



Bloody Mary Regatta

Western Carolina Sailing Club
5200 Westwind Way, Anderson, SC 29206

October 28-29, 2023

NOTICE OF RACE



The notation [DP] in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes rule 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). The regatta is designated Category A.
- 1.2. The rules are changed as follows:
 - 1.2.1. Rules 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10 are amended to add: "The time limit is 90 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish in its class and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and scored for the finishing place 2 more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within her Finishing Window."
 - 1.2.2. The following is added to rule 62.1: "If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number orally and via VHF radio. Failure to hail her number, failure to hear such hail, and the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request."
 - 1.2.3. Appendices A5.1 and A5.2 are amended to add: "A boat that has not met the definition of *start* 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS."
 - 1.2.4. Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of incident will be in effect.
- 1.3. [DP] [NP] Competitors and *Support Persons* are reminded that they must follow local, state, and federal guidance on safety related to COVID-19. Any person refusing to comply with a reasonable request by a race official may be subject to an RRS 69 hearing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the TCA website and emailed to registered participants before Thursday, October 27. Hard copies will be available at check-in by request only.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located in the WCSC clubhouse.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 71, including courtesy broadcasts.
- 3.3. [DP] [NP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or to inform race committee that a boat is retiring before finishing, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to Thistle class boats registered with the Thistle Class Association (TCA). Skippers

must be an Active member of the TCA.

4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration at

<https://forms.gle/7o8A5COuRmvE5ot19>

4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees prior to 1100 on October 29, 2022.

5. FEES

5.1. Entry Fee: \$45 per boat. Entry fee is free for skippers under 25 years of age.

5.2. Entry fee is discounted \$5 for US Sailing members.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Registration and Check In

0900 – 1100 Saturday, Oct 28, at the Clubhouse

6.2. Competitors' Meeting

1100 Saturday, Oct 29 at the Clubhouse

6.3. Racing

Day / Date	First Warning Signal
Saturday / Oct 28	1300 - Additional races to immediately follow
Sunday / Oct 29	0930 - Additional races to immediately follow

6.4. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1230.

7. VENUE

Racing will be in the vicinity of Western Carolina Sailing Club.

8. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward.

9. SCORING

The low-point scoring system, RRS A2, shall apply with the following additions.

9.1. 5 races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute an event.

9.2. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

10. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

11. INSURANCE

It is recommended that each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

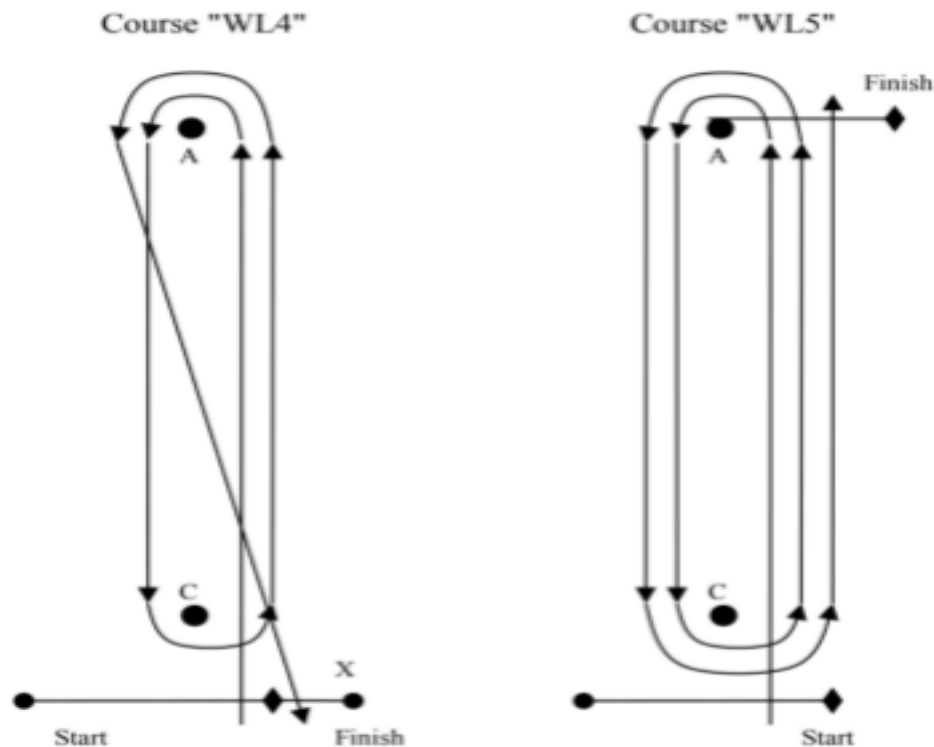
12. PRIZES

12.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 boats.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact: Scott Griffin thistle3997@gmail.com or 864-238-3292.

14. ILLUSTRATION A



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. ADDITIONAL FEES

- 1.1. **Breakfast:** Continental breakfast will be available Saturday and Sunday mornings.
- 1.2. **Lunches:** Sunday lunches will be available for \$7 per person.
- 1.3. **Dinner:** Tropical Grille (Cuban style chicken or pork), \$15 per person.

3. LODGING

- 3.1. **Hotels:** There are several chain hotel options at exit 19 off I-85. These are approximately 10 miles from the club.
- 3.2. **Camping:** Camping is welcome on the grounds of Western Carolina Sailing Club. Campers are invited to use the showers and restroom facilities.

4. DIRECTIONS

- 4.1. **GPS:** 5200 Westwind Way, Anderson, SC 29626

4.2. From I-85 (northbound or southbound), take exit 14, SC-187. Go SOUTH 1.4 miles to the traffic light. Turn left on SC-187 / SC-24 E. Go 2.7 miles to the traffic light. Turn right on SC-187. Go 1.1 miles. Turn right on Harbin Dr, then take the first left on Westwind Way. The entrance to WCSC is 1.1 miles. Watch for deer on Westwind Way!

5. CLEAN REGATTA

5.1. Please bring and use refillable water bottles, drinking cups, refillable coffee cups, and discard items in the appropriate receptacle (compost/landfill/recycle). There is a water bottle refill station in the clubhouse (to the left of the main entrance).

6. CLUB POLICIES

- 6.1. Pets are not allowed on club grounds without prior approval.
- 6.2. No sleeping in the clubhouse.
- 6.3. Fires are only permitted **within** existing fire rings.
- 6.4. **Gate code for weekend: 21212**