

# Atlanta Commodore's Cup and William I. Koch Cup Qualifier Sailing Instructions

The following applicable Sailing Instructions have been copied (plain text) or modified (*italicized text*) from the Eighth Biennial William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup – Official Race Rules found at (<http://seascoutcup.org/official-race-rules/>).

## PART 1 – ATLANTA COMMODORE'S CUP ("EVENT")

- 1.1 **Name.** The official name of the Event is the *Atlanta Commodore's Cup – 2017* ("Event").
- 1.2 **Location, Dates, and Organizing Authority.** The Event Headquarters will be located at *Cushing Memorial Park*. Office is open *1600 to 1600 EST September 30 – October 1, 2017*.
- 1.3 **Race Headquarters.** The Event is a *Southern Region* sailing regatta that provides competition between *nine (9) areas of the Southern Region including Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Tennessee, and parts of Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia*. The Event will begin on *September 30, 2017* and conclude on *October 1, 2017*. The Organizing Authority is the *Atlanta Area Squadron*. The event is co-hosted by the Boy Scouts of America National Council, the National Sea Scout Committee, the *Atlanta Area Council of the BSA*, and *Cushing Memorial Park*.

## PART 2 – RULES

- 2.1 **Racing Rules.** The Event will be governed by the most current World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (*RRS*), BSA Guide to Safe Scouting, these Sailing Instructions, and the Official Notice of Race.
- 2.2 **Participants Standards of Conduct, Appearance, and Comportment.** This Event, including the actual regatta, is a Sea Scouts, BSA event. There exists the Participants Standards of Conduct, Appearance, and Comportment ("Standards") that govern the behavior of all Event Participants, and are a part of the Official Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. The *Atlanta Area Squadron Commodore* reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to exclude any person from this Event and or debar any person from further attendance of this Event. If a Participant violates the Standards, the *Atlanta Area Squadron Commodore* may elect to:
  - 2.2.1 Impose non-race related disciplinary action, or

- 2.2.2 Exclude the Participant from access to the Event and send the Participant home, or
- 2.2.3 Impose penalties...which could include:
  - 2.2.3.1 Add not less than one (1) or more than sixteen (16) points to the score of the Participant's team;
  - 2.2.3.2 Disqualify the Participant from one or more future races;
  - 2.2.3.3 Disqualify the Participant from one or more past races; or
  - 2.2.3.4 Disqualify the Participant from the entire Event.

### **PART 3 – NOTICES AND SCHEDULES**

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors.** Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located *in the Cushing Memorial Park Club House*. During the Event, Participants and Crews shall submit questions concerning these Sailing Instructions, scoring, or any racing issue in writing to the *Atlanta Area Squadron Commodore*. A Special Notice Board will be set up at the racing area for additional notices during the racing activities pertaining to that day's competition. Location of the Special Notice Board will be announced at the first Skipper's meeting.
- 3.2 Changes to Sailing Instructions or Other Official Notices.** Any changes to the Sailing Instructions or any other official notice will be provided orally at the Skipper's meetings normally held at 0900 each day of racing. No changes will be made to these rules without the express permission of the *Atlanta Area Squadron Commodore*.
- 3.3 Schedule of Races.**
  - 3.3.1 Number of Races Per Day. The planned number of races each day is seven (7) per fleet. The Race Committee may have an alternate number of races during each day depending on weather conditions.
  - 3.3.2 Fleet Divisions. Participant crews will be divided into Regatta fleets, as described in Part 5.4 "Fleet Divisions."
  - 3.3.4 Saturday, September 30, 2017 – First day of racing. Alpha and Bravo fleets will race.
  - 3.3.7 Sunday, October 1, 2017 – Final day of racing.

### **PART 4 – THE RACE**

**4.1 Racing Area.** It is anticipated that there will be only *one (1)* race area for the Regatta. The designated race area will be at or near *Cushing Memorial Park in the Lake Allatoona eastern basin off of Dock 6.*

**4.2 The Course.**

4.2.1 Course Diagram. A diagram of courses will be posted on the Official Notice Board and Special Notice Board. The courses that could be sailed are triangle, modified triangle, triangle-windward, triangle-leeward (Gold Cup), windward-leeward, and modified windward-leeward.

4.2.2 Daily Courses. The courses to be sailed for each race will be indicated by verbal command from the Race Committee and displayed on a course board on the Race Committee Vessel no later than the warning signal of that race.

4.2.3 Race Committee Sets Courses. The Race Committee shall make every attempt to set courses which take the majority of the fleet 20 to 30 minutes to complete. Any Crew which does not complete the course within ten (10) minutes of the first vessel to cross the finish line shall be scored "Did Not Finish" ("DNF") for that race.

**4.3 Marks.** Marks will be yellow cylinders or other as designated by the Race Committee.

**4.4 The Start.**

4.4.1 Starting Sequence. The starting sequence will be *modified as per Attachment A "Signals."*

4.4.2 Starting Line. The starting line will be between a designated mark and an orange line flag on the Race Committee Vessel.

**4.5 Change of Position of the Next Mark.**

4.5.1 Race Committee May Change Mark Position. After the starting signal, the Race Committee may change the position of any mark provided that no vessel is on that leg of the course, although the new mark may not be in position. To change the position of the mark, the Race Committee shall move the original mark to a new position. Any subsequent marks in the course after the moved mark may be relocated to preserve the course configuration without further signal; this alters RRS 33.

4.5.2 Notice of Changed Mark. If there is a change of mark position, a Race Committee Vessel will make repetitive *horn blasts* before the leading boat has

begun the leg. No compass bearing to the new mark shall be displayed; this alters RRS 33.

#### **4.6 Recalls.**

4.6.1 Individual Recall. Individual recalls will be made by hailing the sail numbers of the vessel(s) concerned. One (1) *horn blast* will be made. It is the responsibility of the competitors to start properly after any recall. If the vessel(s) concerned does not hear the hail, it is no fault of the Race Committee; this alters RRS 29.1.

4.6.2 General Recall. A general recall will be signaled orally and by two (2) *horn blasts*.

**4.7 The Finish.** The finish line will be between a designated mark and *an orange line* flag on the Race Committee Vessel.

#### **4.9 Substitutions.**

4.9.1 Substitutions Permitted. Substitutions may be allowed due to medical or family emergencies or disqualification of one crew member.

4.9.2 Substitutions Request. Substitutions must be submitted in writing and approved by the *Atlanta Area Squadron Commodore* and will be announced at that day's Skipper's meeting. If, in the interest of fairness, a substitution is necessary on the water, the application may be orally made to the *Atlanta Area Squadron Commodore*.

4.9.3 Substitutions Eligibility. Substitutions of Crews should first come from members of the same ship or unit, if present, and then from anyone in the opposite fleet that is not a Skipper. However, a substitution may come, as a last resort, from any sources as long as that person is a Sea Scout that is qualified to participate in the regatta. When a substitute is allowed, the substitute Crew shall sail all remaining races of the regatta. All substitutions must be approved by the *Atlanta Area Squadron Commodore*.

### **PART 5 – PROTESTS, PENALTIES, SCORING, FLEETS, AND PRIZES**

#### **5.1 Protests.**

5.1.1 RRS 61.1(a) Modified. RRS 61.1(a) is modified with the additional requirements that a Crew intending to protest another Crew shall notify the Race Committee Vessel immediately after their finish and indicate their intent to protest and the identity of the Crew to be protested.

- 5.1.2 Protests Written. Protests shall be written and filed within 45 minutes of the official arrival of the Race Committee Vessel at the dock. The official arrival time of the Race Committee Vessel *will be announced*.
- 5.1.3 Protests Heard by Atlanta Area Squadron Commodore. Protests shall be heard at the convenience of the *Atlanta Area Squadron Commodore*.

**5.2 Penalty System.** A Crew that has broken a rule of Part 2 while racing shall take the following penalty: After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a Two Turn Penalty by promptly making two (2) turns in the same direction including two (2) tacks and two (2) gybes in compliance with rule 44.2 of the RRS.

**5.3 Scoring.**

- 5.3.1 Low Point Scoring System. The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that each Crew's series score will be the sum of all of their race scores without discard. Each Crew will be scored independently and that Crew's regatta score shall be the total of their race scores. The lowest series score wins.
- 5.3.2 RRS A4.2 Modified. RRS A4.2 is modified such that a Crew that does not start, did not finish, retires after finishing, or is disqualified, will be scored one (1) point more than the number of competitors entered in their respective fleet.
- 5.3.3 Complete Races Required. Six (6) complete races are required to constitute a regatta. Three (3) complete races by each Preliminary fleet are required to validate the fleet divisions.
- 5.3.4 Low Scores Each Fleet. The Crews with the lowest series scores in their respective fleets shall win the respective Cup for that fleet.

**5.4 Fleet Divisions.**

- 5.4.2 *The Atlanta Area Squadron Commodore shall assign Crews to either of two (2) Regatta Fleets (either Capri 14.2 Alpha Fleet or Catalina 22 Bravo Fleet) based on their reported sailing and racing experience and eligibility to participate in the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup scheduled for Summer 2018 Sea Star Base Galveston, Texas. Bravo Fleet Crews will not be eligible to participate in the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup.*
- 5.4.3 **Sail Numbers.** To determine their starting sail number, Crews will be assigned by alphabetical order. The Crews will rotate vessels as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions and as posted on the Official Notice Board and Special Notice Board. Racing will proceed as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions Part 4 "The Race."

- 5.4.4 Rotation. Crews will be assigned a sail number by alphabetical order and will sail two (2) races in each vessel, then rotate vessels to the next designated sail number. This may be altered verbally at the Skipper's meetings.
- 5.5 **Arbitration.** For protests involving an alleged breach of the Rules of Part 2 of the RRS, no arbitration hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing.
- 5.6 **Prizes.**
- 5.6.1 *Atlanta Commodore's Cup.* The *Atlanta Commodore's Cup* awards are based on cumulative scores for the Event and will be presented to *in-council (Atlanta Area Council) and to out-of-council (non-Atlanta Area Council)* first and second place in the *Alpha and Bravo fleets.* The *Atlanta Area Squadron Commodore* will report *first, second, and third place finishes in the Alpha Fleet to the Boy Scouts of America National Sea Scout Committee for consideration in the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup –2018.*

## PART 6 – OTHER INFORMATION

### 6.1 Safety

- 6.1.1 Appropriate Clothing and Footwear. All Participants are required to wear a life jacket, appropriate clothing, and footwear with closed toes while racing or sailing at the Event. Clothing must be clean and in good repair. No torn or damaged clothing or footwear will be permitted. Participants are prohibited from wearing any branded clothing items such as commercial or political advertising or logos, inappropriate language, etc. Footwear must be appropriate for sailing, be closed-toed, and be of a type that does not easily fall off of the Participant's feet (such as sandals or thongs); footwear must be laced or use of Velcro or other type of secure fastener.
- 6.1.2 Life Jackets. All Participants should provide their own personal equipment including life jackets, which must be worn while racing near the water at the Event. Life jackets must be of Type I, II, or III US Coast Guard approved flotation device, or better. Inflatable life jackets may not be worn by Crews. If you do not have a USGC approved life jacket, one will be furnished.
- 6.1.3 Any Participant not wearing all safety gear while on or near the water will first be given a warning. Subsequent failures to wear a life jacket or other required safety gear will result in being (a) disqualified from that race, and/or (b) disqualified from that day's racing schedule.

6.1.4 The Race Committee will make a determination regarding the continuation or abandonment of any race based on the prevailing weather conditions.

6.1.5 The Event shall be sailed in all conditions except if vessels, under proper command, cannot maintain steerage or if the wind, as determined by the Race Committee, is greater than 25 knots, or if the Race Committee or the *Harbor Master* determines conditions are unsafe for any reason. This rule may be altered verbally at any Skipper's meeting.

**6.2 Vessels.** The organizing authority shall supply, or cause to be supplied, *Capri 14.2 racing dinghies for the Alpha Fleet and Catalina 22 swing-keelboats for the Bravo Fleet*. Standing rigging shall not be adjusted except in the event of a safety issue. Notice shall be given to the *Harbor Master* prior to leaving the dock or to the Race Committee prior to the warning sound after any adjustments to the standing rigging. Crews are responsible for knots, ring-dings, and pins, and shall inspect their vessels and address discrepancies prior to leaving the dock or before the warning signal.

### **6.3 Breakdowns.**

6.3.1 Vessel Hails Race Committee. A vessel suffering a breakdown shall hail the Race Committee as soon as practicable and, if possible, continue racing; the rule under RRS Appendix D 5.1.

6.3.2 Finishing Position Diminished. If the Race Committee determines that the Crew's finishing position was significantly diminished due to the breakdown; and that the breakdown was not the fault of the Crew; and that in the same circumstances a reasonably competent Crew would not have been able to avoid the breakdown; it shall make as equitable a decision as possible, which may order the race to be re-sailed or, when the Crew's finishing position was predictable, award them points for that position. In case of doubt about their position when the vessel broke down, the doubt shall be resolved against the Crew.

6.3.3 Defective Vessel Equipment. A breakdown caused by defective vessel equipment or a breach of a rule by an opposing Crew shall not normally be determined to be the fault of the Crew. However, a breakdown caused by careless handling, capsizing, or a breach by a vessel of the same Crew shall be considered the Crew's fault. Any doubt about the fault of the Crew shall be resolved in the Crew's favor.

### **6.4 Redress in the Case of Boat or Equipment Failure**

6.4.1 Vessel Equipment Failure – No Fault of Crew. In the event of a vessel equipment failure, which is not the fault of the Crew, the Crew may file for redress with the

*Atlanta Area Squadron Commodore.* This adds rule 62.1(e) which is described as Part 6.3 of these Sailing Instructions.

6.4.2 Filing Redress. The filing for redress shall follow the Part 5.1.2 of these Sailing Instructions.

### **ATTACHMENT A – SIGNALS (*modified*)**

*Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded (RRS 26).*

<b>Minutes before starting signal</b>	<b>Visual signal</b>	<b>Sound signal</b>	<b>Means</b>
<i>5*</i>	<i>Class flag*</i>	<i>One</i>	<i>Warning signal</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>P flag</i>	<i>One</i>	<i>Preparatory signal</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>P flag removed</i>	<i>One long</i>	<i>One minute</i>
<i>0</i>	<i>Class flag removed</i>	<i>One</i>	<i>Starting signal</i>

*\* Class flag for Alpha Fleet is A flag; for Bravo Fleet is B flag.*

### **ATTACHMENT B – PERSONNEL ROLES**

#### **Adult Role**

Atlanta Area Squadron Commodore  
Vice Commodore  
Race Committee Vessel Skipper  
Regatta Captain  
Alpha Fleet Captain  
Bravo Fleet Captain  
Harbor Master

#### **Personnel**

Gary Holcombe  
Nils Thompson  
Richard Williamson  
Robert Forrester  
Max Thompson  
Josh Mazarella  
Todd Bryant