2015 Sailing Instructions; Saratoga Lake Sailing Club
Revised May 10 2015

1. Safety: IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH COMPETITOR TO DECIDE WHETHER TO START OR CONTINUE A RACE. Each boat must carry safety equipment required by her class rules and government regulations and give any help to a person or vessel in danger.

2. Rules: Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (RRS), the prescriptions and rules of the competing classes, except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions.

3. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Race Bulletin Board located on the front porch of the SLSC clubhouse.

4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Race Bulletin Board and SLSC website. Questions about these sailing instructions should be addressed to the Flag Lieutenant Race or the Race Committee the day of the race.

5. Schedule of Races is described in the Notice of Race and will be posted on the Race Bulletin board and the SLSC website.

6. Courses may be any of those illustrated at the end of these instructions. A "Code" indicating the course to be sailed will be displayed on the aft port quarter of the Race Committee signal boat prior to the warning signal for the start of the first division. All boats will sail the same course. The first two digits (18=180 Degrees, 04=40 Degrees, etc.) of the compass bearing to the first mark may be displayed along with the course code. The offset mark illustrated on courses "W1", "W2", "I1" and "I2", "L1", "L2" is located approximately 40 yards from (and above the layline to) the windward mark.

7. Marks of the course will be green, yellow or orange tetrahedrons. Other marks used for starting and finishing pins or temporary marks may be orange or red balls. An anti-barging buoy may be attached to the stern of the race committee boat. While racing, boats may not touch this mark or attempt to pass between it and the race committee boat.

8. Starting: All races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. Class assignments to the starting divisions are given in the Notice of Race. The starting signal for first Division to start is the Warning signal for next Division to start, and so on. The Race Committee may signal a starting sequence with a series of repetitive sounds prior to the Warning Signal for the first Division to start. The race committee may consolidate divisions. Consolidation of starts will be indicated by flying multiple Division flags simultaneously.

Signal	Flag & Sound	Minutes Before Start
Warning	Division Flag with Sound	5
Preparatory	“P” Flag with Sound	4
One Minute	Lower “P” with Long Sound	1
Start	Change Division Flags with Sound	0

Flag ‘I’ (round the ends rule, RRS 30.1) may be substituted for flag “P”.

8. Starting (continued): Following a race, the intention to run another race will be signaled by Flag “L” (black and yellow quadrants). Flag “L” (with repetitive sounds) will be lowered prior to the warning signal for the next race. The starting line will be between a yellow shape or flag on the Race Committee starting boat and the starting mark.

9. Recalls and Abandonment:

9.1 Individual Recall

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The race committee shall display Flag X (blue cross on white field), with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with RRS 30.1 if it applies, or it shall be lowered four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier. The race committee may attempt to hail premature starters, but it is the responsibility of each boat to start properly.

9.2 General Recall

When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which RRS 30.1 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall (display the First Substitute, with two sounds). The warning signal for a new start for the recalled Division shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding Division shall follow the new start. The starting signal for recalled Division is the Warning signal for the next Division, and so on.

In the event of a General Recall and restart, the race committee will make every effort to correctly record the starting time of the affected division relative to the starting time(s) of any division(s) already racing in order to accurately calculate Overall Handicap results. Failure of the Race Committee to get these times will not be grounds for protest. Should it become impossible to score Open Class boats that do not start in the same division the Flag Lt. Race will establish an equitable method to score these boats? No Overall Handicap results for that race will be counted for any fleet.

9.3 Abandonment is signaled by flag “N” (blue and white checks) and three audible signals.
The intention to run another race will be signaled by Flag “L” (black and yellow quadrants).
If only flag ‘N’ is displayed, boats should return to shore.

In the event a race is abandoned after some fleets have finished, these fleets will be scored. No score will be given for fleets where all boats racing failed to finish when the race was abandoned. No overall handicap results for that race will be counted for any fleet.

10. Change of Course
Shortened Course: (RRS 32.2)

If the race committee signals a shortened course by displaying Flag “S” (blue square on white background) with two sounds, the finish line will be;
At a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying Flag “S” on a Race Committee boat;

At a line boats are required to cross at the end of each lap, that line;

At a gate, between the gate marks.

Changing the Next Leg of the Course: The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark by changing the position of the next mark and signaling all boats before they begin the leg. The signal shall be Flag C (horizontal blue, white and red stripes) with repetitive sounds and the compass bearing to the next mark. Failure of the Race Committee to show the compass heading to the next mark will not be grounds for protest. Subsequent legs may be changed without further signaling to maintain the original course configuration. (RRS 33)

11. Finish line ends are a yellow shape or flag on a Race Committee boat and the finishing mark.

12. Time Limits: Racing will be abandoned if no boat finishes a race within 2 hours from the start of the last fleet. The race committee will score all boats that finish within the total time limit of 2.5 hours. Boats finishing in the Open fleet will be scored. Boats finishing will be scored for overall handicap also. This changes RRS 35.

13. Protests
Protest flags are not required for any boat sailing a series race at SLSC.
Protests and requests for redress will be decided following an informal open hearing which will take place immediately following racing if possible.
Protests must be filed 1.5 hours after the last boat racing finishes racing held that day. A three person protest committee will be appointed by the Race Captain and there will be no appeal from the committee’s decision. This changes RRS 60-62.

14. Scoring is described in the Notice of Race. Results will be posted on the Race Bulletin Board and on the Club Website.

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15. Course Diagrams

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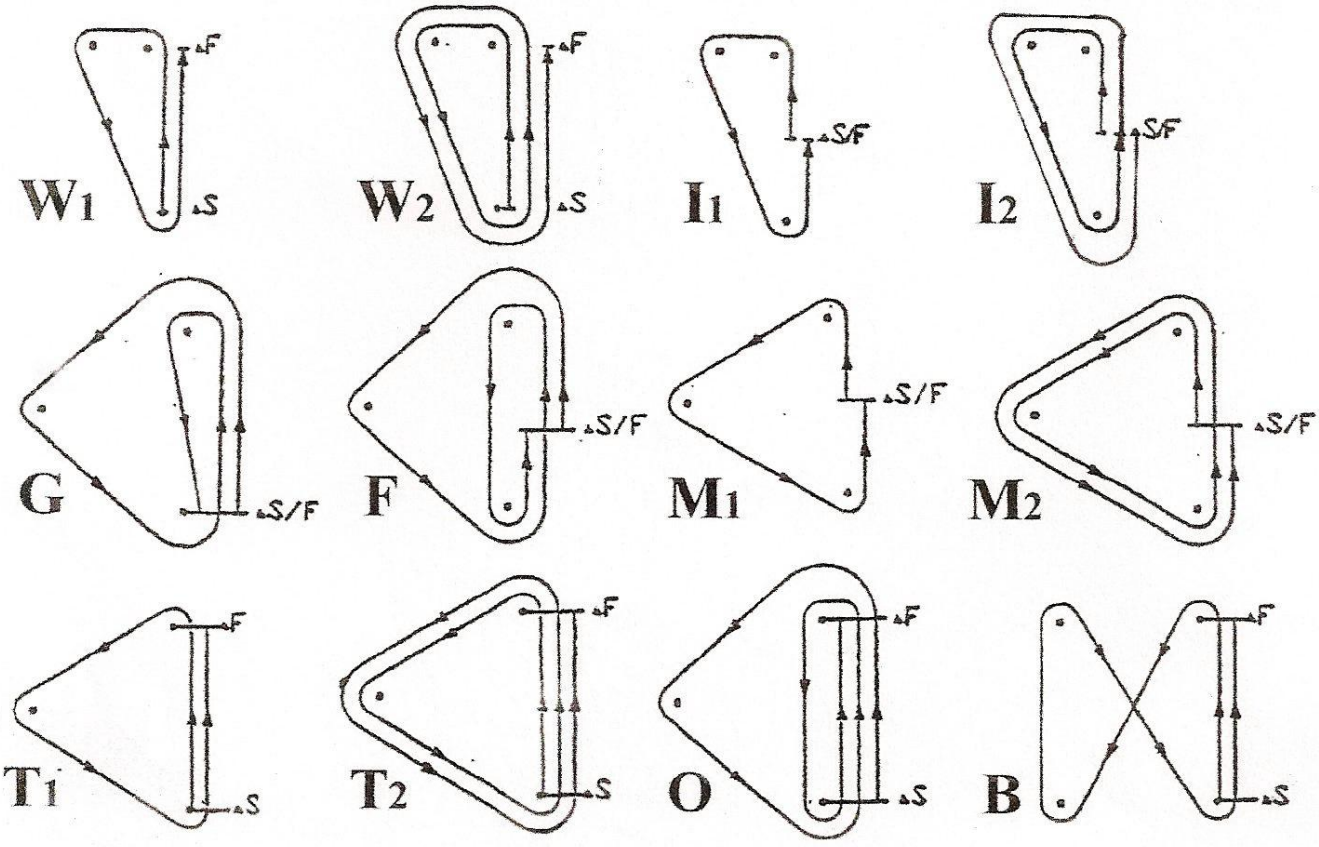

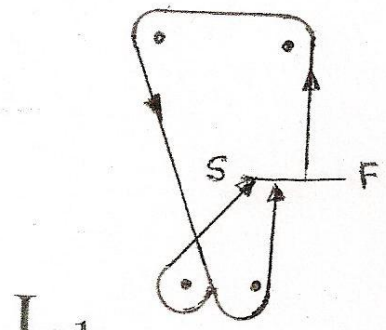

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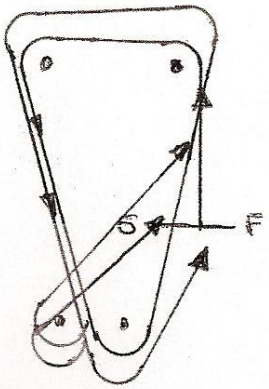

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