



## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Vermilion Model Boat Club Spring Regatta**

April 20, 2024

**Vermilion Boat Club**

5416 Liberty Avenue

Vermilion, OH. 44089

Sponsored by Vermilion Model Boat Club #430

### **Sailing Instructions**

#### **1.0 Rules**

1.1 The series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, appendix E for RC sailing, class rules of the Soling One Meter class/ DragonFlite 95 class, and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Changes to the racing rules or class rules are noted in the specific instructions where they apply.

#### **2.0 Eligibility**

2.1 DragonFlight 95 class fleet. The regatta is open to DragonFlight 95 or boats that meet the class rules, and to sailors who are members of AMYA. (Other fleets may be added if 3 or more boats enter in that fleet).

2.2 Entry fee is \$5.

#### **3.0 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be available on site prior to racing.

#### **4.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made written or verbally at any time with race committee approval. All competitors within the control area shall be notified at least 5 minutes prior to the first signal of the day. This changes RRS 90.2.

## **5.0 Schedule of Races**

5.1 First warning signal will be as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
April 20, 2024	Registration and Prep	1130 to 1200
	Skippers Meeting	1200 to 1215
	Possible Practice Race and Racing	1230 to 1430
	Awards following last race	

5.2 No sequence will be started after 1430.

5.3 After the first two heats have been completed, a 5 minute intermission will be held to allow for any boat tuning. No other delays will be granted for boat tuning during the heats.

5.4 A boat may request a delay to check for weeds on the hull; no tuning is allowed for such a delay.

5.5 After the first four heats have been completed, a 15 minute intermission will be held to allow for a general break. After the first eight heats have been completed, another 15 minute intermission will be held to allow for a general break.

5.6 A minimum of three heats must be completed to constitute a race day.

## **6.0 The Course**

The course(s) will be verbal and/or displayed on a course board. The race committee will attempt to set a windward-leeward course when possible.

## **7.0 Launch area**

The launch area is unrestricted.

## **8.0 Marks**

8.1 Marks will be of various colors and geometry and will be verbally designated in the course description.

8.2 The starting and finishing marks will be displayed on the course board.

## **9.0 Obstructions**

The following are designated as obstructions: moored boats or lifts, permanent moorings, docks, and floating wood in addition to natural obstructions, and boats traversing in the river.

## **10.0 The Start**

10.1 Heats will be started via a recorded 1 minute audible countdown sequence; the warning and preparatory signals will occur simultaneously at the 1 minute sound.

10.2 Starts will be in accordance with RRS 26; no "round the ends" rule will be in effect unless stated by the race committee.

10.3 The starting line will be on the course side of the starting marks.

10.4 Prior to the warning signal, a racer may request the Race Director to delay the starting sequence for a maximum of 2 minutes to repair a technical problem or breakdown. Each boat may be granted 2 such delays per day. Delays for tuning or adjusting rigs will not be granted.

10.5 Boats whose warning signal has not sounded shall stay clear of the starting area. Boats not racing shall stay clear of marks, boats racing, and mark set boats.

## **11.0 Finish**

11.1 The finish line will be on the course side of the finishing marks.

11.2 Competitors shall announce their sail number at the moment of finishing.

## **12.0 Penalty System**

12.1 A boat touching a starting line or finish line mark as defined by RRS 31, shall take a penalty turn as required by RRS 44. A boat touching any other mark of the course will not be required to take a penalty turn.

12.2 The penalty for a rules infraction is one turn (one tack and one gybe) in accordance with RRS E4.3.

## **13.0 Time Limits**

13.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 10 minutes, the heat will be abandoned.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 5 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF.

## **14.0 Protests**

14.1 A boat protesting another boat while sailing shall hail the other boat, as required by RRS 61.1(a) as modified by rule RRS E5.2. Only those sailors directly involved in an alleged foul shall participate in that protest.

14.2 Boats filing a protest with the protest committee shall do so within 10 minutes of when the last boat finishes the last heat of the day. The protest must be written. Protest fee is \$100 payable to Vermilion Sail Education Foundation.

## **15.0 Scoring**

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System RRS A4 will be used for races.

## **16.0 Equipment and Measurement Checks**

16.1 A boat and her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

## **17.0 Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded at the end of the last race.

## **18.0 Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.