

Sandusky Sailing Club DF95 Turkey Bowl Regatta

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Sandusky Sailing Club, Sandusky, OH

General Sailing Etiquette Statement for Radio-Controlled Sailing

In radio-controlled sailing, fair play is essential. Competitors should always sail with caution and consideration for their fellow racers, especially given the potential for skewed depth perception. Maintain a respectful distance from other boats, and be aware of your surroundings. Communication is key; if you encounter issues, promptly alert nearby competitors. Remember, sportsmanship enhances the experience for everyone. Let's foster a friendly and enjoyable atmosphere on the water by prioritizing the safety and enjoyment of all participants.

Sailing Instructions

1. Communication

1.1 Official Notice Board: All notices will be posted on a board inside the Sandusky Sailing Club. During races, changes to the Sailing Instructions will be announced verbally according to Appendix E and, if needed, posted in the competitors' area.

1.2 Signals Ashore: All signals ashore will be communicated verbally.

2. Schedule

2.1 Class and Race Timing:

- No class flags; starts will be signaled through audible recording and verbal cues.
- Heats will run consecutively, with each heat beginning shortly after the last finisher of the previous heat.
- A 1-minute wake-up will signal the start of each heat.

2.2 Postponements and Delays:

- Communicated verbally by the Race Committee.
- Competitors in the next heat may request a single 5-minute delay prior to the warning signal. Delays will be granted for a damaged boat, a disabled boat on the race course, change of batteries, or change of rigs.

3. Courses

3.1 Course Diagrams:

Available for download from the regatta's website and provided at registration. A course board will also be posted in the competitors' area.

3.2 Course Marks: Starting and finishing marks are described in the course diagram.

4. Starting and Finishing

4.1 Starting Sequence:

- All starts will be conducted via audible recording and verbal signals, and shall be a 2-minute sequence.

4.2 Finish Line: Designated per the course diagram.

5. Protests

5.1 Protests must be communicated on the race course by hailing “protest {sail number}” in order for a protest to be valid.

6. Penalties and Scoring

6.1 Penalties:

- As per the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Appendix E.
- A boat breaking rule 31 incurs no penalty unless it results in a clear advantage.

6.2 Scoring:

- All heats will be scored according to the RRS Appendix A as defined by A4.1.
- Depending on the number of registered competitors, each individual heat may be scored as an entire race, or as heats within an individual race.
- There will be no discards for heats or races for this event.

7. Safety

7.1 Competitor Area:

- The area around controllers and racing zones should remain free from debris, boat stands, etc.

8. Prizes

7.1 **Awards:** Prizes will be awarded as outlined in the Notice of Race.

APPENDIX A - Common Hails to be used.

- “course number {x} for {heat/race}” will communicate the course number to be used in a heat or race.
- “recall” will communicate a general recall.
- “{sail number}” when hailed immediately following a start will indicate the boats that are on the course side of the start when the starting signal is made.
- “all clear” will be hailed immediately following a start if no boats are on the course side of the start when the starting signal is made.
- “postponement” shall be hailed when there is a postponement between heats.
- protests must be communicated on the race course by hailing “protest {sail number}” in order for a protest to be valid.