

Alum Creek Regatta 2008 - Columbus, OH, USA – May 3 & 4

ACSA - OCRA

Preliminary Sailing Instructions

1 Rules - The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions, and by these sailing instructions. The regatta is designated Category C.

2 Entries - This event is open to all 'beach' multi-hulls.

3 Notices to Competitors - Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the Diamond's RV.

4 Changes in Sailing Instructions - Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 30 minutes before the first start time on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 22:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Diamond's RV.

5.2 Flag AP with two horns (one horn when lowered) means 'the race is postponed'. The warning signal will be made not less than 5 minutes after AP is lowered.'

6 Racing Area - The racing area will be the south end of Alum Creek Reservoir.

7 The Course - The US Sailing multi-hull courses, as described here, will be used.

Course#	Course	Finish	Options
1	(S) A C A	(F) Downwind	1G
2	(S) A C A C A	(F) Downwind	2G
3	(S) A C A B C	(F) Upwind	
4	(S) A B C A C	(F) Upwind	
5	(S) A C	(F) Upwind	5G
6	(S) A C A C	(F) Upwind	6G
7	(S) A C A B C A C	(F) Upwind	

All marks left to port except Gates. Gates may be exited in either direction.

7.1 Offset Mark – When code flag “O” is flown during the starting sequence an offset mark to be rounded to port will be used in conjunction with A-mark. The offset mark will be placed at approximately a right angle to the weather leg and approximately 5 to 20 boat lengths to port of A-mark

8 The Start

8.1 Races will be started using rule 26 as modified by these SIs.

8.2 Rule 26 is modified to read:

26 STARTING RACES

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class flag; 1 soune	3
Perparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag; 1 sound	2
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

8.3 The RC will attempt to keep a rolling 3 minute sequence. The starting sequence will progress from slowest boats to fastest boats by class with notification by class flag during the sequence.

8.4 The starting line will be between a staff on the port stern corner of the committee boat and the most windward portion of the starting mark.

8.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

8.6 The start-finish line shall rank as an obstruction to those boats not starting, preparing to start, or finishing when the 'P' flag is flying

8.5 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with racing rule 29.

9 The Finish - The finishing line will be between a staff on the port stern corner of the committee boat and the most leeward portion of the starting mark.

10 Penalties - Rule 44.1 is modified to a 360° instead of a 720° and a 360° is defined as one tack and one gybe in the same direction.

11 Protests

10.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Diamond's RV and delivered there within 1 hour after the time of the last boat's finish.

10.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible. (Saturday protests will likely be heard at the party.)

17.3 Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible after each day's racing at the Diamond's RV to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. The close of protest time will also be posted at the Diamond's RV once the time limit has expired.

12 Scoring - The Low Point scoring system, rule A4.1, will apply.