

Fond du Lac Sailing Club Daysailor Fleet Rules (rev. 05MAY2016)

RACING:

The current revision of the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply unless superseded by these rules.

1. Fleets shall be I-20, Portsmouth, and youth. It takes a minimum of two boats in a fleet to constitute a race.
2. In questionable weather there may be a majority vote by skippers to decide if a race will be attempted. The vote shall be "per fleet." A majority vote overrides rule 1.
3. The "720 Rule" will be in effect.
4. All boats must cross the starting line within 15 minutes of their starting signal to participate in the race.
5. Time limit: If no boat makes it to the first mark in 45 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.
6. If no boat makes it to the finish line in 1 hour 30 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.
7. A boat must cross the finish line within 2 hours and 30 minutes of the start for its finish to count. A boat still on the course after 2 hours and 30 minutes will be scored DNF.
8. Any race abandoned by the RC does not count as a race.

COURSE:

1. Windward/Leeward - The start/finish line is at "A" buoy. The RC boat should be to the right of "A" buoy when facing upwind. The upwind and downwind marks should each be about 1/3 of a mile from "A" buoy for a total leg length of about 2/3 mile. "A" buoy should be midway between the upwind and downwind marks. Marks are rounded to port. The youth fleet may sail a shorter course.
2. All boats in the Portsmouth fleet will sail two laps of the course (W5).
3. I-20s will sail three laps of the course (W7).
4. The youth course shall be determined prior to racing.

STARTING:

1. The I-20 fleet shall start first, followed immediately by the Portsmouth fleet, followed immediately by the youth fleet.
2. If there is only one I-20 in the starting area one minute prior to the I-20 warning signal (i.e. not enough boats to race) the starting sequence shall continue without pause and the I-20 start shall be delayed to coincide with the Portsmouth fleet start.
3. If, at the Portsmouth fleet warning signal there is still only one I-20 in the starting area, it shall not interfere with the Portsmouth fleet start.
 - a. The I-20 may cross the starting line with the Portsmouth fleet but it is not racing and shall not interfere.
 - b. If another I-20 shows up to start between the Portsmouth fleet warning signal and the start, the I-20s shall not interfere with the Portsmouth fleet start. After the Portsmouth fleet start signal both fleets shall be considered racing, with all racing rules intact.
 - c. If within the 15 minute Portsmouth fleet start window, another I-20 starts the I-20 race has begun, with all racing rules intact.
4. Starts shall use a 5 minute sequence, per RRS 26. This results in a 15 minute sequence to start all 3 fleets (16 minutes with ProStart).

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SCORING:

1. There will be one throw-out race for every four races completed in a series. The overall season winners will be scored by using the entire season as one series, with throw-out races selected accordingly.
2. Scoring of points will be the low point system with 0.75 points for first, 2 points for second, 3 points for third, etc. DNF = number of starters + 1. DNS or DSQ = number of starters + 2
3. Protests will be heard by the Fond du Lac Sailing Club protest committee
4. Points stay with skipper. Co-skippers allowed if announced before their first race. Points will not be awarded to skippers who are not Fond du Lac Sailing Club members. Permission must be obtained from the Fond du Lac Sailing Club race committee to switch boats during the season.
5. The I-20 fleet will be scored as a one design fleet without any time handicaps.
6. The Portsmouth Handicap system will be used for all boats in the Portsmouth fleet. The elapsed time from the start of the Portsmouth fleet to the finish of each Portsmouth boat must be recorded on the score sheet.

TROPHIES:

1. Numbers of trophies should be varied to suit the fleet size.
2. Trophies will be given at least to the first 3 places in the I-20 and Portsmouth fleet for both Early Season and Late Season.
3. The Friedel trophy will be given to the overall season winner of the 1-20 fleet.
4. The Malone trophy will be given to the overall season winner of the Portsmouth fleet.

RATINGS:

1. The base number listed in the latest Portsmouth Yardstick will be the basis for all ratings.
2. Spinnaker allowance will be used where applicable. A boat may declare to start the season without a spinnaker and change during the season, but must keep the spinnaker rating for the remainder of the season. The boat must report this change to the race committee before the race in which it will take effect.
3. Boats without Portsmouth ratings will be assigned a rating by the Fond du Lac Sailing Club race committee which will use the Portsmouth rating system as a guideline.
4. Any boat may petition the Fond du Lac Sailing Club race committee in writing for a rating change. Changes will only be made in an effort to keep boat speeds/times competitive and not to compensate for poor or exceptional skipper ability.