
Notice to ALL KBRS participants

An established protocol holds that during conduct of a Sailboat race, the directions of the Race Committee are part of the Race Instructions and are to be followed. In the event of a participant executing a premature start, no rule directs the Race Committee to specifically identify that boat - only to signify that one or more boats were across the Start Line prematurely.

As a courtesy to the participants, the Race Committee attempts to notify any or all participants if they were "over early". However, the regulatory onus is on the participating boats to determine their start status and respond with a restart if necessary - the Race Committee is *only required to make notice that one or more boats were across the line before the start*.

As a courtesy to the Race Committee, all participants should respond to any hail from the Race Committee that they were "over early" by returning to the pre-Start area and executing a new start. Failure to do so will result in the participant being listed as an over-early starter and disqualified.

Should a dispute arise regarding a specific issue, the participant should respond to the Race Committee's hail of an early start by making a clear start. Since we have no formal protest procedure, the participant should then present the situation for resolution by a majority of the members present at a Fleet meeting.

Remember, the person(s) performing Race Committee duty are doing so to accommodate the rest of the Fleet members who want to race. Occasionally, there will be an error made and we should have a method to address those situations. Also remember - if everyone participates in Race Committee duty, **we will all have our chance to make a mistake!**

K B R S General Rules

(as amended from the April 11, 1998, Fleet Meeting)

1. USSailing, applicable PHRF Association and KBRs Fleet Rules will be complied with by boats competing in KBRs events. The current US Sailing rules will be used during KBRs Events. Where specific KBRs Fleet rules differ from USSailing and/or applicable PHRF Association rules, the KBRs rules will take precedence.
2. No boat shall use a headsail larger than 155% LP measurement ***during any portion*** of a race unless it starts the race using the "*Oversized Headsail*" handicap adjustment for that boat.
3. No boat shall use a Spinnaker ***during any portion*** of a race unless it starts the race using the "*Spinnaker Use*" handicap adjustment for that boat.
4. No boat shall race while using headsails simultaneously on both sides of the forestay.
5. Sails constructed of any material available for general public consumption may be used and each boat may carry any complement of sails the skipper and/or crew deems appropriate.
6. Boats with non-fixed (retractable or adjustable) keels must be sailed with their keel(s) in the configuration required by the class rules for the specific boat type. Boats with water ballast systems will be sailed in accordance with the rules of their class association.
7. On boats which use outboard engines, carriage and/or use of an engine is at the discretion of the skipper and/or crew.
8. Use of an engine for propulsion during the period one (1) minute prior to a boat's start time until it has crossed the finish line or the race is otherwise finished is grounds for disqualification.
9. **Fleet Membership donation shall be paid for any boat which competes in more than three races.**
10. The KBRs scoring will be accomplished on the basis of two (2) fleets. By declaration at the start of the first race in which they participate, the skipper of each boat shall designate that boat to be in the Racing Boat Fleet or the Cruising Boat Fleet for the current series. At the end of a Series, the winning boat in the Cruising Fleet must either move into the Racing Boat Fleet for the next Race Series or, if electing to remain in the Cruising Fleet, accept a penalty of 6 (permanent for the series) points for the next Race Series. (Note: The KBRs Chairperson may, with concurrence of a majority of the participants at a Fleet Meeting, designate a change of fleet participation for any boat).
11. KBRs will use a **LOW POINT** scoring system implemented as follows:
 - A. Each race shall be scored by awarding, a) one point to the first boat to finish in each fleet, b) two points to the second boat to finish in each fleet, c) three points to the third boat to finish in each fleet, d) etc., until all boats are scored commensurate with their finishing position in their respective fleet.
 - B. Each series shall be scored by awarding, a) First Place to the boat in each fleet with the lowest number of series points, b) awarding Second Place to the boat in each fleet with the second lowest number of series points and c) awarding Third Place to the boat have the third lowest number of series points, etc.
12. To be eligible for a trophy the following conditions must be met:
 - A. A boat must compete in at least 55% (ref. Rule #13) of the conducted races. The overall series score is based upon the total points accumulated using a 55% (ref. Rule #13) scoring races factor.
 - B. The person, or representatives of the person(s) or boat, receiving a trophy must have:
 - i. paid KBRs membership dues for the current season, and
 - ii. performed Race Committee duty during the current season
13. When an uneven number of races are conducted in a series, the participation and scoring factors remain 55% (using conventional mathmatic "rounding") of those races conducted.
14. Unless specifically exempted by pre-race sailing instructions, each race shall have time limits as follow:
 - A. If the first boat to finish does not cross the finish line within two (2) hours from the Official Start Signal (red flag), the race is abandoned and no points are scored.
 - B. Once the first boat to finish has crossed the finish line, all remaining competitors have one (1) hour to complete the race.
 - C. Those competitors not finishing within one (1) hour of the first boat to finish will be finished in place and each receive points equal to one more than the last boat in their fleet to cross the finish line.

