



Race Committee Instructions

Setup

Make sure you have:

- ✓ Red flag (should be waiting for you on the Cortez dock)
- ✓ Megaphone and Air Horn
- ✓ Binoculars
- ✓ Course cards
- ✓ Race Log/Scoresheets
- ✓ Pen or Pencil

There will be two heats in each Sunday race. Class A (formerly Adult Race) and Class B (formerly Children's/Junior Race). Each will have its own Countdown to Start.

11:30am: Tie up on the lake side of Cortez' dock. Locate the Red Start Buoy. The Start/Finish Line extends from your boat to the Red Start Buoy. As boats arrive in the starting area, note the sail numbers and/or colors of the boats as well as Class A or Class B on the scoresheet.

Display Course Number

You will receive a group text message from George Drake (248-505-0099) or Mark Symonds (248-245-4595) around 11:00am with the **Class A course for the day**. Display the Laminated Course Number Card from your boat and use the megaphone to announce the course number.

The **Class B course** will be predetermined at the start of the season and will typically include only 1-2 buoys. It will remain the same for the entire season and does not need to be displayed or announced.

Start Race

- 11:45am** Announce "**15-minute warning**" over the megaphone
- 11:55am** 5 Minutes before Class A start, give 5 blasts on the air horn
- 11:56am** 4 Minutes before start, give 4 blasts
- 11:57am** 3 Minutes before start, give 3 blasts
- 11:58am** 2 Minutes before start, give 2 blasts
- 11:59am** 1 Minute before start, give 1 blast
- 12:00pm** Start the Class A Race by Raising the Red Flag and giving a long blast on the air horn. **This will also serve as the 15 minute warning for the Class B Race**

- 12:10pm** 5 Minutes before Class B start, give 5 blasts on the air horn
- 12:11pm** 4 Minutes before start, give 4 blasts
- 12:12pm** 3 Minutes before start, give 3 blasts
- 12:13pm** 2 Minutes before start, give 2 blasts
- 12:14pm** 1 Minute before start, give one blast
- 12:15pm** Start the Class B race with a long blast on the air horn

Monitoring the Race

Now enjoy watching your neighbors try to navigate around the lake without the benefit of fossil fuels or electricity.

If someone capsizes and cannot right themselves in 5 minutes or so and the ON-THE WATER safety boat has not already responded, contact the OFF-THE-WATER Safety Boat Captains:

Steve Case at 248-980-8603 OR Sandy Case at 734-272-9906

Finishing

- ✓ As boats cross the finish line, give a signal, by a short blast of the air horn, to acknowledge you saw them. When any part of the boat crosses the line it is considered across at the finish and time is recorded. The entire boat does not need to cross.
- ✓ Write down the **order** and **end time** in which they each cross the finish line
- ✓ Keep the Sunfish, Hobie and Laser finish orders separate
- ✓ Text a picture of the race sheet to Brian Razzaque @ 443-857-3308
- ✓ The Race Flag is stored at the Cortez house, please just leave on the dock
- ✓ **Please pass the race bag/materials to the following week's volunteer**

For Your Information, here is how the optimal Class A course is determined:

Check a weather app for wind speed and direction:

- Less than 5 mph = Don't Sail
- Milder = 6-10 mph
- Strong = 11+ mph

If the Wind is from the West or SW (i.e. from Buoy 1)

- If Strong Wind choose Course 1
- If Milder Wind choose Course 2

If the Wind is from the East, SE or NE (i.e. from Buoys 3 or 4)

- If Strong Wind choose Course 3
- If Milder Wind choose Course 4
- If an even shorter course is desired, Choose Course 5

If the Wind is from the NW (i.e. from Buoy 2)

- If Strong Wind choose Course 6
- If Milder Wind choose Course 7