

# Alaska Sailing Club Standing Sailing Instructions 2024

## 1. Rules

The Regattas will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024 Rules)*. No national authority prescriptions will apply. Any changes to Racing Rule(s) or Standing Sailing Instructions for a race event will be identified in the Notices to Competitors and posted in the Alaska Sailing Club clubhouse prior to a race. Specific boat class rules will not apply.

## 2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Alaska Sailing Club clubhouse.

## 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 am Local Time on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 pm Local Time on the day before it will take effect.

## 4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the dock.

When flag Y is displayed ashore or afloat on the Committee Boat, rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. (Competitors shall wear life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy)

## 5. Schedule of Races

Individual Racing Fleets (e.g., Small, BUC, Large) to be determined by Race Vice-Commodore or their representative and announced prior to Start of Race. Fleet determination must take into consideration the number of vessels in each class wishing to race and the capability to perform Race Committee roles, responsibilities and functions. Note- a one design Buccaneer 18 may choose to race and be scored in the Open Boat Fleet in a regatta so long as it is signed up to do so prior to commencement of the first race. The Fleet that a vessel chooses to race in may not be changed once the first race's 5 minute starting signal has been made.

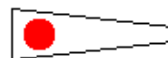
The scheduled time for the first regatta race each day will be announced as soon as practicable by the Race Vice-Commodore or their designated representative. Generally, efforts will be made to signal the start of the first Regatta race at 10:00 Local Time and Wet Wednesday races at 7:00 pm Local Time.

## 6. Fleet Flags

Class Flags will be:

Large Boats (Cabin)

Numeral Pennant Number 1



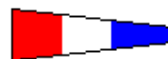
Small Boats (Centerboard/Catamaran)

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One-Design Buccaneer 18

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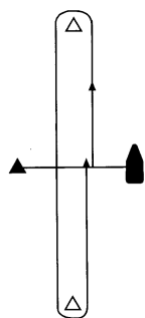


## 7. Racing Area

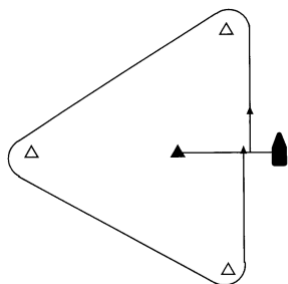
Attachment A shows the general location of the racing areas. Race course areas located outside of the attached chart may be announced and utilized depending on weather conditions or at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 8. The Courses

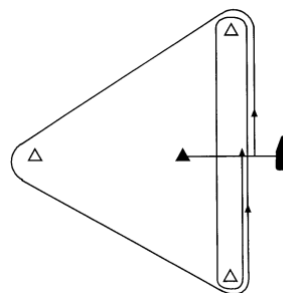
Below are three potential types of courses that may be utilized, including the approximate angles between legs. The order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left will be announced by the Race Committee prior to race or communicated as best as possible if course changes are made during a race. Courses may be windward/leeward, Triangle or Mixed.



Windward/Leeward



Triangle



Mixed

In addition, courses may incorporate and utilize physiographic and shoreside lake features, such as islands and docks, at the discretion of the Race Committee responsible for determining the race course.

## 9. Marks

Marks will be announced by the committed boat prior to the race. The Race Committee may signal a change to the course during a race.

## 10. Areas That Are Obstructions

The following areas are designated as obstructions: Shallow waters (less than 110% keel/centerboard depth) around Alonis Island, Saddleback Island, Burston Island and Bird Island.

## 11. The Start

Races will be started as follows: The race committee will sound and or display a 5 minute warning signal, a 4 minute preparatory signal, a one minute signal and the starting signal. This changes Rule 26. Race Officials will attempt to notify vessels when they are over the starting line before the starting signal. Boats within Fleets whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. Once a boat has finished a race, they must avoid interfering with boats that are still actively racing on the course. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

## **12. Change of the Next Leg of the Course**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. In addition, the race committee may choose to shorten the race by deleting required course legs, or lengthen the race by increasing the number of course legs.

## **13. The Finish**

The finishing line will be determined and announced by the race committee prior to the start of the race.

## **14. Penalty System**

The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be 2 places.

## **15. Time Limit Guidelines**

Time limit guidelines are as follows:

Race time limit: 90 minutes

First Mark time limit: 20 minutes

If no boat has passed the First Mark within the First Mark Time Limit, the race may be abandoned at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## **16. Protests and Request for Redress**

Protests shall be presented to a race committee official within the protest time limit. For all fleets, the protest time limit is 15 minutes after the last boat has finished the race at hand. Protests do not have to be submitted in writing. This changes rules 61.2-3 & 62.2. Competitors in which they are parties or named as witnesses will be notified by a race committee official. Hearings will be held in the vicinity of the Alaska Sailing Club clubhouse as soon as practical. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4

## **17. Scoring**

The Low Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply. Scores will be calculated using the Portsmouth Yardstick DPN rating, possibly with wind speed adjustment, for each vessel make/model for handicapped fleets and SailWave software will be used to calculate results. The Wet Wednesday series will be scored with no handicap.

## **18. Safety Regulations**

Race Participants shall wear appropriate personal flotation devices at all times while racing.

All vessels must check in with the race committee prior to a race.

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee before departing the racing area.

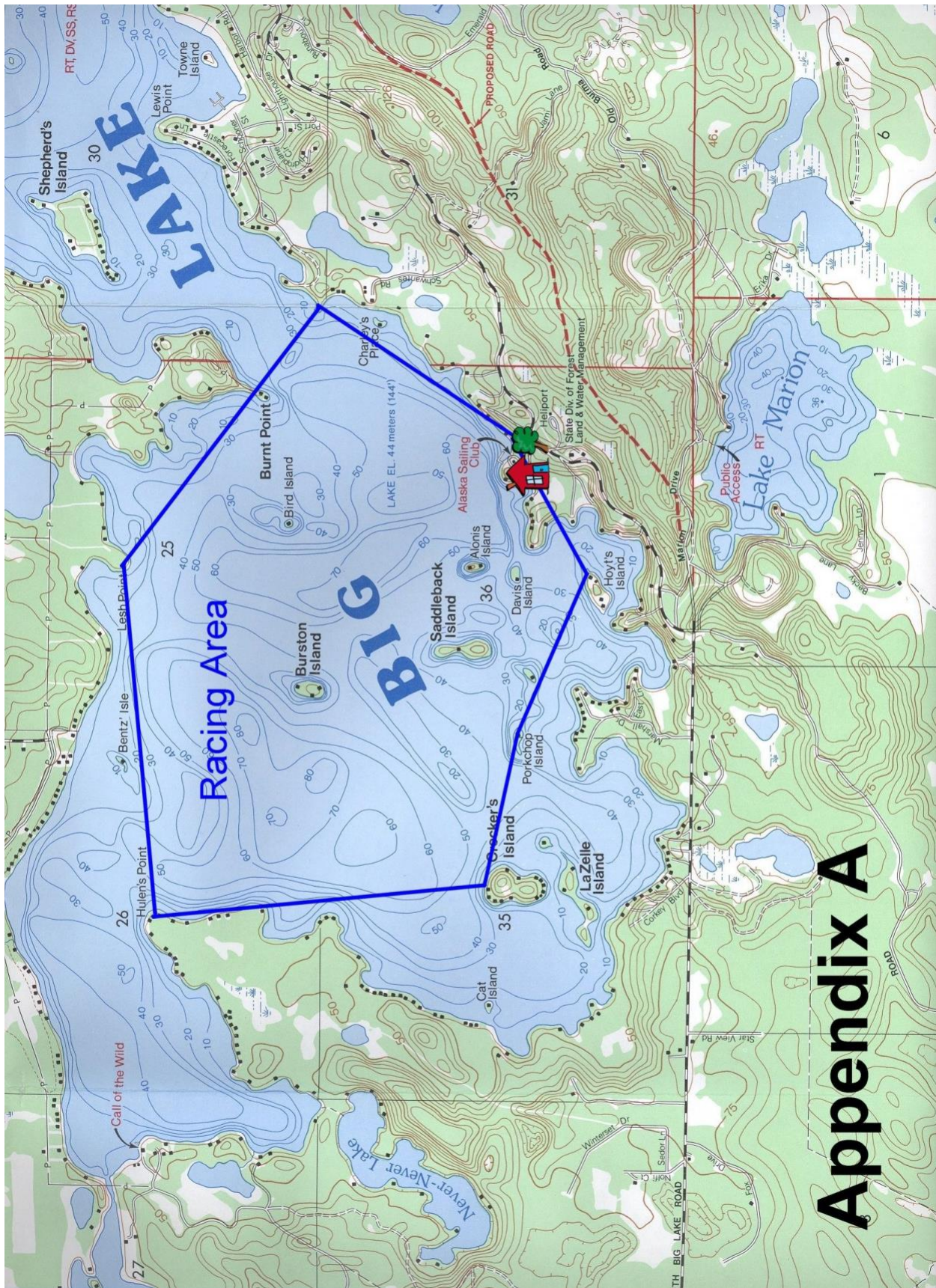
## **19. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with published Notice to Race for each Regatta.

## **20. Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta and series races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 Decision to Race in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damages or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta or series.





# Appendix A