

2012 Rodesiler Series Sailing Instructions

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1. Rules

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.

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 daily trophies but are not be eligible for season awards.

3. Sign in & Notices

A handicap sheet is generated each week for skippers & boats that have previously sailed in recent Rodesiler races. It will be posted with other notices on the bulletin board on the patio.

A competitor may add their name & boat, change boat type or change spinnaker designation on any given day by signing the sheet or notifying the PRO.

4. Signals Made Ashore

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

5. Schedule

Three races will be normally held on scheduled Saturdays starting at 2 pm. Additional races will start ASAP after the first race ends.

6. Class Flag

The class flag will be the number one (1) pennant when flag signals are used in the starting sequence.

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

The course will be:

Start-Windward-Finish (see course diagram)

9. Starting and Finishing

a.) The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race Committee boat and an orange flag on the staff of a small "man overboard" style float.

b.) The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an orange flag on the staff of a small "man overboard" type float.

For shortened courses, the finish line may be between an orange flag on a support boat and a mark of the course.

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.**

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5 minute warning: **Red** beacon - one horn.

4 minute Preparatory: **Red & Amber** beacons – one horn

1 minute: **Amber** beacon – one horn.

Start: **Green** beacon – one horn

A “courtesy alert” will consist of 4 or 5 sounds given approximately 30 seconds before the 5 minute warning signal.

General Recall: 2 Red beacons – 2 horns

Individual Recall: Green & Red beacons – 1 horn.

A traditional starting sequence using flag signals outlined in the "Racing Rules of Sailing" rule 26 may be used if the above system does not function. The warning signal will be 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10. Time Limit

The time limit for each race will be 70 minutes for the first boat to finish. Target "first boat" finish time is 30 minutes. The RC will award DNX to any boats finishing 30 minutes after the first boat or rounding the weather mark behind the first boat by 60% of the first boats rounding time, but not less than 10 minutes.

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.) Scoring will be done using the Portsmouth rating charts from US Sailing using wind handicap factors. The low point system will be used.

b.) 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 starting that race.

c.) Each competitor will be awarded his or her season average points for each race served as Race Committee. There will be no incentive points or throw outs. Competitors serving as race committee on subsequent dates will be scored DNX for that date.

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 must 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. Trophies

Race results and trophies will be awarded on the patio immediately following the days racing. Seasonal awards will be given for the best ten races during the year.

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Appendix A: Course Illustrations

