**Cave Run Sailing Association Summer Racing Series 2017**

**Cave Run Lake**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

# RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and modified in these sailing instructions.

# ENTRIES

Competitors may enter the series by completing a registration form and paying the $85 entrance fee. Competitors may also register for individual days by notifying the race committee or rear commodore and paying $15 for each day raced.

# NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the CRSA web page, **on the CRSA Bulletin Board on north side of marina restuarant** and handed out at the skippers’ meetings prior to each race.

# SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the Margaret-Mary while docked in the Cave Run Marina. No postponements will be signaled ashore.

# SCHEDULE

Racing days are scheduled for May 6. May 20, June 3, June 17, August 12, August 26, September 9 and September 23. A skippers meeting will be held at 1100 in the Scott Creek Marina upper parking lot on each race day. The warning signal for the first race will be at 1300 on each race day. Subsequent races, each day, will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. No race will be started after ***1630*** on any race day. Up to 4 races maybe sailed per day but no race or class may be started after ***1630***.

# CLASS FLAGS

The first start will use a solid red color class flag. There will be one combined start for all fleets for ten or fewer boats. Greater than ten boats, the RC may divide the starts into a first start composed of the handicap cruiser fleet. The second start will be composed of day sailors and one design fleets and a solid white class flag or a one design class flag.

# RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the main pool of Cave Run Lake.

# COURSES and MARKS

The courses will be A course (Triangle with Windward Leeward, mid leg start) and B course (Two laps of a Windward leeward with mid leg start). The course will be designated by a letter card displayed on the port side of the race boat prior to the warning signal of the start. See attached diagrams for courses.

# STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

The starting and finishing lines will be between the orange flag flown on the port bow of the Race Committee Boat and a mark placed by the race committee. In the event of a shortened course, the finish line may be set between any mark of the course and the S-flag flown from the race committee boat or any other boat designated by the race committee.

# TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be forty-five (45) minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

# PROTESTS

Protests shall be delivered to the race committee within 30 min after the race committee boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the Mary Margaret and at the club social following the race. The Rear Commodore, the Commodore or any flag officer of the club will appoint an appropriate protest committee and designate a time and place for the protest hearing as soon as practical.

# SCORING

1. The Low Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply with modifications.
2. Rule A2 is replaced with a minimum of twelve races shall constitute a series. Each boat shall be allowed to drop their 7 lowest scores if at least 21 races are completed. Each boat shall be allowed to drop their lowest 1/3 of scores if less than 18 races are completed.
3. Rule A4 and A9 are replaced with a registered boat that comes to the starting area but does not start will receive 1 point more than the number of registered boats which start the race. A registered boat which starts the race but does not finish or is disqualified will receive 1 point more than the number of registered boats which finish the race. A registered boat which does not come to the starting area will receive 2 points more than the number of registered boats which come to the starting area.
4. Skippers performing race committee duty shall receive a score equivalent to second place for each race.
5. A minimum of four boats registered prior to the first race shall constitute a one design fleet. A boat is registered if it pays the fees in #2 Entries, above. All other boats shall be grouped into Portsmouth handicapped fleets determined by the Rear Commodore prior to the second race day.
6. Skipper that race US Sailing sanctioned events off lake on race days may request that they be awarded points of the off lake event provided they race at least twelve races on the lake and perform race committee duties.

# TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place for the series at the Annual Banquet. An overall winner will be awarded across all fleets based upon a combined scoring.

# Race Committee Duty

 In order to be eligible for a trophy, representatives of the boat (including the designated skipper) must serve on the race committee at least one day for a club racing event. More than one skipper or their representative may serve on the race committee on any given day provided it is approved by the Race Committee Chairman before that days races.

15. **SAFETY REGULATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY**

a. Each competitor is solely responsible for his or her personal safety. It shall be the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race. A boat which retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, at the first reasonable opportunity.

b. Competitors participate in the Series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. Cave Run Sailing Association will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

c. Kentucky boating regulations requires PFDs for anyone under 12. RRS allows the race committee to require PFD with the Y signal flag,

d. In the interest of safety or to avoid unreasonable delays, the race committee, at its discretion may score a capsized boat “Did not Finish”.

e. Prior to the warning signal, each yacht shall sail past the Race Committee boat and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged by the race committee. Failing to do so may result in a DNS score.

f. All boats shall have on board all Federal and Kentucky required safety equipment. see <http://fw.ky.gov/pdf/2013fishingandboatingguide.pdf>

g. Cave Run Lake, Scott Landing, Boat Gunnel and the Marina are public facilities administered by the US Forest Service. Please be considerate of the lake and campground rules and regulations as a courtesy to other campers and boaters. See <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/dbnf/alerts-notices/?aid=10591>