

WCSC
2014 Good Dam Distance Race
19 April 2014 (Easter Saturday)



Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

1.1 This regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016.

1.2 The race will commence by means of a pursuit start. **Racing rule 26 will be changed as follows:** Competitors will start as directed by a table of starting time delays that are based on each boat's PHRF rating. A thorough explanation of this type of start (pursuit start) will be made and each boat's delay times will be given at the skippers' meeting.

2 Schedule of Races

2.1 The race will be held on Saturday 19 April, 2014. The skippers' meeting will begin at 09:30 on the Club front deck. The start of the delay time clock is scheduled for 10:30. There will be only one race.

3 Class Flags As this race will employ a pursuit start, there are no classes per se. The only signal flag involved in the start is the numeral pennant 1.



4 The Courses

4.1 The course raced will be selected from a list, the Course and Buoy List (Good Dam Distance Race rev 12 2013). For each of the possible courses, this list identifies which buoys will be used, on which side and in which order they are to be passed, and the length of the course. No later than 5 minutes before the starting of the delay time clock, RC will post a placard identifying which course will be raced.

5 Marks

5.1 Other than the staff of the orange flag on the RC boat being part of the start/finish line, all marks of the course will be government navigation buoys. The marks that constitute the race course are described in the Course and Buoy List (Good Dam Distance Race rev Dec 2013).


6 The Start

6.1 This race will employ a pursuit start. The Delay Time Table shows each boat's "delay time" for each possible course. RC will sound several short blasts of the horn as an attention getting signal approximately 5-10 seconds before the numeral 1 pennant is raised. The numeral 1 pennant will then be raised with one long blast of the horn. The raising of the pennant marks one minute before the starting of the delay time clock. **At the lowering of the pennant, the delay time clock will start.** A boat may start when, but not before, the delay time clock counts up to her listed delay time. Since this is a pursuit-start race, there will be many actual starts. Individual recalls will be signaled by VHF radio (ch 71). No recall flags will be used. **This changes Rule 29.1.**

6.2 The starboard end of the starting line will be the staff of the orange flag on the RC signal boat. The port end of the starting line will be Buoy S 15.

7 The Finish

7.1 If the displayed race course is sailed in its entirety, that is to say, not shortened, the finish line will be the same line as the starting line: between the staff of the orange flag on the RC signal boat and buoy S 15.

7.2 If the race is shortened, the finish will be a line between the staff of the “S” flag  and the nearby mark of the course. RC will sound two blasts of the horn as boats approach the finish of the shortened course. RC will make an effort to communicate via VHF radio (ch 71) to the fleet that the race is being shortened.

8 Time Limit

8.1 RC will make every effort to control the length of the race course such that all boats are able to finish in time to return to the Club to participate in the post-race party. To that end, the race will have a time limit. This time limit will depend on the mark at which the race is finished.

The time limits are as follows:	Buoy S 15	17:00 (GPS time)
	Buoy S 6	16:30 (GPS time)
	Buoy 26A T-S	16:15 (GPS time)
	Buoy 17	15:45 (GPS time)
	Buoy 8	15:15 (GPS time)
	Buoy 1	14:45 (GPS time)

Any boat that has not finished before the time limit will be scored DNF. **This changes Rule 35.**

9 Protests

9.1 Any protests will be settled by an informal hearing during the cocktail portion of the after-race party. The Race Organizers will serve as Protest Committee.

10 Scoring

10.1 If the race is sailed to completion without shortening, boats will be scored as ranked by finishing order. If the race is shortened, RC will employ a scoring program that generates corrected times by taking into account each boats starting delay time for the original (un-shortened) course, the time spent sailing the shortened course, and the length of the shortened course. The boats will be ranked from shortest to longest corrected time.

Course and Buoy List-Good Dam Distance Race (rev Dec 2013)

Delay Time Table

Lake Map

Beginners' Guide to the Good Dam Distance Race