

EVANS REGATTA 2023

Regatta Sailing Instructions



1. JURISDICTION:

This regatta is organized by Lightning Fleet 112 located at Windjammers Sailing Club (WJSC), Suamico, WI. Races will be sailed under the management of the WJSC Race Committee.

2. RULES:

The regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-2024 including the US Sailing Prescriptions, 2021-2024; the International Lightning Class (ILCA) Rules; the Notice of Race (except where modified by the Sailing Instructions); and the Sailing Instructions.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Race results and announcements will be given at the WJSC clubhouse and shall be posted on the bulletin board inside the club.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee boat.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

Date	Event	Time
June 17, 2023	Competitor's Meeting	9:30am
	Harbor Gun	10:00am
	Warning Signal for First Race.	10:55am
	Four or more races will follow, as conditions permit.	
June 18, 2023	Harbor Gun	9:00am
	Warning Signal for First Race.	9:55am
	Additional races will follow, as conditions permit.	

6. RACING AREA:

The racing area will be on Green Bay southeast of the Windjammers Sailing Club as indicated on the attached chart.

7. THE COURSES:

- a) Course "W" (Whiskey) - A- :
Twice around a windward/leeward course, finishing downwind.
- b) Course "W" (Whiskey) - B- , noted with orange flag on committee boat:
Twice around a windward/leeward course with an extra windward leg, finishing upwind.

There may be an offset mark set approximately 10 boat lengths away from the windward mark. If an offset mark is set, both marks must be rounded to port at the weather mark.

**8. MARKS:**

- a) The starting mark / leeward mark shall be an orange cylindrical inflatable buoy.
- b) The windward mark shall be an orange tetrahedron inflatable buoy. If the Race Committee changes the windward leg by resetting the windward mark, the alternate mark used shall be a yellow tetrahedron inflatable buoy. If the alternate mark is subsequently replaced by an additional course change, it will be replaced by the original orange tetrahedron buoy.
- c) The offset mark, if used, shall be a small orange round inflatable buoy. No offset mark will be used at the new windward mark if the windward leg is changed during a race.
- d) Boats shall leave all marks to port except in the case of a downwind finish, where the finish mark shall be left to starboard.

9. THE START:

- a) The starting line will be between the mast on the Race Committee boat flying the blue RC flag and the starting mark.
- b) Races will be started using Rule 26, with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal.
- c) A preparatory signal will be given one minute before the five-minute starting sequence is begun as a courtesy notice to racers.
- d) Individual and General Recalls shall be in accordance with Rule 29.

10. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

In the event of a wind shift, the Race Committee may change the direction of the windward leg by:

- a) Flying code flag "C" accompanied by sound signals.
- b) Display of a sign indicating a changed marker for the new course.
- c) The Race Committee may, at its discretion, shorten the course to not less than three legs.

11. THE FINISH:

- a) The finishing line will be between a mark of the course and the Race Committee mast flying the blue RC flag.
- b) On a downwind finish, the finishing mark shall be left to starboard to allow a quicker start of the next race.

12. PENALTIES:

The 720° turns penalty as provided in Rule 44.2 shall apply with the additional provision that when an infringing yacht has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely while taking her penalty, and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one full turn or 360° instead of two. This modifies Rule 44.

13. PROPULSION:

On a free leg of the course, when surfing (rapid accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the boat's crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planing, pump the sheet, but not the guy controlling any sail, but only once for each wave or gust of wind. When the mainsail is pumped,

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only that part of the sheet between the crew member handling the sheet and the first block on the boom shall be used. This modifies Rule 42.3(b).

14. TIME LIMITS:

- a) The time limit shall be 2 hours. If no boat completes the course within the time limit, the race shall be abandoned and, if possible, resailed.
- b) On Sunday, June 18, no race shall start after 1:00pm. All races not started by this time will be cancelled.

15. PROTESTS:

- a) Protests and requests for redress shall be submitted within 60 minutes from the time the Race Committee boat docks.
- b) The protest procedure will be modified. After a protest is lodged, there will be a pre-hearing involving one judge, the protestee, and the protester. If these three can unanimously agree on a resolution of the protest within approximately 10 minutes, then no protest hearing will be held. If the pre-hearing participants agree that the protested boat or protesting boat infringed a rule, then that boat will be penalized as prescribed in Rule 64. A pre-hearing will not be reopened.

16. SCORING:

- a) The low point scoring system of Appendix A shall apply.
- b) Scoring shall be based on the total scores for all races completed.
- c) When fewer than six races are completed, no scores shall be excluded. If six or more races are sailed, each boat's worst score shall be excluded.

17. SAFETY:

All boats are expected to comply with the safety equipment as specified by the ILCA and government regulations. The Race Committee may randomly inspect for compliance. Each boat must carry:

- a) Fluke-type anchor weighing not less than 4 pounds, with a line not shorter than 50 feet. The line shall be a minimum of 3/8 inches in diameter and shall be made of Nylon or Dacron. This line shall be used only for towing or anchoring.
- b) Compass
- c) Bucket with a minimum capacity of one gallon
- d) Throwable life preserver or cushion with an attached whistle
- e) Paddle
- f) Centerboard preventer

It is the responsibility of skippers and crews to wear life preservers when conditions warrant. In accordance with Rule 40, when code flag "Y" (yellow and red diagonal striped) is displayed on the Race Committee boat, wearing of life preservers is mandatory.

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When rescue operations are undertaken by the Race Committee boat, the fleet will continue per the Sailing Instructions. At the finish line they should note their finish in relation to the boat ahead and the boat behind them.

18. USE OF VHF RADIOS:

Use of hand-held VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel to be identified at the Competitor's Meeting. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress.

Other use of any communication device is prohibited, and such use shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency purposes.

19. DISCLAIMER:

Windjammers Sailing Club and Lightning Fleet 112 and their members and/or agents will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury that may occur to persons or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any competing yacht in any way. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule Part 1.

20. AWARDS:

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers for all races.

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