

2017 Rodesiler Series Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, including US Sailing Prescriptions.

2. Entries

Entry is open to all LMSC members and all sailboats types. Members may invite guest competitors to participate in any race. Guest participants may use LMSC facilities only on Rodesiler event dates. Guest competitors are eligible to receive any daily awards but are not eligible for season awards.

3. Sign in & Notices

Notices will be posted on the bulletin board on the patio. Anyone wishing to race must notify the PRO for that day before racing begins. The PRO can be found on the patio or on the pontoon boat at the dock. You may also notify the PRO by sailing by the pontoon boat before the "gathering" horns are sounded and state your intention to race. Competitors must declare for **Portsmouth** or **PHRF** handicap divisions, providing **skipper name, sail number, boat type, and spinnaker/non-spinnaker (if applicable)Section**. A skipper sailing a different boat type on a given race date than originally declared must notify the PRO of the change.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be announced from the patio under the clubhouse 1 ½ hours before racing begins.

5. Schedule

On scheduled Saturdays, three races will be normally held for the Portsmouth Division & two races for the PHRF Division . Additional races will start as soon as possible after the first Portsmouth Division race ends.

Competitors meeting - **11:30 AM** April 8 - June 17, September 09, 30; **2:30 PM** July 1 - August 26

April 8 - June 17 - First warning - 1:00 PM There will be no races started after 4:00 PM

July 1 - August 26 - First warning - 4:00 PM There will be no races started after 6:30 PM

September 09, 30 - First warning - 1:00 PM There will be no races started after 4:00 PM

6. Class Flag

When flag signals are used in the starting sequence, the class flag for the Portsmouth Division will be the number one (1) pennant (white pennant, solid red circle) and the class flag for the PHRF Division will be the number four (4) pennant (red pennant, white cross).

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be the large body of water to the east of LMSC (it is approximately 1/2 hour sailing time to the course area). Wind conditions may require the use of other areas at the Race Committee's discretion.

8. Courses and Marks

*See Appendix A for illustrations and notes. Course numbers will be displayed on a sign from the stern of the committee boat.

a.) Course 3: S-W-L-F (Start-Windward-Leeward-Finish) All marks shall be rounded to port.

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b.) Course 4: S-W-L-W-L-F (Start-Windward-Leeward-Windward-Leeward-Finish) All marks shall be rounded to port.

c.) Leeward mark: A single leeward mark for Portsmouth and PHRF divisions will be an orange tetrahedron.

d.) Windward Mark - Portsmouth: The windward mark for the Portsmouth Division will be an orange tetrahedron.

e.) Windward Mark - PHRF: The windward mark for the PHRF Division will be a yellow tetrahedron placed an appropriate distance to windward of the Portsmouth Division windward mark.

9. Starting and Finishing

a.) The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race Committee boat to starboard and an orange tetrahedron to port.

b.) The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat to starboard and an orange tetrahedron to port.

c.) *An automatic 5 minute starting system that uses flashing beacons instead of flags will be used. The starting beacon sequence shall be: **Red; Red Amber; Amber; Green.**

5 minute warning: Red beacon - one horn. (Raise class flag if flags are used)

4 minute Preparatory: Red & Amber beacons – one horn. (Raise P flag if flags are used)

1 minute: Amber beacon – one horn. (Lower P flag if flags are used.)

Start: Green beacon – one horn. (Lower class flag if flags are used)

d.) PHRF Division shall be given a separate start and shall start first.

e.) The start/finish line will be open.

**A traditional starting sequence using flag signals outlined in the "Racing Rules of Sailing" rule 26 may be used if the automatic system does not function. The warning signal will be 5 minutes before the starting signal. See section 6. "Class Flag" for designated Portsmouth Division and PHRF Division class flags.*

A "courtesy alert" consisting of 4 or 5 sounds will be given approximately 30 seconds before the 5 minute warning.

General Recall: 2 Red beacons – 2 horns

Individual Recall: Green & Red beacons – 1 horn.

10. Time Limit

a.) The time limit for each Portsmouth Division race will be 70 minutes for the first boat to finish. Target "first boat" finish time is 30 minutes. The RC will award TLE to any Portsmouth Division boats finishing 30 minutes after the first boat finishing the course.

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b.) The time limit for each PHRF Division race will be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish. The RC will award TLE for any PHRF Division boat finishing 45 minutes after the first boat to finish.

11. Protests

Protests must be filed with the PRO within 60 minutes of the Committee Boat docking. They will not be heard on race day and will not affect the scoring until after the hearing.

12. Scoring

a.) The low point system outlined in Appendix A of the RRS will be used. *For purposes of scoring the series*, entrants electing to compete within a specified handicap division at the beginning of the series may not change to a different division before the series ends.

b.) Series scores are awarded the competitor of record for a given race date. Competitors may sail a different boat on subsequent dates. Competitors must declare themselves, the sail number, and the boat type before the first race on the day a different boat is used.

c.) The competitor of record must be on board the boat during each competition being scored. Only one competitor of record will be scored for a given date.

d.) Scoring for Portsmouth Division races will be done using the Portsmouth rating charts from US Sailing using wind handicap factors and modification factors.

e.) Scoring for PHRF Division races will be done using Performance Handicap Racing Formula charts.

d.) Any competitor awarded DNX (Did not compete, did not finish, disqualified, etc.) for a race will be awarded one more point than the number of boats participating for the season. This changes A9 in The racing Rules of Sailing.

e.) Any competitor awarded TLE (Time Limit Expired) will be awarded one more point than the number of boats finishing within the time limit.

13. Retiring from the race area

Competitors leaving the race area prior to completing a race or prior to completing of the day's racing should notify the race Committee before going ashore. In the event it is not possible to communicate with any of the race committee in the racing area, competitors should make every effort to leave word with someone at the club who can subsequently advise the committee.

14 Radio Communication

The Race Committee will communicate via VHF radio channel 68. Competitors may monitor channel 68 but please keep chatter to a minimum.

15. Trophies

Race results for the day will be announced on the patio or in the clubhouse immediately following the days racing. Awards for the series will be given for the best 20 race scores in the Portsmouth Division and the best 13 race scores in the PHRF Division. A race is sailed if at least one competitor starts and finishes the race within the specified time limit. All other scores will be discarded.

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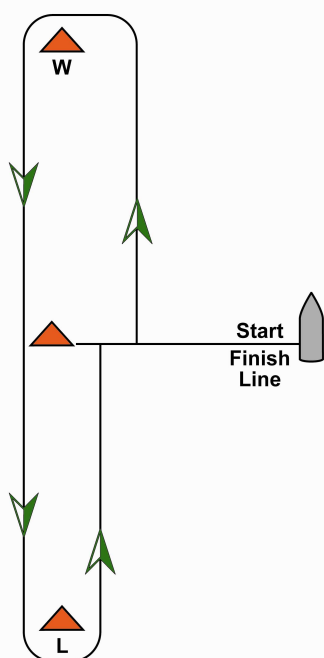
Appendix A: Course Illustrations

Course diagrams are for illustration only. Refer to Rodesiler Sailing Instructions sections 8 and 9 for details.

The course configuration for Portsmouth and PHRF Divisions are identical except that the windward mark for the PHRF Division will be positioned upwind of the Portsmouth Division windward mark to create a longer course.

The Portsmouth and PHRF Divisions will share the same start/finish line and leeward mark.

Course 3



Course 4

