

2026 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS HARBOUR MASTER SERIES

HOST CLUBS: MSC, OHCC, SJTSC, TISC, WSC

Races are held on selected Sundays except for holiday weekends when they may be hosted on the Monday

1. RULES:

The Series will be governed by the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association. The rules of the Canadian Albacore Association (CAA) will apply. All rules apply unless amended by these sailing instructions.

2. SAFETY:

- a) An approved life-jacket or PFD must be present on board for each competitor and shall be worn if the Race Committee boat displays code flag 'Y'.
- b) Each boat must comply with all Toronto Harbour and Transport Canada regulations.

3. ENTRIES:

Any boat which is a member of one of the organizing clubs or the Canadian Albacore Association 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 \$25/boat to the CAA at www.albacore.ca. Boats that are not registered will not be scored in the series.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

- a) The racing schedule is published at <https://albacore.ca/events>
- 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 code flag or notice board on the committee boat. The length of the windward leg will be set according to wind strength to meet a target time of 50 minutes from the starting gun to the first finisher. A course may be shortened to meet the target time of 50 minutes. The type of course and number of legs will be displayed on the RC boat.

- a) Olympic course (6 legs - triangle, windward, leeward, windward) will be indicated by the RC displaying the O code flag or "O" on the notice board.
- b) Triangle course will consist of 10 legs (three triangles and a windward) and be indicated by the RC displaying the T code flag or "T" on the notice board. A course may be shortened to meet the target time of 50 minutes.
- c) Windward-Offset-Leeward course will consist of 6 legs (three sausages), with buoys to port, may be used by displaying Code Flag W or "W " on the notice board. An optional leeward gate may be utilized. If a gate is used there will be two identical leeward marks set comprising the gate approximately 6 to 12 boat lengths apart. Each boat must pass between the two leeward marks (through the gate) from the direction of the previous mark and round either of the marks.

General guidelines; Race Committees at their discretion will set windward-leeward courses in winds below 8 knots.

6. THE START:

- a) The Warning signal for the first race is scheduled at 13:00 with the Start signal at 13:05 hours. 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 website sufficiently in advance.
- b) Individual Recalls will be governed by R.R.S. 29.1 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 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".

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 first boat must finish within 90 minutes. 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 a blue flag or shape on the Race Committee Boat and a nearby mark of the course.

9. PROTESTS:

Participants shall endeavour, as much as possible, to resolve disputes on the water. In the event that a formal protest is deemed necessary by one of the participating boats, the Host Club's Race Officer will select participants for a protest committee. The protest time limit referred to in rule 61.3 is 45 minutes from Committee arrival at the docks. A time-limited protest hearing will be used.

The 720° turns penalty, R.R.S. 44.1 & 44.2 will be used.

10. SCORING:

- a) 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 999.
- b) The championship in the Summer series is based on the scores of the helm/crew best 8 races sailed. If fewer than 8 races are sailed, all shall count. The championship in the Fall series is based on the scores of the helm/crew best 4 races sailed.**

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 Harbour Master and Al Ostachoff trophies will be awarded following the final race of the series.

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.