

Augusta Sailing Club
Sailing Instructions
Labor Day Regatta
Strom Thurmond Lake at Clarks Hill
September 1st and 2nd, 2018

1. **Rules:** The series will be governed by The USSA Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), USSA Prescriptions and Class Rules, except as any of these are modified by these sailing instructions (SI).
2. **Entries:** Registration forms must be completed and all fees must be paid to the regatta organizing authority before entrants become official competitors. PHRF boats must have a current PHRF rating certificate issued by the Augusta Sailing Club PHRF rating authority. Portsmouth boats must have current Portsmouth handicap ratings. Dinghies will be classified as 6 groups; Open Bic, 420, Sunfish, E-Scow, Portsmouth Large, and Portsmouth Small. PHRF classes will be in two groups; spin and non-spin.
3. **Notice to Competitors:** Official notices to competitors will be posted on the Augusta Sailing Club (ASC) official notice board located in the clubhouse or on the race committee boat.
4. **Changes in Sailing Instructions:** Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:30 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 21:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.
5. **Signals Made Ashore:**
 - 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located near the Augusta Sailing Club clubhouse.
 - 5.2. Code flag “AP,” answering pennant, with two sound signals when raised means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the “AP” is lowered with one sound signal.
6. **Signals Made Afloat:**
 - 6.1. Signals made afloat will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat.
 - 6.2. Code flag “AP,” answering pennant, with two sound signals when raised means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 1 minute after the “AP” is lowered with one sound signal.
7. **Schedule of Races:**
 - 7.1. Races are scheduled on following days:
 - September 1, 2018 – race start sequence to begin no earlier than 12:00 PM
 - September 2, 2018 – race start sequence to begin no earlier than 12:00 PM
8. **Course:**
 - 8.1. The courses will be posted on the official notice board on the race committee boat. Open BIC, 420, Sunfish, and PHRF classes may be on a separate courses.
 - 8.2. The courses will be sailed in accordance with RRS 28.

- 8.3. Course shall be windward-leeward or triangle shape along with the number of legs constituting the race for each fleet as posted on the race committee signal boat prior to race start.
 - 8.4. Marks will be left to port. Boats shall cross the finish line on the most direct course from the last mark before the finish.
9. **Marks:** All marks will be blue, orange or yellow inflatable marks or US Government markers, including the starting and finishing marks. New marks, for a Change of Course after the start, will be orange or yellow inflatable marks or government marks.
- 10. The Start:**
- 10.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
 - 10.2. The starting line will be between the starting mark and a staff displaying the orange flag on the race committee boat.
 - 10.3. The order of fleets will be posted on the notice board on the race committee signal boat.
 - 10.4. A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.
11. **Recalls:** Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29. The Race Committee may attempt to hail infringing boats, but it is the responsibility of the skipper to make a legal start.
- 12. Changes of Course After Start:**
- 12.1. RRS 32 and 33 apply however; in addition, the Race Committee may signal a change in the designated course by flying the C flag before the competitors begin the changed leg and displaying a board or hailing each competitor to designate the new course. In this case the change in direction or length of the next leg need not be signaled. The finish line shall be between the newly designated final mark and a staff displaying the S flag or between the pin and the orange flag if the start/finish line is used.
 - 12.2. The Race Committee will place the new mark as soon as practicable.
 - 12.3. Minor adjustments in a mark's location will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.
13. **Finish Line:** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a mark of the course (or the finishing mark).
14. **Classes:** The fleet will be divided into Six fleets: PHRF non-spin, PHRF spinnaker, Portsmouth for dinghies, Open Bic, 420, Sunfish, and E-Scow.
15. **Time Limits:** The time limit each race will be 90 minutes. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat of that fleet finishes will be scored "DNF."
- 16. Scoring:**
- 16.1. PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF non-Spinnaker, Portsmouth Dinghy fleet and one design fleets (Open Bic, 420, Sunfish, and E-scow) will each be scored separately.
 - 16.2. Any vessel not registered prior to the start of a race on a properly completed registration form provided to the race committee will not be scored. All competing vessels are expected to check in by sail number with the signal boat on the water prior to the start of racing each day.

- 16.3. One-design fleets (Open Bic, 420, Sunfish, and E-Scow) will be scored in the order of finish for their fleet.
 - 16.4. Scoring of each handicapped fleet race will be based on corrected times calculated by the time-on-time method.
 - 16.5. PHRF Spin fleet and PHRF Non-Spin Fleet will be scored using the PHRF corrected times using the Time on Time handicap method.
 - 16.6. Portsmouth dinghy corrected times will be calculated by the USSailing Portsmouth Yardstick.
 - 16.7. One race on one day will be sufficient to constitute the regatta.
 - 16.8. Scores will be posted on the ASC web site and emailed to competitors of record. Scores will be considered final 15 minutes after posting.
17. **Alternative Penalties:** The two-turns penalty as provided in RRS 44 will not apply if a boat has its spinnaker up when a rule is broken, drops the spinnaker completely while taking the penalty and resets the spinnaker immediately after taking the penalty, then the penalty is one full turn instead of two turns (one full turn including one tack and one jib).
18. **Protests:** Protests shall be written and lodged with the Race Committee within the protest time. Protest time shall end 30 minutes after the race Committee signal boat docks.
19. **Litter:** Anyone seen willfully discharging litter into the lake shall be scored “DSQ” for that race or the previous race.
20. **Life Jackets:** All boats must have the required life jackets on board, and crew must wear life jackets when specified by signal from the Committee Boat. Any boat that fails to comply for a race will be scored DSQ. Wearing of life jackets is encouraged and recommended at all times on the water.
21. **Disclaimer:** Competitors participate in the regattas entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regattas.
22. **Radio Communication:** The Race Committee will use VHF channel 72 unless otherwise directed by the Principal Race Officer.