

Sailing Instructions

Cave Run Sailing Association

First Splash Regatta

Saturday, April 19, 2025

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current racing rules 2025-2028 of sailing.

The Sunfish class flag will be white with a black sunfish.

Course and Marks: The course will be a windward-leeward course with an off-set / leeward gate configuration. Boats not actively starting or finishing will stay clear of the line and not impede active boats. The start line is between the red mark and green mark. The finish line is between the green mark and dock with flags. The windward mark has an offset and sailors must round both marks to port. At the leeward gate sailors will round ONE of the marks to either starboard or port then head back upwind.

All races will be ONE lap only, unless the PROs signal otherwise. Each race will end when all boats have crossed the finish line or 10 minutes time has elapsed after the first boat.

For new racers, this may be one of the most confusing parts of sailboat racing! It is the FLAG sequence that rules, but the horn blasts are extremely helpful.

Tips: Watch other experienced racers. In addition to the starting sequence flags, other important flags include the postponement or cat-in-the-hat flag which signify that final preparations are being made for the races to begin. These flags may also be flown at other times, e.g. between races if the PRO decides to move a mark or if winds are too light or heavy to race.

Sailing instructions may be changed orally on the water. Code flag L is hoisted on the dock. This is the yellow flag with two black squares. In addition, three short blasts of the horn from the dock may be used as a substitute for code flag L or in combination with code flag L. Don't worry too much about this as it probably won't happen very often.

Code of Conduct: ALL captains are required to exhibit the finest of sportsman-like behavior. While the rules of racing should be strictly adhered to, we must recognize that many new sailors may be competing in this regatta. Be kind and generous. We're here to have fun and grow the sport!

Decision to compete: It is each competitor's exclusive and individual responsibility to decide whether to race or to continue to race. Skippers are independent and individual in this decision to participate in sailing. Sailing can be dangerous to life, limb, and property. All local, state, and federal laws should be observed. Cave Run Sailing Association requires life jacket and PFD use during all water activities in this regatta. KY state law requires children under age 12 to wear a PFD.

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Winward-Leeward Course



1 Lap, round one gate finish.

If more than 1 lap, head windward to the right of the green mark & repeat the course, rounding to the finish (between the green mark & the flag.)

