Severn Sailing Association

TESOD – Tuesday Evening Summer One Design

Sailing Instructions – 2024

1. Rules

1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2. TESOD is open to all sailors.

2. Entries

2.1. All competitors must fill out a registration form and waiver and register online via the SSA Racing and Events Calendar.

3. Changes in the Sailing Instructions

3.1. For on-the-water changes to the sailing instructions, the change will be announced by the Race Committee (RC) verbally, RRS 90.2 and Race Signals.

4. Signals made ashore

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff on the deck of SSA.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "as soon as the RC can get racing started." This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. Schedule of races

5.1. The warning signal for the first race is scheduled for 6:00 pm.

5.2. As many races as possible will be raced with no start after sunset.

6. Racing Area

6.1. The racing area will be off the SSA waterfront in the Severn River, south of the Naval Academy sea wall and north of the Horn Point shoal pole.

7. Courses

7.1. The standard course will be a windward/leeward once around. The start/finish will be approximately in the middle of the course. Alternate courses or changes to the course will be announced verbally by the RC, no visual signals will be used.

7.2. The starting line will usually be on the port side of the RC signal boat and the finish line will be on the starboard side of the RC signal boat. The start and finish lines are both open. Competitors are asked to be considerate of boats trying to start or finish.

8. Marks

8.1. Most marks will be orange balls. Combinations of other marks may be used.

9. The Start and Finish

9.1. The start and finish lines will be between a staff with an orange flag on the RC boat and a nearby mark. The flag for the finish line may be a blue flag.

9.2. Which boats are expected to compete at each start will be announced verbally by the RC immediately prior to the start.

9.3. The I flag, or any other penalty flag, will be displayed prior to the warning signal if it is invoked for that race.

9.4. The starting signals will be made by horn, whistle, or any other audible device.

Signal	Sound	Time before Start
Attention	Multiple Short	Approx.. 2 minutes 10 seconds
Warning	2 Long	2 minutes
Preparatory	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 Long	1 minute
	3 Short	30 seconds
	2 Short	20 seconds
	1 Short	10 seconds
	1 Short	5 seconds
	1 Short	4 seconds
	1 Short	3 seconds
	1 Short	2 seconds
	1 Short	1 second
Starting	1 Long	0

10. Changes to the next leg of the course

10.1 The RC will try to maintain a windward/leeward configuration for the course. Any changes to the location of the marks will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.

10.2 If a race is to be shortened it will be announced verbally by the race committee. This changes RRS 32.1.

11. Time Limit

11.1 A boat may be finished in place and asked to return to the starting area to allow for more racing. This changes RRS 28.

12. Penalty System

12.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when it may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing".

13. Protests

13.1 It's TESOD, so protests are highly discouraged in all but the most serious cases (except maybe poor sportsmanship. We need to stamp that out...). Protest forms are available on the 2nd floor of the SSA clubhouse. Completed protest forms will be delivered to the RC within one hour of signal boat docking.

13.2 Protests will be heard at 7:00 pm the following Thursday.

14. Scoring

14.1 TESODs will not be scored. The changes RRS Appendix A and RRS 90.3.

15. Safety

15.1 When the RC deems the conditions have or will become unsatisfactory, they will announce this verbally, display Flag N with three sounds, and all competitors must leave the racing area and return to the basin.