

Western Michigan Yachting Association Championship Regatta

July 28, 29, 30, 31 2021

Spring Lake Yacht Club

Spring Lake Michigan

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Boats shall be subject to their Class Rules, except as noted in the Notice of Race (NOR), the Sailing Instructions (SI), or any Additional Sailing Instructions (ASI).
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescription Appendix T, sections T1, T2, and T4 will apply.
- 1.4 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.5 Rule 41 Outside Help is modified so that the Butterfly, Optimist, and MC classes, who capsize, may receive outside assistance, without penalty, and may continue to race.
- 1.6 Only one sail number may be used for each boat. Any changes must be approved in writing by the PRO.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/dashboard/regatta/qdfXxSSzUK/>
- 2.2 An unofficial physical notice board will be located at Spring Lake Yacht Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 On the water changes to the Sailing Instructions will be given after the L flag is displayed on the signal boat. Changes will be announced on the designated VHF channel and also by Loud Hailer. This changes RRS 90.2 and Race Signals.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed by the Fleet Signal Boat located at Regatta Headquarters.
- 4.2 When the Answering Pennant ("AP") is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes in the Race Signals AP'.
- 4.3 Flag "F," displayed at least 45 minutes prior to the warning signal of the race or races in which it applies means that all E Scows are required to sail with NCESA mainsail flotation panels installed. Flotation requirement will remain in effect until Flag "F" is removed which will be done with one sound signal and announced on the competitor channel.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES - Posted times are for the warning signal.

5.1 Daily Schedules:

Wednesday 7/28/21

E Scow 9:30 AM. Second race immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 11:00 am

C Scow and Butterfly 12:00 PM. Second race for both immediately to follow. The warning signal for either fleet may not be after 1:30pm

MC/OPTI - 2:20 PM and Lasers - 2:25 PM. Second race for all immediately to follow. The warning signal for MC's and OPTIs may not be after 4:00 and Lasers may not be after 4:05 PM

Thursday 7/29/21

MC/OPTI - 9:30 AM and Lasers - 9:35 AM. Second race for all immediately to follow. The warning signal for MC's and OPTIs may not be after 11:00 and Lasers may not be after 11:05 PM

E Scow 12:00 PM. Second race immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 1:30 PM

C Scow and Butterfly - 2:20 PM. Second race for both immediately to follow. The warning signal for either fleet may not be after 4:00pm

Friday 7/30/21

C Scow and Butterfly - 9:30 PM. Second race for both immediately to follow. The warning signal for either fleet may not be after 11:00 AM

MC/OPTI - 12:00 PM and Lasers - 12:05 PM. Second race for all immediately to follow. The warning signal for MC's and OPTIs may not be after 1:30 PM and Lasers may not be after 1:35 PM

E Scow 2:20 PM. Second race immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 4:00 PM

Saturday 7/30/21

All Fleet schedules for Saturday 7/30/21 will be determined by the Race Committee. The Race Committee will post the days schedule no later than 8:30 PM the prior day on the Official Notice Board

5.2 No warning signal will be made after 3:30 PM Saturday 7/30/21

5.3 E, C, MC, and Lasers will sail on Race Course A (orange marks)

5.4 Butterfly and Optis will sail on Race Course B (yellow marks)

6 CLASS FLAGS

E Scow	Class Logo
C Scow	Class Logo
MC Scow	Class Logo
Butterfly	Class Logo
Laser	Class Logo
Optimist	Class Logo

7 THE COURSES

7.1 – Race Course Illustrations will be posted on the Official Notice Board

7.2 - No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the courses and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

7.3 - An "Offset" mark may be set 90 degrees at a distance of approximately 50 yards from the windward mark. If the Windward mark or the offset mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place, only the remaining mark shall be left to port.

7.4 – E, C, Laser, and MC Scows will use a gate mark for all races. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If either gate mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place, only the remaining mark shall be left to port.

8 MARKS

8.1 – Optimist and Butterfly marks will be yellow inflatables. Change marks will also be yellow inflatables.

8.2 - E scow, C-scow, Laser, and MC scow marks 1 and 2, gates and offsets will be orange inflatables. Change marks for the windward mark and offset will be orange inflatables and for the leeward marks will be an orange inflatables.

8.3 – The Race Committee Signal Boat may deploy a "keep away" buoy, which shall rank as a starting mark. Any boat touching this buoy will have broken rule 31 and shall act in accordance with RRS 44.1. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the Signal Boat when approaching the line to start. The area between the limit mark and the Signal Boat does not rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS

18, 19 and 20.

9 THE START

9.1 - Races will be started by using rule 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 - The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag, on the race committee boat at the starboard end of the line, and the course side of the port end starting mark.

9.3 - Boats whose warning signal has not been given shall avoid the starting area.

9.4 - A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A 4

10 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The race committee will endeavor to hail any boat recalled on VHF channel 73 and also by loud hailer. Failure, to receive a hail, of a hail to be made, or the order of hails made, shall not be cause for redress. Radio calls will not be made for the Laser, Optimist, and Butterfly classes.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 - To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the old one [or finish line] as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2 – Course changes of less than 5 degrees may be made with no signal and no change of mark color. This changes RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 - The finish line for all fleets, except the Laser and Butterfly fleets, will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark.

12.2 - The finish line for the Laser fleet will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the nearby pink finishing mark.

12.3 - The finish line for the Butterfly fleet will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the nearby green finishing mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 - After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing may take a post-race penalty for that incident.

13.2 - Post Race Penalties shall be:

a. 20% if taken before protest time limit. [Minimum 2 places]

b. 30% if taken after protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident. [Min. 3 places]

13.3 – Secured Positions - If the Race Committee deems it necessary in order to maintain the regatta schedule, and at the sole discretion of the Race Committee, the Race Committee may “secure” the position of any boat in the race and will score that boat in that position as if they have actually finished the race in that position. This modifies Rule 35, A4, A5 and changes the definition of Finish.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 - Time limit for all classes is 2 hours.

14.2 - Boats who have not finished their race in 2 hours and 15 minutes will be scored points equal to the number of finishers plus 2 points.

14.3 - If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the 30 minute Mark 1 time limit, the race will be canceled.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 - A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the finish boat after all yachts in her class have finished. Any attempt to notify the finish boat, before all yachts in her class have finished, will be ignored. This changes RRS 61.1a.
- 15.2 - Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.3 - For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the class has finished the last race of the day for that class. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rule 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.4 - Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room located at the Spring Lake Yacht Club beginning at the time posted on the notice board.
- 15.5 - A protesting skipper and the protested skipper must remain within call of the arbitrator, protest committee or, at the discretion of the arbitrator, protest committee; the protest can be allowed or disallowed.

16 PROTEST ARBITRATION

- 16.1 Rule 44 is modified to allow a boat either to take the penalty described in RRS 44.1, 44.2, and as modified by these Sailing Instructions while on the water or to take a 40% Scoring Penalty for a breach of a rule of Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing by acknowledging the infringement before arbitration or by accepting the opinion of the arbitrator.

After a protest has been lodged, one designated representative from each boat, who shall have been on the boat when the incident occurred, may appear together before an arbitrator appointed by the protest committee. No witnesses shall be allowed. The arbitrator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately two minutes.

After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will express one of the following conclusions:

- 1) No rule was broken. The protester has the option of withdrawing the protest. If he decides to do so, he signs to this effect on the protest form. The protest is then withdrawn and shall not be reopened or appealed. If the protester does not withdraw the protest, it will be submitted to the protest committee in the normal manner.
- 2) A rule was broken by one of the boats involved. The representative of the offending boat has the option of either accepting a 40% penalty or submitting the matter to the protest committee for a protest hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter is closed and cannot be submitted to a hearing, be reopened, appealed or submitted for redress.

When protests are submitted to the protest committee, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the protest committee hearing the protest, but may be present in the protest committee room, and may be called as a witness.

- 16.2 - Application of the 40% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with rule 44.3, except that the penalty is modified to read 40%. [Minimum 4 places]

17 SCORING

- 17.1 - The low point scoring system in Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 17.2 - There will be one throw out race allowed per fleet after that fleet has completed at least six races.
- 17.3 - 2 races must be completed for a class to constitute a regatta.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 - Each competitor, including skipper and crew, Parent or legal guardian, is ultimately responsible for such competitor's safety.

18.2 - A boat that retires from a race shall notify a RC boat before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, notify a regatta official at Regatta headquarters immediately upon arrival on shore.

18.3 - Boats that are not leaving the harbor to race shall inform Regatta headquarters or a regatta official prior to the start of the first race of the day.

18.4 - A boat that breaks SI 18.1, SI 18.2, or SI 18.3 may receive without a hearing, a warning, a penalty or a disqualification. This changes RRS 63.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 - A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive special radio communications not available to all boats.

19.2 – This restriction also applies to cell phones.

20 COURTESY BROADCASTS

A designated observer may report all visual signals displayed by the race committee on VHF channel 73. Information provided is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the Race Committees visual signals, which govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions on the part of the designated observer will not be considered as grounds for redress under RRS 62. Radio calls will not be made for the Laser, Optimist, and Butterfly classes.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as described in the notice of race.

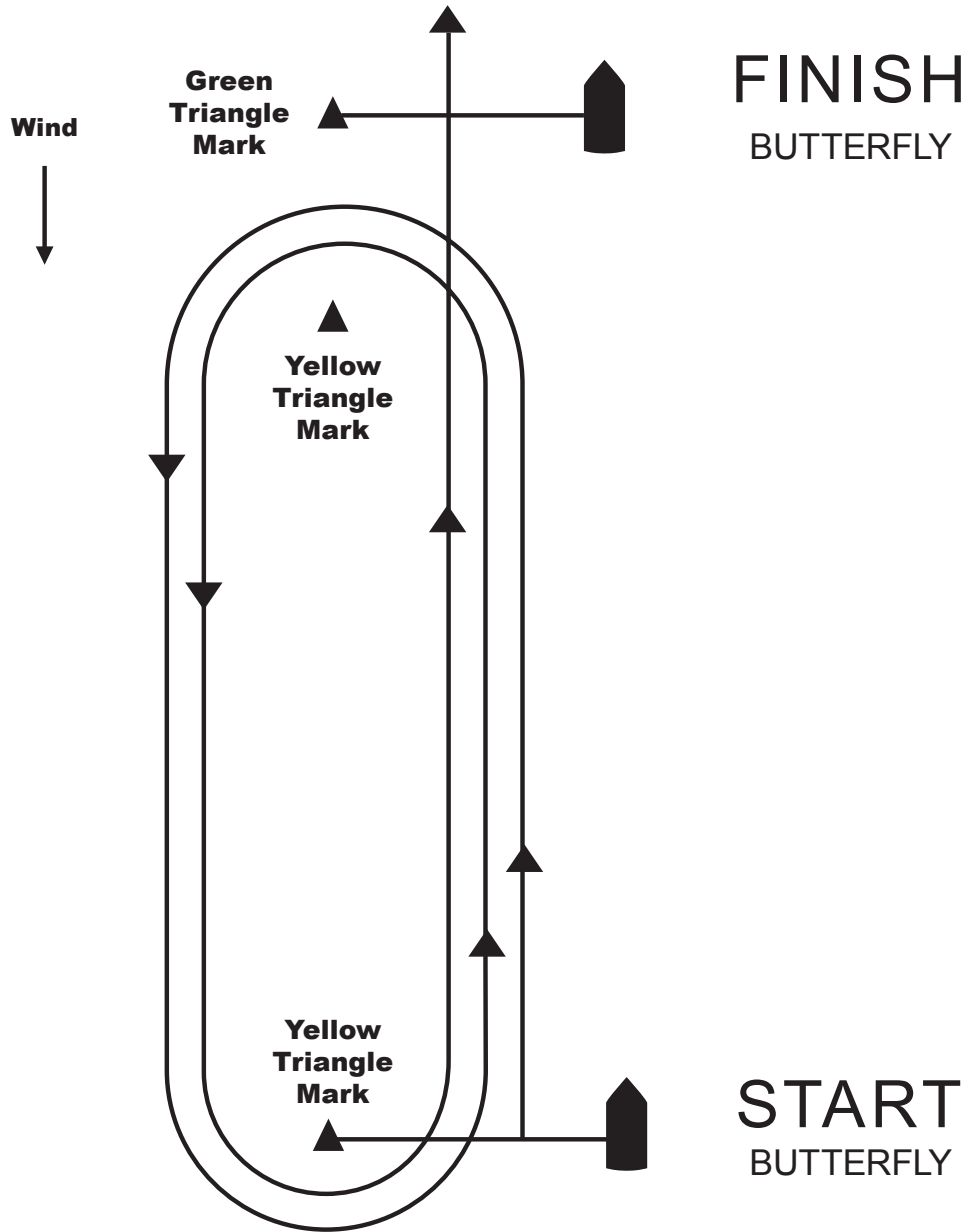
22 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

23 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.

Butterfly Course Diagram



Possible Windward / Leeward Courses: (non inclusive)

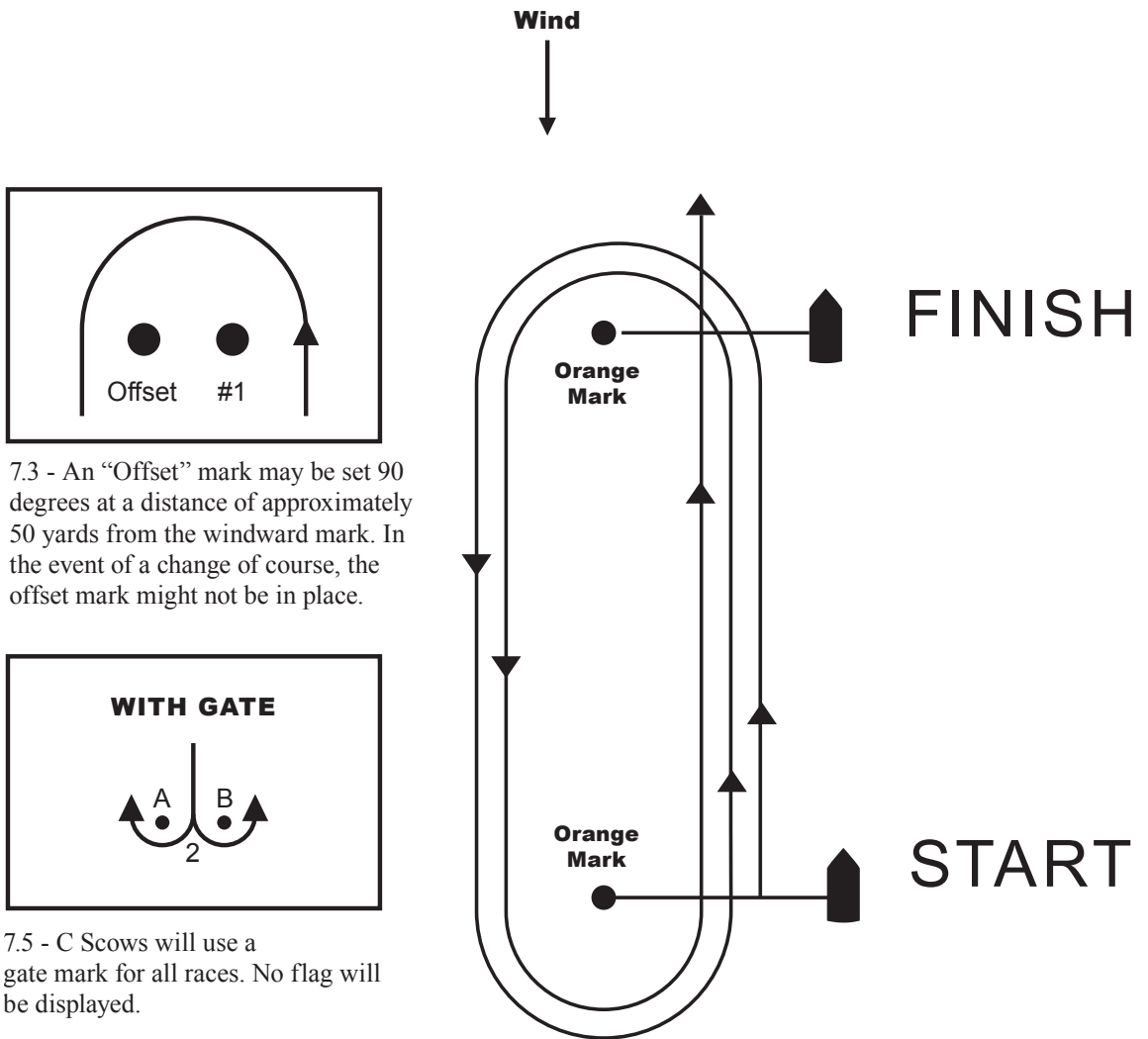
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W 3 ½

W 4 ½

C Scow Course Diagram



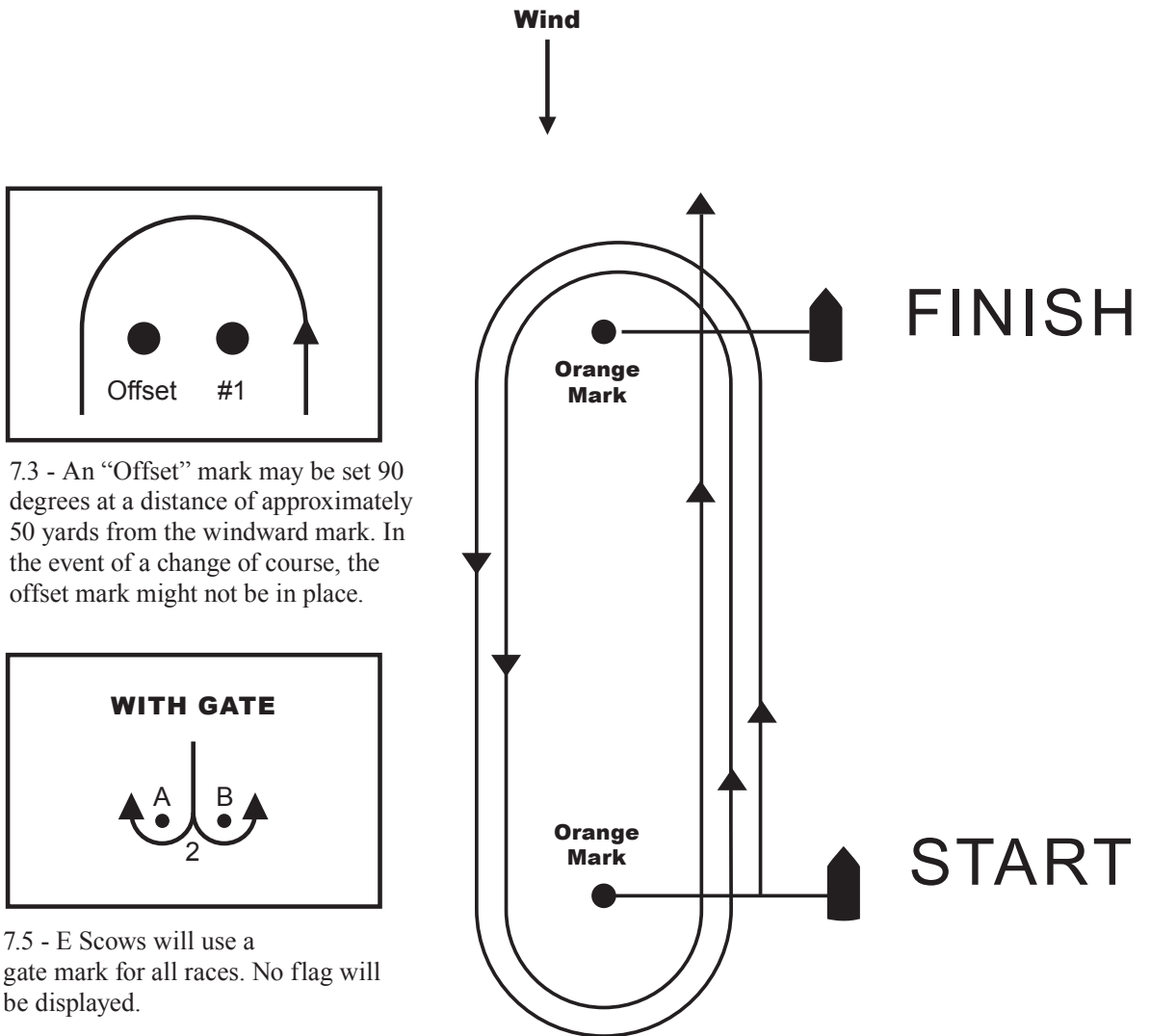
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E Scow Course Diagram



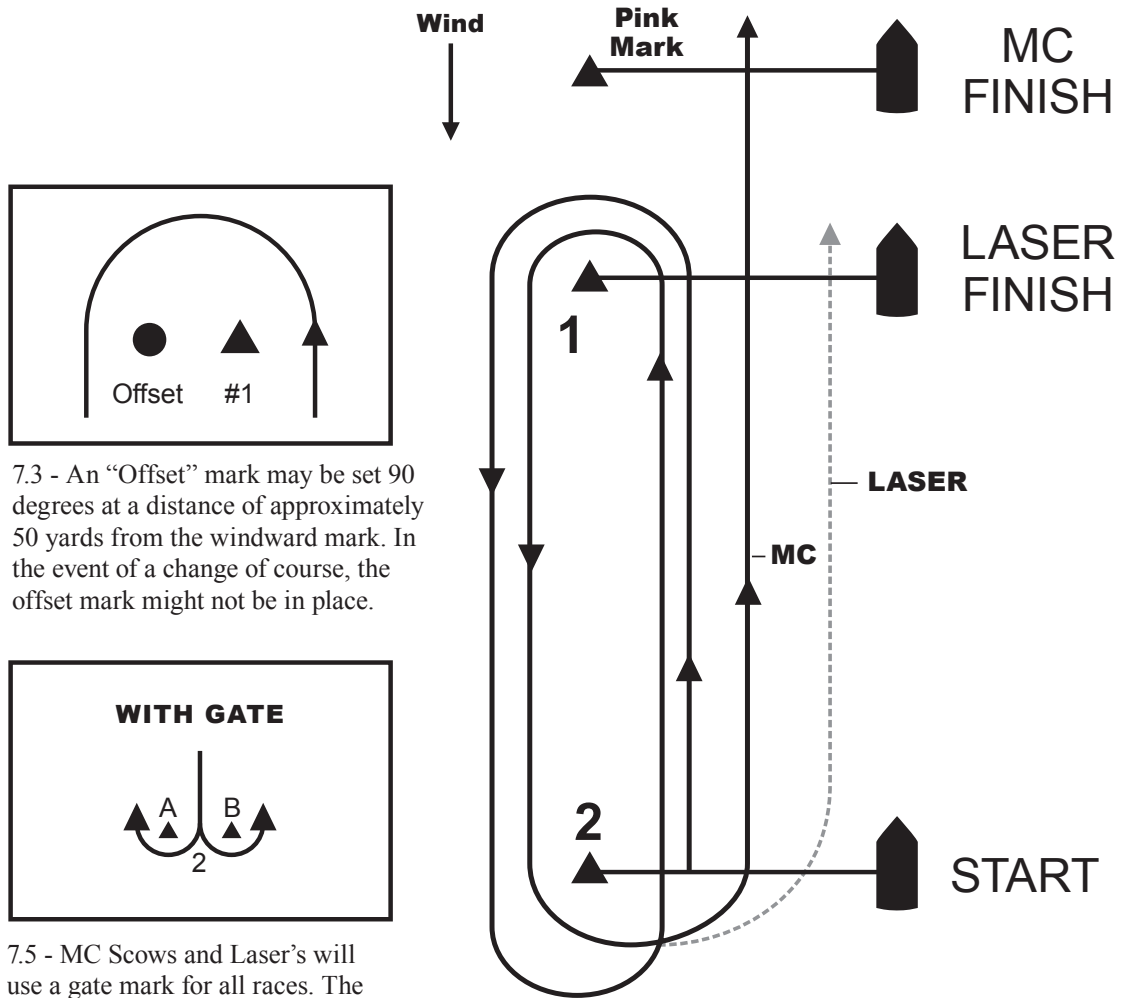
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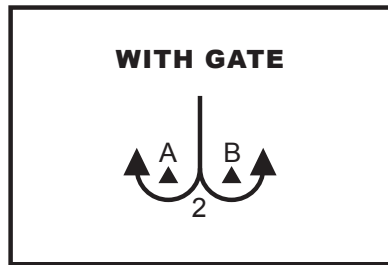
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MC & Laser Course Diagram



7.3 - An "Offset" mark may be set 90 degrees at a distance of approximately 50 yards from the windward mark. In the event of a change of course, the offset mark might not be in place.



7.5 - MC Scows and Laser's will use a gate mark for all races. The same marks will be used for both classes. No flag will be displayed.

Course marks (original) = orange

Finish for MC's between committee boat and pink mark (upwind of windward/weather mark)

Finish for Laser's between separate committee boat and orange weather mark

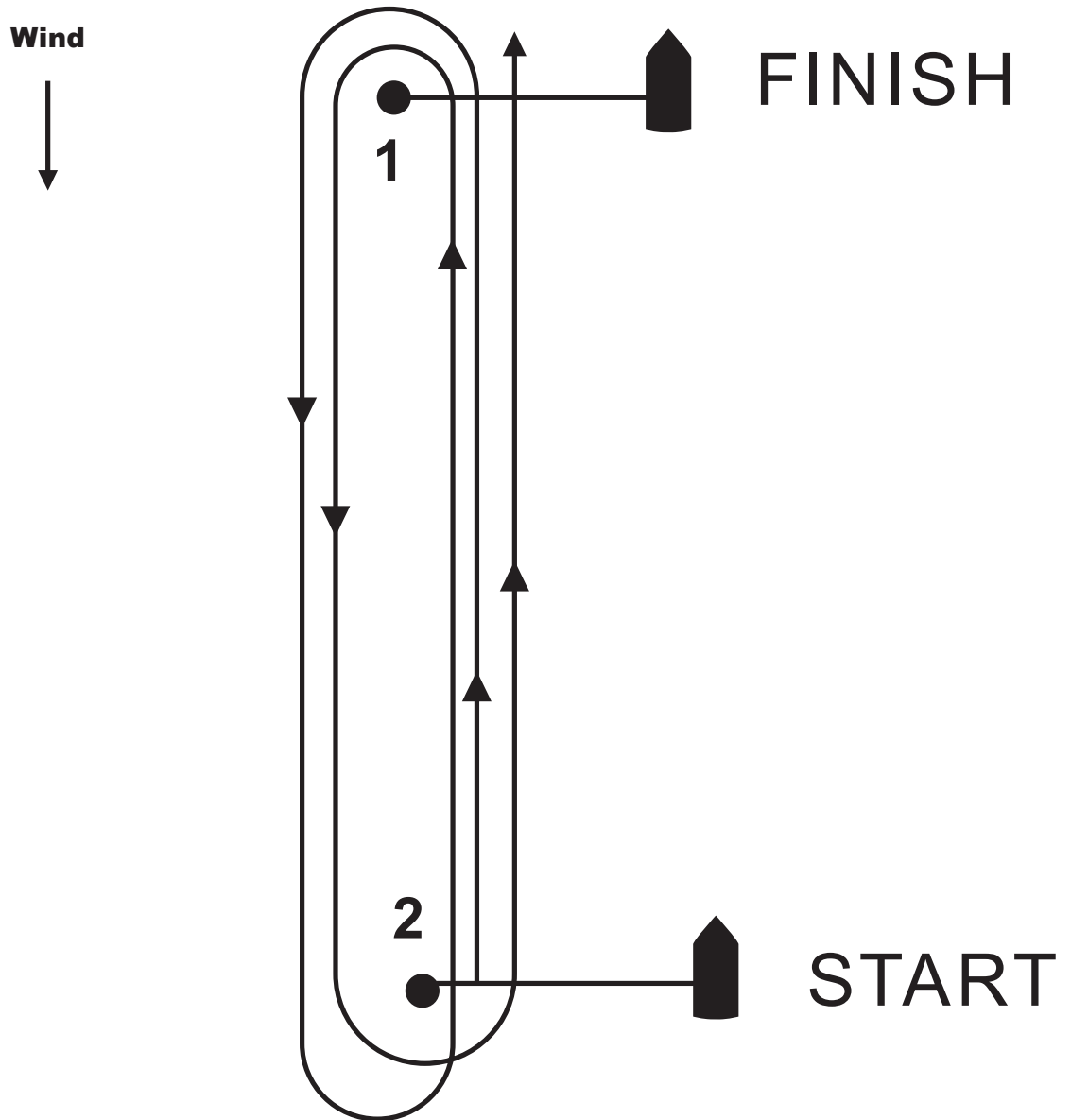
Possible Windward / Leeward Courses: (non inclusive)

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W 3 ½

Optimist Course Diagram



Possible Windward / Leeward Courses: (non inclusive)

W 1 ½

W 2 ½ – Shown Above

W 3 ½

W 4 ½