



Sailing Instructions 2015

1. RULES

L'Omnium Champlain regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the USSailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 and these sailing instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Each boat must carry appropriate insurance, be registered for the race, and be in compliance with State and Federal regulations.

3. IDENTIFICATION

Sail numbers are required. All boats in the Racing and Cruising Divisions are required to fly a flag appropriately designating their class.

4. CHANGES TO INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted at the Notice Board under the tent.

5. SAFETY

The skipper has the sole responsibility for the safety of his/her crew and boat. Conditions must be evaluated by each skipper who is responsible for determining whether it is safe to participate. Life preservers must be worn at all times. The Race Committee will monitor VHF Ch 80.

6. REGISTRATION

In order to facilitate handicap rating, participants pre-registration is recommended through the internet. Registration will be accepted until 8 PM, Friday August 28th, 2015. All boats with current valid PHRF rating may participate to the Omnium Champlain regatta.

7. ENTRIES

Any sailing vessel may be entered to race, provided she satisfies the requirements of that Division.

DIVISION

DIVISION with Spi	PHRF RATING	CLASS FLAG
A	90 or lower	White
B	91 or higher	White

CRUISING DIVISION

CRUISING DIVISION	PHRF RATING	CLASS FLAG
C	111 or lower*	Blue
D	112 or higher	Blue

8. SCHEDULE

The skipper's meeting is at 8:00 AM on August 29th 2015, under the tent at the Plattsburgh City Marina. The Race Committee Boat, flying the Race Committee Flag, will leave Plattsburgh the marina at approximately 9:15 AM and head for the starting area. There will be a minimum of 2 races. The Race Committee has the privilege of doing a third race if the conditions are favorable. The starting sequence will begin at 10:00 AM.

Races will be started in accordance with the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, Rule 26. The class flag for each class will be hoisted 5 minutes prior to the start for the class. The preparatory flag (Code Flag P) will be hoisted 4 minutes prior to the start for the class. The preparatory flag will be removed one minute prior to the start for the class. The class flag(s) will be removed at the start.

Division C and D will start first followed by the Division A and B. The following races will start 5 minutes following the arrival of the last boat from there Division.

Starting Sequence (10AM):

Time	Event	Division	Starting Flag	Sound
00:00	Warning	C and D	Code Flag Blue up	1 sound
00:01	Preparatory	C and D	Code Flag P up	1 sound
00:04	One-minute	C and D	Code Flag P down	1 long sound
00:05	Start	C and D	Code Flag Blue down	1 sound
10:10	Warning	A and B	Class Flag White up	1 sound
00:11	Preparatory	A and B	Code Flag P up	1 sound
00:14	One-minute	A and B	Code Flag P down	1 long sound
00:15	Start	A and B	Class Flag White down	1 sound

9. POSTPONEMENTS

Postponements will be signalled by Code Flag AP and two horns. The Code Flag AP shall be lowered and one gun/horn fired one minute prior to the next signal.

10. ABANDONMENT

Abandonment will be signalled by Code Flag N. When flown individually, it indicates abandonment for all classes. When flown with Class Flag(s) indicates cancellation of the indicated Class(es) only. In the event of abandonment for all classes, the race will be rescheduled for the following day, Sunday, August 30th, 2015.

11. CHECK-IN

All participating boats shall sail by the Race Committee Boat prior to the start, on starboard tack, hailing: name of boat, sail number and class

12. STARTING AREA

The starting area is defined as a rectangular box whose length extends 150 feet beyond each end of the start line and whose width is 150 feet above and below the starting line and its extensions. Boats not in their class sequence have to keep clear from this area.

13. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

Boats crossing the line prior to the start must return to start properly. The Race Committee will notify premature starters by displaying Code Flag X and sounding one horn.

14. GENERAL RECALL

General recalls will be signalled by displaying Code Flag Blue and Yellow and one horn. The next signal will be the 5 minute start sequence for the division recalled. The starts for the succeeding division will be postponed accordingly.

15. TIME LIMIT

For every race a limit of 2 hours is allowed for the first boat to finish and a limit of 4 hours for other participants of that division.

16. PROTESTS

A Protest shall be indicated at the time of infraction by notification of the other boat and prominently displaying the protest flag (Red flag). However, if at the time of this alleged infraction, the protested boat executes a 720° turn, the penalty for the infraction will be considered fulfilled. Upon finishing, when the 720° option has not been used, or a gross infringement has occurred, the protesting boat will notify the Race Committee Boat immediately upon finishing of the name and sail number of the vessel protested. Protests shall be written on forms available under the tent at City Plattsburgh marina and lodged within 30 minutes after the finish of the protesting boat. The Protest Committee will hear protests as soon as possible. The Protest Committee reserves the right to wait no longer than 5 minutes before starting the hearing in the absence of the protestor and or protestee.

17. COURSES

Marks will be yellow and orange shapes. The first leg will be to windward. Actual legs of course may vary in length, according to wind and water conditions. All marks may not have been set at the time of the start.

The Start/Finish line will be located in the race course, between the windward mark and the leeward mark. The Committee Boat may have a buoy or a tender attached to its stern. The buoy or tender are parts of the mark.

After the start, no boat shall cross the Start/Finish line except when finishing. A boat failing to observe this rule will be disqualified.

18. SHORTENING COURSE

The Race Committee may, at its discretion, shorten the course at any mark prior to the first boat crossing that mark. A Race Committee Boat will establish its position at said mark by displaying Code Flag "S" and sounding two signals.

The race may be shortened at the start/finish line by flying a Code Flag "S" accompanied by a "Change of Course" flag "C".

19. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

When changing the course after the start, the Race Committee will lay a new mark as soon as practicable. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. A change of course will be signalled near the mark beginning the leg being changed by a Race Committee boat that will display Code flag "C". The approximate compass bearing and distance to the new mark will be either a verbal or written command. A horn will sound periodically.

20. RETIREMENT

A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee.

21. SCORING

The 2015 edition of the Omnium Champlain will carry three races. The A and B (Racing Division under SPI) will score the three races. For the C and D (Cruising Division) the two best races for each boat out of the three will be compiled for scoring. If the wind conditions are not favourable the Race Committee of the Omnium Champlain has the right to reduce the number of races to be held. Scoring is by Time-on-Time PHRF.

22. COURSES

DIVISION A and B (under SPI):

Start: Between Race Committee Boat and Start/Finish mark

1st Mark: Mark W to port

2nd Mark: Mark G to port

3rd Mark: Mark L to port

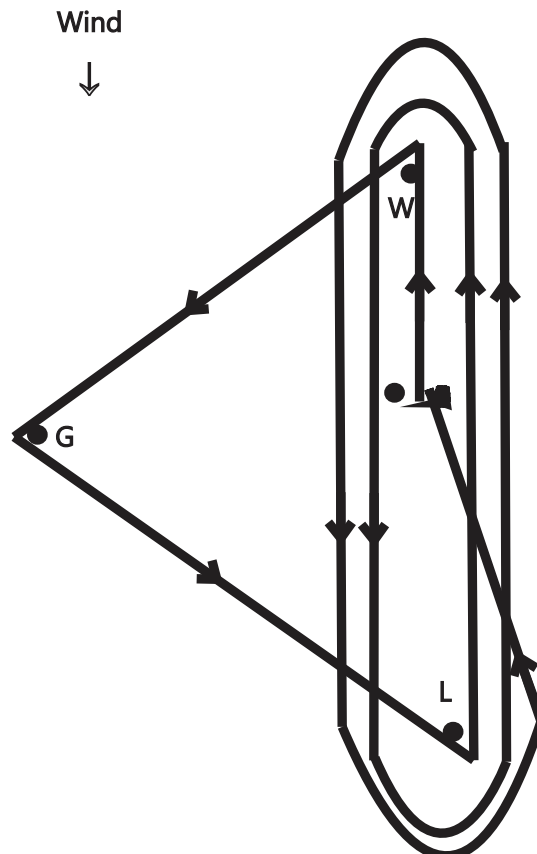
4th Mark: Mark W to port

5th Mark: Mark L to port

6th Mark: Mark W to port

7th Mark: Mark L to port

Finish: Between Race Committee Boat and Start/Finish mark



Division C and D (Cruising):

Start: Between Race Committee Boat and Start/Finish mark

1st Mark: Mark W to port

2nd Mark: Mark G to port

3rd Mark: Mark L to port

4th Mark: Mark W to port

5th Mark: Mark G to port

6th Mark: Mark L to port

Finish: Between Race Committee Boat and Start/Finish Mark

