



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2026 DF-95 Championship Series

Buckeye Lake Yacht Club, Buckeye Lake, Ohio

The notation "[DP]" in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. The notation "[NP]" in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, Appendix E, the DragonFlite 95 Restricted Class Rules (DF95-RCR), and these Sailing Instructions.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Race Director/PRO, or designee, may call a Skipper's Meeting during the racing day to make any announcement that may change these sailing instructions. This changes RRS 90.2

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board at

<https://buckeyelakeyc.com/sailing/sailboat-racing/df-95/>

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1. Dates of racing: Wednesdays, May 6 through October 7
- 4.2. The first warning signal will not be made before 6:00 pm
- 4.3. Total heats scored will be a maximum of 6 per day. No sequence will be started after 8:00 pm.
- 4.4. After the first two heats have been completed, a 10 minute intermission will be held to allow for any boat tuning. No other delays will be granted for boat tuning during the heats.

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

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

5. RACING AREAS

5.1. Races will be held on the waters of Buckeye Lake, in the vicinity of the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club.

6. COURSES & MARKS

6.1. During the daily skipper's meeting, the launching area, control area, and course marks will be identified.

6.2. The course to be sailed for each race will be verbally announced by the Race Director/PRO. A board may be used to diagram the course.

6.3. The Start/Finish line will not be restricted during the race.

6.4. Robotic marks will be used. These marks may reposition themselves from time to time. If a mark touches a boat in the process of repositioning, it is as you hit the mark and have broken RRS 31. [DP]

6.5. Anchored marks may also be used. Such marks will be identified by the Race Director/PRO at the Skipper's Meeting and throughout the racing day if there are changes to types of marks and/or location.

7. OBSTRUCTIONS

The following are designated as obstructions: moored boats and lifts, permanent moorings, and docks in addition to natural obstructions

8. THE START

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

8.2. The starting sequence will be in accordance with RRS Appendix E.; RRS 30.1 ("round the ends", 30.3 ("U-flag"), &

30.4 ("Black flag") will not be in effect unless stated by the race committee with or before the preparatory signal..

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

8.4. Prior to the warning signal, a racer may request the Race Director/PRO 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.

8.5. 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.

9. THE FINISH

9.1. The finish line will be between the course side of the finishing marks.

9.2. Each competitor shall announce their sail number at the moment of finishing. [NP]

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1. 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.

10.2. In accordance with RRS E4.3, the penalty for an infraction of Part 2 shall be one turn (one tack and one gybe)

11. TIME LIMITS

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

11.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF.

11.3. The last, yet-to-finish boat may elect to notify the Race/Director/PRO, within the Time Limit for finishing, of her intention to not complete the course. The Race Director/PRO shall then designate her as finished based on her position on the course. The Race Director/PRO, at his or her discretion, may also invoke this in

order to facilitate further races. This changes RRS 28.1

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1. In accordance with RRS E5.2, a boat protesting shall hail "[Your Sail Number] protest [Their Sail Number]" immediately. Only those sailors directly involved in an alleged foul shall participate in that protest.
- 12.2. 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 in writing. Skippers may be granted additional time to file a protest at the discretion of the PRO to record relevant facts.
- 12.3. Protests will be heard at the first reasonable opportunity, but no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the first heat of the next scheduled race day.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The Low Point Scoring System RRS A4 will be used for races.
- 13.2. **Daily Discards:** When fewer than 5 heats have been completed, a boat's daily score will be the total of her heat scores. When 5 or 6 heats have been completed, a boat's daily score will be the total of her heat scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

13.3. SERIES SCORING

- 13.3.1. The season will consist of three separate series as follows:
 - 13.3.1.1. **Spring Series** - Wednesdays, May 6 - June 24 (*8 racing days*)
 - 13.3.1.2. **Summer Series** - Wednesdays, July 1 - August 19 (*8 racing days*)
 - 13.3.1.3. **Fall Series** - Wednesdays, August 26 - October 7 (*7 racing days*)

13.3.1.4. A skipper's total score for a seasonal series will be the sum of their daily scores.

13.3.1.5. If **5 or more** race days are completed in a series, a skipper's worst daily score will be excluded from their series total. If fewer than 5 days are completed, no scores will be excluded.

13.3.1.6. To be eligible for individual series awards, a sailor must compete in 50% of the scored race dates. Sailors not meeting the 50% requirement will be excluded from the final series standings, but their individual heat scores will remain in the daily results.

13.4. OVERALL SCORING

- 13.4.1. An overall, "Best of Season" championship will be awarded to the top finisher in all three series.
- 13.4.2. To be eligible for overall season scoring, a skipper must qualify for at least two of the seasonal series.
- 13.4.3. **Overall Ranking:** The final overall series score will be the sum of the skipper's final rankings in each seasonal series. Ties in the Overall Championship will be broken in favor of the skipper with the better ranking in the most recent seasonal series.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1. Check-in: Upon arrival in the control area, the sailor shall notify the Race Director/PRO of their intent to race. [DP] [NP]

- 14.2. A boat that retires from a race, or from all racing that day, shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP] [NP]

15. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 15.1. A boat and her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules and Sailing Instructions [DP]

16. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 16.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

17. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the end of the season.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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