

SAIL MONTANA ONE DESIGN SERIES

2009 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Rules:

This series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the regulations of Northern Rockies Sailing Association, Class rules for One Designs, and these sailing instructions.

Participation in each race is limited to boats belonging to a one-design fleet. Five boats constitute a one-design fleet.

Fleets:

Any type of boat declaring a one-design fleet before the start of the first race will each be considered One Design Fleets for the season, and will race level in their respective fleets.

Starting Order:

All fleets will start at the same time.

Starting Times:

Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. – June July races. 7:00 p.m. – August.

First practice race June 11, 2009, first regular season race June 18, 2009

The start sequence will be:

Class flag 5 min. before start

Preparatory flag 4 min.

Preparatory flag removed 1 min.

Class flag removed START.

The one design class flag will be OD.

If there is a general recall at the start the fleets will begin a new start immediately.

Course:

The course shall be windward/leeward (see course diagram). Each fleet will sail once around the course. If time permits, more races will be started.

Starting line will be between a staff on the committee boat flying an orange flag and an orange (pin) buoy at the port end. All mark roundings will be to port. The starting line will also be the finish line. Upon finishing, boats are required to sail well clear of the finish area, and of other boats still racing, subject to protest by the race committee or affected boats.

Shortened Course:

The race may be shortened due to lack of wind per discretion of the race steward. If the shorten course flag is flown while a race is underway, the finish line will be where established by the committee boat.

Scoring:

Fleets are responsible for competing boats to be fleet compliant.

Proof of Liability Insurance must be submitted before start of series. Boats failing to provide proof of insurance will not be scored.

The best 6 scores for each boat shall be counted toward the series.

Penalties:

Rule 44.1 & 44.2 (two-turns penalty) is in effect. One turn for hitting a mark (Rule 31).

Protests:

A protesting boat will have 30 minutes from the time the race committee boat is secure at the yacht club to file their protest form with their Fleet Captain, Vice Commodore or Race Steward. Protest forms are available in the top drawer of the file cabinet in the upstairs club room. The protest committee will be composed of 1 fleet captain acting as judge and 2 other members participating in that particular race. The protest committee will review the filed protest form and schedule a protest hearing. Protest hearings should be held the same day as the incident occurred if at all possible.

All safety and sportsmanship violations should be reported to the Vice Commodore and/or the Fleet Captain (not the race steward).

Changes to sailing instructions: these sailing instructions may be amended by posting amendments on the bulletin board(s) of the yacht club no less than 4 hours prior to the next start.