

FALL SERIES

MSC, OHCC, SJTSC, TISC, WSC

The Fall Series is for Albacores
held on selected Sundays in September and October.

2010 Sailing Instructions

1 RULES:

The Fall Series will be governed by the 2009-2012 *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association. The rules of the Canadian Albacore Association will apply. All rules apply unless amended by these sailing instructions.

2 ENTRIES:

Any boat which is a member of one of the organizing clubs or the Canadian Albacore Association (CAA) or United States Albacore Association (USAA) is eligible to participate in the Series. Boats from the Community Clubs (MSC, St.JSC, TISC and WSC) will have their fees paid by their clubs. Private boat owners should register their boats for the series by paying their \$5.00/boat by cheque payable to "Canadian Albacore Association". The cheque should be given to Jefferson Hall, who represents the Canadian Albacore Association. Jefferson can be reached at OHCC, or email jj@albcaore.ca

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices will be posted on the notice board located on the Committee Boat.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES:

- a) The racing schedule is published at http://albacore.ca/regattas#_Fall_Series.
- b) Any race that is not completed on its scheduled date will not be re-run. This amends R.R.S.-A1.
- c) Two races per day are planned

5 COURSES AND MARKS:

Races are scheduled for the locations as indicated on the schedule. The Race Committee will use the permanent racing marks in the race location as a default, or other marks at its discretion. Substitute marks may be used – the "M" mark or other marks clearly specified by the Race Committee.

The course will be determined by the Race Committee on the water and indicated by the notice board on the committee boat.

6 THE START:

- a) As a default, the 1st race will be signaled by the Warning signal at 13:00 with the Start signal at 13:05 hours unless postponed or abandoned by the Race Committee. The start of the 2nd race will be shortly after the end of the 1st race. No race shall start after 15:30 hours.

If the schedule for any particular race day is different from this for any reason, a Notice of Change must be posted at the CAA web site sufficiently in advance.

- b) Individual Recalls will be governed by R.R.S. 29.2 amended to read "2 minutes" instead of "4 minutes". The

Race Committee will attempt to hail, by sail number, boats which are over early.

c) The signals for the start will follow these d) The Race Committee may elect to use R.R.S. 30.1, the 'one-minute rule' and if so, it shall be signaled by Code Flag "I". The Race Committee may elect to use R.R.S. 30.3, the 'Sudden Death Rule' which shall be signaled by a Black Flag or Code Flag "D".

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

7 TIME LIMIT

- a) A race shall be abandoned if the leading boat has not cleared the windward mark within 30 minutes of the start of the race.
- b) The time limit for the completion of a race will be 2 hours established by the first boat to finish. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat's finish time will be scored "DNF".

8 THE FINISH:

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee Boat and a nearby mark of the course.

9 PROTESTS:

Protests will be heard at the Race Committee's discretion after the race. The Host Club's Race Officer will select participants for a protest committee. Rule 63.4 (Interested Party) will be waived. The protest time limit is 45 minutes from Committee arrival at the docks. This time limit can be extended at the discretion of the Host Club's Race Officer. A time-limited protest hearing will be used. The weekly prizes will be awarded based on the decisions of the time-limited hearings. Any *party* to a protest or any Protest Committee can request a conventional protest hearing if they are not satisfied with the time-limited hearing. This conventional hearing will be considered a reopening of the hearing and thus modifies rule 66.

10 SCORING:

The Low-Point Scoring System, R.R.S., Appendix A4.1 will be used. For the purposes of this series, the "number of boats entered" is considered to be the total number of boats who finish a race on the given day. Therefore a boat who finishes one race of a race day but scores an OCS, DNF, DNS, DSQ or RAF in the other race will be given points in that race equal to the number + 1 of boats who finish a race that day, not the number + 1 who sail in the season long series, and not the number + 1 of boats who sail in the race in question.

The championship is based on the scores of the helm/crew best 6 races sailed. If fewer than 6 races are sailed, all shall count.

11 PRIZES:

- a) Individual Races. Prizes will be awarded to the registered skipper and crew of the top 3 boats in each of the races; these prizes can be obtained from the host race chair or his/her designate, and will generally be awarded the day of the races at the host club or designate.
- b) The 2010 Final Prize Giving of overall series will be held following the final race and compilation of results.

12 WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

(a) It shall be the responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race (RRS Rule 4).

(b) By his/her participation in this series, each club member or participant shall be deemed to be knowledgeable of, and to have voluntarily assumed all responsibility for, any and all risks including, but not limited to, loss or damage to property whether personal or otherwise, and for personal injury, and agrees to hold harmless and free of any liability the sponsoring clubs, their officers, members, employees or individuals appointed or volunteering for any activity associated with the racing program, including the class associations, for any loss or damages, material or personal, suffered by the participant during racing or otherwise.

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