

2020 LMSA Racing Instructions Wednesday Nights/Saturday Afternoons

1. These rules will be utilized for weekly club fleet races.
2. Any LMSA member may race in weekly races; however, individuals who are not members of ENSA or INSA will not be included in annual scoring.
3. Skippers who are not a member of ENSA or INSA should check in with the RC prior to the start of the first race.
4. Use of the app “GroupMe” will be utilized by RC and racers for communication on race days.
 - a. RC will send request for skippers to check-in at approximately 1:30pm on Wednesday and 9am on Saturdays.
 - b. To avoid confusion, please do not check-in on GroupMe until RC has sent the request for check-ins.
 - c. Everyone planning to race should check-in so RC knows which types of boats and how many racers are anticipated.
 - d. Contact Paul Brasher or Teresa Silence to be added to the racing group in GroupMe.
5. There must be three positive/committed responses to race 3 hours prior to scheduled race starts (by 3:00 pm Wednesday and 10:30 am Saturday) or races will be cancelled for the day.
6. Race participants and the RC will make a best effort to have the first race countdown start promptly at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays and 1:30 pm on Saturdays.
7. The length and number of races each race day should be wind dependent with the target of 3 races on Wednesdays and 4 races on Saturdays with each race ideally 30- 45 minutes in length. No race should start on Saturdays after 4:00 pm.
8. The target starting line orientation should slightly favor the pin with 7 degrees above square with the wind and the finish line square with the previous rounding mark.
9. A reasonable number of attempts shall be made to reset the course marks with wind changes to keep the “A” mark as directly as possible upwind.
10. Wind adjusted Portsmouth handicaps shall be used for open class scoring.
11. Separate Starts: Separate starts will be contingent upon an adequate number of boats and at the discretion of the RC. General guidelines for separate starts are
 - a. Catamarans will be given their own start provided there are 3 or more catamarans as

well as 3 or more monohulls starting. When there will be multiple starts with a separate start for catamarans, catamarans will always start last.

- b. Keelboats may be given their own start if there are 3 or more keelboats as well as 3 or more boats of another type. When there will be multiple starts with a separate start for keelboats, keelboats will always start first.
 - c. All monohull dinghy will start together. When there are three or more snipes sailing they will be scored with their handicap IF ENSA members AND scored 1,2,3, etc. for INSA.
 - d. Blue Ribbon Event: The last Wednesday and Saturday of each month will be Blue Ribbon races. On these days, there will be a single start regardless of boat type and RC will score an overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the day.
12. These rules include the LMSA Regatta scheduled on Saturday, September 19th, replacing the normal races for that day.
13. Should a cancellation via GroupMe on a Wednesday or Saturday result in scheduled races postponed to the following day (Thursday or Sunday), the RC will accommodate on a best efforts basis.
14. Boats retiring before another race shall make a best effort to advise the RC and other boats.

Other items

- a. Safety
 - a. For high wind days where a safety boat would be advisable, the ENSA and INSA commodores will attempt to locate individuals to run a safety boat during races.
 - b. Racers should not sail if winds exceed their skill level.
- b. Scoring
 - a. Race Committee reports race results for top three in each race to the sports section of the Omaha World Herald. Results will be published the following day.
 - b. Each Monday, ENSA will report the top three in each race for Wednesday and Saturday races for the past week in the ManaWatch blog of the LMSA website. (This is the same information published in the Omaha World Herald.)
 - c. Race Committee will provide the current scoring information to the INSA and ENSA Commodores every two weeks. It is the responsibility of ENSA and INSA to maintaining the current standings of members within their respective organizations.