

RC RACING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions: Cave Run Sailing Association

February 16, 2026

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 DragonForce 65 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 DragonForce 65 fleet: The series is open to DragonForce 65 boats that meet class rules. CRSA membership is required. Nonmembers may compete in non-scored Fun Days”

3.0 Schedule of Races

3.1 First signal NOT BEFORE 6:00 p.m. for evening events, and not before 2:00 p.m. for afternoon events

3.2 Total heats scored will be a maximum of 12. Minimum of 4 heats for official scoring. No sequence will start after 7:30 p.m. for evening events

4.0 The Course

The course(s) will be verbal. The race committee will attempt to set a windward-leeward course when possible.

5.0 Marks

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

5.2 The starting and finishing marks may consist of two temporary marks, or a point between permanent and temporary marks.

5.3 The zone around marks shall be four boat lengths. When boats are overlapped approaching a turning mark, the outside boat must give the inside boat enough room to round, provided that the overlap was established before the lead boat entered the 4 boat-length zone. This rule does not apply at a starting mark as boats are approaching the start.

The inside overlap boat does not have rights to room at the starting mark. This rule does apply at the finishing mark.

A boat that has established inside overlap prior to the 4-boat-length zone must be given room to finish.

6.0 Obstructions.

6.1 The start/finish line will be determined as whether it is an obstruction each race day.

7.0 The Start

7.1 Heats will be started via a recorded 2-minute countdown sequence; the warning and preparatory signals will occur simultaneously at the 2-minute sound. Audio signals every 15 seconds with a single digit countdown from 10 seconds to zero.

7.2 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.

7.3 Boats not racing shall stay clear of marks, starting/finish line, boats racing, and mark set boats.

7.4 A boat not actively sailing in the starting area at the warning signal will be scored DNS.

8.0 Finish

8.1 Each competitor shall announce their sail number at the moment of finishing.

9.0 Penalty System

9.1 A boat touching a mark shall take a one turn penalty. 9.2 A boat hitting another boat shall take a one turn penalty. However, if the boat gained an advantage in the heat or race by her breach despite taking a penalty, her penalty shall be additional One-Turn Penalties until her advantage is lost.

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

10.0 Time Limits

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

10.2 If a boat has finished within 15 minutes, the heat will be scored.

11.0 Protests

11.1 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.

11.2 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. Skippers may be granted additional time to file a protest, if required, to record relevant facts. Protests will be heard at least ½ hour prior to the first heat of the next race day.

12.0 Scoring

12.1 The Low Point Scoring System RRS A4 will be used for regattas or special events. (First place = 1, second = 2, etc)

12.2 Three heats completed shall be required to constitute a race day 12.3 A minimum of four boats is required for a race to be considered official.

13.0 Equipment and Measurement Checks

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

14.0 Trophies

14.1 Trophies will be awarded at the CRSA fall banquet. 14.2 Trophies shall be given for overall 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. 14.3 In order to qualify for a trophy, participants must have sailed in 50% of the club races and be a member of CRSA.

15.0 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