

2021 LMSA Racing Instructions

Wednesday Nights/Saturday Afternoons

- 1) Racing will be governed by the most current Racing Rules of Sailing – available at [https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WSRRS20212024FinalwithChgsandCorrecns201113-\[26798\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WSRRS20212024FinalwithChgsandCorrecns201113-[26798].pdf)
- 2) These rules will be utilized for weekly club fleet races.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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 4:30 pm.
- 6) The last Wednesday and Saturday of each month will be Blue Ribbon races.
 - a) On Blue Ribbon race days, RC will hold races as normal, but will present an overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the day. In 2021, each event will be dedicated to an individual in order to remember and honor members of the racing /sailing community who have gone before us.
 - b) The Blue Ribbon races are also an opportunity to gather and socialize after the races. Socials are ‘bring you own refreshments’ unless otherwise advertised.
- 7) The races run mid-May to mid-October. The racing schedule can be found on the LMSA calendar - <https://www.sailmanawa.com/calendar-of-events/>
 - a) Races will not be held on a Saturday when a Regatta is scheduled.
 - b) Races will not be held on the Saturdays of Memorial Day, Independence Day or Labor Day weekends.
- 8) Racing Communication and Announcements: The “GroupMe” app will be utilized by RC and racers for communication on race days.
 - a) RC will send request for skippers at approximately 1:30pm on Wednesday and 9am on Saturdays. Positive responses only.
 - 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.

9) Cancellations and Postponements

a) There must be three positive/committed responses 3 hours prior to scheduled race start (by 3:00 pm Wednesday and 10:30 am Saturday) or races will be cancelled for the day.

b) If Wednesday or Saturday races are cancelled due to lack of committed responses on GroupMe, and RC can accommodate postponing the races to the following day (Thursday or Sunday), they will announce the races as postponed to the following day.

c) All cancellations and postponements will be announced via GroupMe.

10) Skippers' meetings will be announced via GroupMe. All meetings will be in the pavilion unless otherwise specified.

11) Skippers who are not a member of ENSA or INSA should check in with the Race Committee (RC) prior to the start of the first race.

12) The Courses

a) 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.

b) Start line shall be sacred. A sacred start line shall only be crossed by a boat when the boat is starting or finishing the race. If a boat crosses the start line after the start and before the finish, the boat shall do a 720 penalty turn (360 for catamarans), as soon as is safe to do so. Failure to complete the penalty will result in disqualification from the race.

c) All marks shall be left to port.

d) 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.

e) Course number will be displayed on the stern of the RC boat prior to the warning signal for the next class of boats starting. Each skipper is responsible for checking the course number before the start of each race.

i) Courses are listed in Appendix A.

ii) If RC displays a + in the upper right-hand corner of the course sign, catamarans will add a windward/leeward lap to the course.

13) The Start

a) Separate starts will be contingent upon an adequate number of boats and at the discretion of the RC. General guidelines for separate starts are

i) 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 start first unless otherwise determined by the RC.

ii) Monohull dinghies will be given their own start provided there are 3 or more monohull dinghies as well as 3 or more catamarans.

(1) Monohull dinghies are single hulled boats that are less than 18 feet in overall length and weigh less than 750 pounds.

(2) Snipes will be given their own start provided there are 3 or more Snipes and 3 or more non-Snipe monohull dinghies. If there will be separate Snipe and dinghy starts, the Snipes will start before the dinghies to avoid confusion on the class flag.

iii) Keelboats may be given their own start if there are 3 or more keelboats as well as 3 or more boats of another type.

(1) Keelboats will be considered any boat that is both over 750lbs displacement and 18ft or longer.

(2) Due to safety considerations, keelboats may not be in the same start with non-keelboats.

iv) Blue Ribbon Events will no longer be a single start.

b) RC will display the number of starts on the bow flagpole.

c) The class flag (first flag displayed in the start sequence) will indicate the next class starting. See Appendix B for class flags.

d) Only boats in the starting class may be in the starting area during the entirety of the start sequence. The starting area is defined as 10 boat lengths windward and leeward of the starting line and 10 boat lengths out from each end of the line. Please be courteous and keep clear of this area until your class is starting.

14) The Finish

a) Boats retiring before another race shall make a best effort to advise the RC and other boats.

b) Boats finishing more than 15 minutes after the first boat in class crosses the finish line, may be finished in place at the discretion of the RC.

15) 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; however,

availability of a safety boat cannot be guaranteed.

- b) Racers should not sail if winds exceed their skill level.
- c) Racers will be required to wear coast guard approved personal flotation devices (PFD) if the RC displays the Yankee flag (red and yellow diagonal stripes). Wearing a PFD is recommended at all times while sailing; however, when winds are over 15mph or if winds are gusting over 20, use of a PFD will be required.

16) Scoring and Penalties

- a) Wind adjusted Portsmouth handicaps shall be used for open class scoring.
- b) Catamarans need only complete a 360 penalty where the penalty would require a 720.
- c) The Race Committee reports race results for the top three in each race to the sports section of the Omaha World Herald. Results will be published within the following 3 days.
- d) On Blue Ribbon race days, RC will report the overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for the day. These standings do not count toward annual scoring.
- e) 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 maintain the current standings of members within their respective organizations.
- f) ENSA/INSA specific scoring
 - i) Only members of the fleets will be scored in fleet standings.
 - ii) 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.

APPENDIX A
LMSA RACE COURSES

No.	Course Name	Course	Finish
2	Up and Back	S A F	DW
3	Windward/Leeward 1 Lap	S AC F	UW
4	One Triangle	S ABC F	UW
5	W/L 2 Laps	S ACAC F	UW
6	Olympic	S ABCAC F	UW
7	Two Triangles	S ABCABC F	UW
8	W/L, Then Up and Back	S ACA F	DW

W/L = Windward/Leeward S = start A = weather mark B = reaching mark
C = leeward mark F = finish DW = downwind UW = upwind

APPENDIX B
CLASS FLAGS

Flag	Class
	Catamarans
	Snipe
	Monohull Dinghies - includes Snipes if there is no separate Snipe Start
	Keelboats