") members of ASC are scored in races and accumulate points for the seasonal and ASC Annual Championships. Members who join by the third point regatta in a season may have their earlier races count towards the season series. Members must join ASC by the 6th point regatta to be eligible for the ASC Annual Championship; as in the season series, regattas may be counted retroactively. Once a skipper signs up for a particular fleet, the skipper must remain in that fleet for entire racing season. The skipper who wins the "B" fleet for the year will automatically be moved into the "A" fleet the following year.
4. Skipper Meetings - Skipper meetings will begin promptly at 1:00pm. It is the competitor's responsibility to register with the race committee in their respective "A" or "B" fleet and be ready to sail at that time.
5. Racing Rules – Point regattas are sailed under the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (2013-2016). Any changes to the rules will be specified in the NOR or at the skippers meeting. All skippers are expected to self-enforce the rules and perform penalty turns when an infraction occurs. Any rule dispute will be settled by the Race Committee following the day's racing.
6. Race Safety – By participating in ASC activities, all participants accept all risk associated with sailing activities and certify that their boat is equipped with all required safety equipment as per current U.S Coast Guard regulations. ASC competitors are expected to assist other boats in distress and to abandon racing if conditions become unsafe. Competitors who assist another competitor in distress during a race will be assigned a score for that race equal to their average score for that day of sailing. The Race Committee retains the right to cancel racing if conditions become unsafe. The Race Committee retains the right to require the wearing of life jackets when wind speeds are gusting over 15kts.
7. Regatta Scoring – A point regatta shall be official if at least 2 races are completed. A race must have at least 3 boats started to count. Two boats will be considered a class fleet. Skippers are assigned points based on time adjusted finish, calculated from the US Sailing Portsmouth ratings (see #8). The first place boat receives 1 point, the second place boat 2 points, etc. Any registered boat that does not finish (DNF) shall receive a score of the total number of registered boats. Any registered boat that does not compete (DNC), is on course side at the start and fails to return (OCS), or is otherwise disqualified (DSQ) shall receive a score of the total number of registered boats plus 1. After all of the races are completed, each boat's regatta score will be determined using the following equation:

average finish position / total number of boats in the class fleet

average finish position / total number of boats in the "A" or "B" fleet

Class fleets are currently defined by as Flying Scots, Jet-14, Lasers, Open.

A "dropout" will be invoked if more than 3 races are completed - meaning each skipper's worst finish will not count in the final regatta score. The final regatta score is used to calculate regatta performance for the season and ASC Annual competitions (see #10). It rewards skippers that perform well in larger class fleets (a first place boat receives 0.1 in a 10-boat class fleet but only a score of 0.33 in a 3-boat class fleet).

All regattas are scored by the registered skipper, not boat. If a crew member or someone else other than the registered skipper helms the boat during a race, the score will still count for the registered skipper.

8. Handicap Scoring – Race times and final standings will be adjusted based on boat type. Handicaps will be the US Sailing Portsmouth ratings found at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/offshore-big-boats/portsmouth-yardstick/current-tables/>. No wind adjustments will be used.

9. Race Committee - It is expected that each sailor contribute to the racing culture at ASC by volunteering to be Race Committee or to assist the Race Committee. It is the responsibility of the Race Committee of each regatta to:

- a. Hose the docks before the regatta,
- b. Set up the Safety boat
- c. Set the marks
- d. Define the starting sequence and determine the race course,
- e. There will be two starts per sequence ("A" fleet will start 10 minutes behind "B" fleet); start each race and write the time for each boat based on the "B" starting time,
- f. Retrieve the marks
- g. Get results to the Vice Commodore (Lenny Wells, leonardawells@gmail.com).

10. Awards - Awards will be given to active members for "A" and "B" fleets for events: Spring Series, Fall Series. The ASC Annual Champion and the annual awards will be the combination of the results of "A" and "B" fleets. In addition there will be annual awards for each class fleet champion. The seasonal series consists of 7 points regattas. Seasonal series standings will be determined by taking the average regatta score of the best 4 regattas of each skipper. The ASC Annual Champion is determined by taking the average regatta score of the best 9 regattas over the entire season (8 regattas if skipper fulfills Race Committee obligations). If a skipper does not participate in the minimum number of regattas for a seasonal or the annual series (4 or 9 respectively), he/she shall not be eligible for awards. These numbers may be adjusted by the Vice Commodore if weather or other events cause cancellations of point regattas. Social events do not count toward official points regattas.

11. Asheville Sailing Club Race Scoring will follow the ISAF Appendix A scoring rules

a. Here are the scoring rules: Below is the actual link.

1. As an example, using the following two skipper's scores:

(skipper A scored 1,2,1,2; skipper B scored 2,1,2,1)

- a. First both had the same score which created the tie. Rule A8.
- b. Second both had the same finishes; two 1st and two 2nd. Rule A8.1
- c. Next Rule A8.2 applies, the person who finished 1st in the fourth race wins.

b. Here a link to the ISAF Appendix A.

<http://www.wayfarer-international.org/WIT/race.related/RacingRulesOfSailing/RRS.text/RRSAppAScoring.html>

c. Here are the scoring rules:

ISAF Appendix A Scoring

90.3 Scoring

(a) The race committee shall score a race or series as provided in Appendix A using the Low Point System, unless the sailing instructions specify some other system. A race shall be scored if it is not abandoned and if one boat sails the course in compliance with rule 28 and finishes within the time limit, if any, even if she retires after finishing or is disqualified.

(b) When a scoring system provides for excluding one or more race scores from a boat's series score, the score for disqualification under rule 2; rule 30.3's last sentence; rule 42 if rule P2.2 or P2.3 applies; or rule 69.2(c)(2) shall not be excluded. The next-worse score shall be excluded instead.

(c) When the race committee determines from its own records or observations that it has scored a boat incorrectly, it shall correct the error and make the corrected scores available to competitors.

A1 NUMBER OF RACES

The number of races scheduled and the number required to be completed to constitute a series shall be stated in the sailing instructions.

A2 SERIES SCORES

Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. (The sailing instructions may make a different arrangement by providing, for example, that no score will be excluded, that two or more scores will be excluded, or that a specified number of scores will be excluded if a specified number of races are completed. A race is completed if scored; see rule 90.3(a).) If a boat has two or more equal worst scores, the score(s) for the race(s) sailed earliest in the series shall be excluded. The boat with the lowest series score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly.

A3 STARTING TIMES AND FINISHING PLACES

The time of a boat's starting signal shall be her starting time, and the order in which boats finish a race shall determine their finishing places. However, when a handicap or rating system is used a boat's corrected time shall determine her finishing place.

A4 LOW POINT SYSTEM

The Low Point System will apply unless the sailing instructions specify another system; see rule 90.3(a).

A4.1 Each boat starting and finishing and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress shall be scored points as follows:

Finishing place Points:

- First - 1
- Second - 2
- Third - 3
- Fourth - 4
- Fifth - 5
- Sixth - 6
- Seventh - 7

Each place thereafter Add 1 point

A4.2 A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series. A boat that is penalized under rule 30.2 or that takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a) shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3(c).

A5 SCORES DETERMINED BY THE RACE COMMITTEE

A boat that did not start, comply with rule 30.2 or 30.3, or finish, or that takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a) or retires, shall be scored accordingly by the race committee without a hearing. Only the protest committee may take other scoring actions that worsen a boat's score.

A6 CHANGES IN PLACES AND SCORES OF OTHER BOATS

A6.1 If a boat is disqualified from a race or retires after finishing, each boat with a worse finishing place shall be moved up one place.

A6.2 If the protest committee decides to give redress by adjusting a boat's score, the scores of other boats shall not be changed unless the protest committee decides otherwise.

A7 RACE TIES

If boats are tied at the finishing line or if a handicap or rating system is used and boats have equal corrected times, the points for the place for which the boats have tied and for the place(s) immediately

below shall be added together and divided equally. Boats tied for a race prize shall share it or be given equal prizes.

A8 SERIES TIES

A8.1 If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat(s) with the best score(s). No excluded scores shall be used.

A8.2 If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied boats' scores in the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken. These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.

A9 RACE SCORES IN A SERIES LONGER THAN A REGATTA

For a series that is held over a period of time longer than a regatta, a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

A10 GUIDANCE ON REDRESS

If the protest committee decides to give redress by adjusting a boat's score for a race, it is advised to consider scoring her

(a) points equal to the average, to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in all the races in the series except the race in question;

(b) points equal to the average, to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in all the races before the race in question; or

(c) points based on the position of the boat in the race at the time of the incident that justified redress.

A11 SCORING ABBREVIATIONS

These scoring abbreviations shall be used for recording the circumstances described:

DNC Did not start; did not come to the starting area

DNS Did not start (other than DNC and OCS)

OCS Did not start; on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and failed to start, or broke rule 30.1

ZFP 20% penalty under rule 30.2

BFD Disqualification under rule 30.3

SCP Took a Scoring Penalty under rule 44.3(a)

DNF Did not finish

RET Retired

DSQ Disqualification

DNE Disqualification (other than DGM) not excludable under rule 90.3(b)

DGM Disqualification for gross misconduct not excludable under rule 90.3(b)

RDG Redress given

DPI Discretionary penalty imposed

12. This regatta organization will be followed for the 2016 season. It will be discussed, modified as needed, and voted to be used for the following season.