



## 2026 Wednesday Night Racing Series

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Ver. 6-11-2026

#### 1 RULES

1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the *2025 – 2028 Racing Rules of Sailing*, and the rules of The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Lake Winnipeg and Lake of the Woods as amended by the Gimli Yacht Club.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board(s) located on east windows of the south building.

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 18:00 hours on the day it will take effect.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the club flagpole on the east lawn of the club buildings.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

#### 5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Sequence:	Skipper’s Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal
Race 1 - 8	18:00 hrs	18:55 hrs
Race 9 - 12	17:30 hrs	18:25 hrs

#### 5.2

Date	Race #	Course	First Start	Start Sequence
<i>June 10</i>	<i>1 &amp; 1b</i>	<i>W/L</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>Div 1, Div II/III</i>
<i>June 17</i>	<i>2 &amp; 2b</i>	<i>W/L</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>Div 1, Div II/III</i>
<i>June 24</i>	<i>3&amp;3b</i>	<i>W/L</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>Div 1, Div II/III</i>
<i>July 1</i>	<i>4&amp;4b</i>	<i>W/L</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>Div 1, Div II/III</i>
<i>July 8</i>	<i>5&amp;5b</i>	<i>W/L</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>Div 1, Div II/III</i>
<i>July 15</i>	<i>6&amp;6b</i>	<i>W/L</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>Div 1, Div II/III</i>
<i>July 22</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Triangle</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>Div II/III, Div I</i>
<i>July 29</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>W/L</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>Div II/III, Div I</i>
<i>August 5</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>W/L</i>	<i>18:30</i>	<i>Div II/III, Div I</i>
<i>August 12</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Triangle</i>	<i>18:30</i>	<i>Div II/III, Div I</i>
<i>August 19</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>W/L</i>	<i>18:30</i>	<i>Div II/III, Div I</i>
<i>August 26</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>W/L</i>	<i>18:30</i>	<i>Div II/III, Div I</i>

5.2.1 SI 5.2 indicates the intended schedule and start times; however, this may be changed by the RC using the signals provided in these sailing instructions.



- 5.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least 1 minute before a warning signal is made.
- 5.4 A race may be abandoned, postponed or cancelled on shore by a signal or official notice given at the Gimli Yacht Club no earlier than 1 hour before its scheduled start. In cases of extreme weather or poor air quality warnings, racing may be cancelled by email to the division racers no earlier than 6 hours before its scheduled start.
- 5.6 Races not sailed shall be abandoned and not re-sailed. The course and the start to be used in the next race shall be the same as listed in 5.2

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## 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A (Course 1 & 2) show the typical courses that will be used, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The Race Committee reserves the right to introduce a different course at the Skipper's meeting, as long as all boats racing that night are in attendance.

### 8.2 Course 1 - Windward Leeward Windward Course (W/L/W)

Marks shall be rounded to port. See Appendix A for correct sequence.

### Course 2 - Triangle Windward Leeward Windward (Triangle W/L/W)

Marks shall be rounded to port. See Appendix A for correct sequence.

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 1L, 2, 3 shall be yellow round inflatable marks.
- 9.2 The starting and finishing marks shall be a red buoy.
- 9.3 Boats are required to avoid crossing fishing nets.

## 10 THE START

- 10.1 Depending on the schedule (see 5.2) Division I may have 2 races scheduled.
  - 10.1.1 On double-race nights, Division I will start first with Division II & III starting approximately 5 minutes later.
  - 10.1.2 On single-race nights, Division II & III will start first with Division I starting approximately 5 minutes later.
- 10.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the Race Committee Boat and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.5 The Start/Finish Line is closed to boats sailing on the downwind leg, boats violating this SI will



be scored DSQ by the race committee without a hearing. This changes rules RRS 61.1 and A5.

**11 CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee shall move the original mark to a new position. The Race Committee Boat will display flag “C” and sound signals to indicate that a change has been made. The change will be announced via VHF 68. This amends RRS 33.
- 11.2 To shorten the course, the Race Committee shall move the RC Boat to a rounding mark and fly flag “S” with 2 sound signals. The boats shall finish as they pass between the rounding mark and the RC Boat. The change will be announced via VHF 68 and orally as competitors finish. This amends RR32.
- 11.3 Failure to hear the announcement on VHF 68 shall not be grounds for a protest.

**12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark.

**13 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**

- 13.1 Time limits are as follows:

<i>Division</i>	<i>Mark 1/1L</i>	<i>Mark 2</i>	<i>Third Leg</i>	<i>Race Time Limit</i>
	<i>Time Limit</i>	<i>Time Limit</i>	<i>Time Limit</i>	<i>Time Limit</i>
All Divisions	1 Hour	1 Hour	2 Hours	2 Hours

- 13.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1/1L, Mark 2, completed the third leg or finished within the Mark 1/1L, 2, third leg or Race time limit shown above the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 61.
- 13.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their Division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

**14 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the Yacht Club Office, Sail Canada, and World Sailing websites.
- 14.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.
- 14.3 For each division, a boat must register its intention to protest in writing 30 minutes after the Race Committee Boat returns to harbour at the end of the evening. Each yacht registering their intention shall have 30 minutes further to complete their protest.
- 14.4 Protests shall be held the following Wednesday evening after racing. A boat may request a one-week delay if it is convenient to the other parties. Any delay shall be negotiated on the evening the protest is lodged.
- 14.5 The Organizing Authority shall appoint the protest committee.



**15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1** All boats shall monitor VHF Channel 68 (Race channel) for any announcements of major weather changes that are forecast and for other racing announcements.
- 15.2** [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 15.3** If a race is abandoned, the Race Officer will broadcast the cancellation on VHF 68 and all boats are required to respond that they have received the message and advise their intent. (returning to harbour, continuing to sail etc.)
- 15.4** If severe weather affects the fleet, at the earliest possible moment, boats will contact the Race Officer on VHF 68 and advise of their status, position and intent. All boats are required to check in with the Race Officer once back into the harbour.
- 15.5** Boats requiring Coast Guard assistance shall advise the Race Officer that they are switching to VHF 16 until rescue is completed.

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**17 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## Appendix A – Course 1 – (W-L-W)

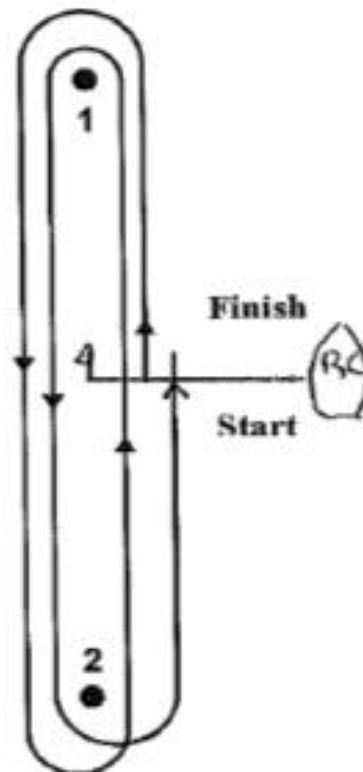
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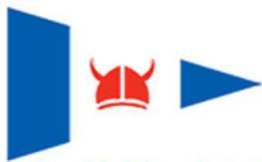
Division I	Start-1-2-1-2-Finish
Division II & III	Start-1L-2-1L-2-Finish

### On single race nights

All Divisions	Start-1-2-1-2-Finish
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## Appendix A - Course 2 – (All Divisions Triangle W/L/W)

A Triangle Windward-Leeward Course  
Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

