



Lake Washington Sailing Club

El Toro

**Clearlake at Lake Washington Regatta
Sailing Instructions**

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Open to all El Toro Class sailboats.
- 1.3 The Racing Rules (2021-2024) will be modified as follows:
 - 35 - A boat starting later than 3-minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.
 - 35 - Boats failing to finish within 15-minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF.
 - 44.1 - The Two-Turns Penalty is modified to a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe).
- 1.4 Safety: Every boat must have a 15' painter or a towline as governed by their class rules.
- 1.5 Sail Numbers: Sailboats without sail numbers will not be scored. A boat's sail number may be its hull number or a club number (e.g., L1, L2)
- 2.0 **Registration** must be completed by 10 minutes prior to the Skipper's meeting.
- 3.0 **Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located next to the Women's Restroom.
- 3.1 Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 15-minutes after the Skippers Meeting on the day of the race.
- 4.0 **Signals Made Ashore:**
- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the clubhouse race deck.
- 4.2 If a Postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 20 minutes after flag "AP" is lowered.

5.0 Schedule of Races:

Date	Skippers Meeting	First Warning	Final Race Start
June 24	1400	1500	1800
June 25	1000	1100	1800

- 5.1 **Number of Races:** Up to 5 races will be sailed on race day.
- 5.2 **First Warning:** The first warning is 1-minute after the AP flag is lowered when on the water.
- 5.3 **Class Flags:** El Toro Class flag.
- 6.0 **Racing Area:** The racing area will be the turning basin and shipping channel for the Port of West Sacramento.
- 7.0 **Courses and Marks:** A course sheet will be provided to each competitor at the check-in table in the clubhouse. A number pennant displayed on the RC boat will signal course to sail.
- 7.1 **The Start/Finish** lines is restricted.
- 7.2 **Start/Finish:** The Start/Finish line between the windward and leeward marks will be a red ball and an orange flag on the starboard side of the RC boat. The finish line will be between a red ball and an orange flag on the port side of the committee boat.
- 7.3 **Marks:** All marks to be rounded to port. The course sheet will show 5 primary marks, each corresponding to a specific location: A, B, C, D, and WC.
- 8.0 **Start:** Races will be started using Appendix U with the warning signal given 3 minutes before the starting signal. There will be a minimum 1-minute delay between starts to raise class and course flags.
- 8.1 Boats whose warning signal has not been sounded shall avoid the starting area.
- 9.0 **Time Limits:** If no one finishes within 45 minutes of their start, the race could be abandoned.
- 10.0 **Protests and Request for Redress** forms will be available in the clubhouse and must be delivered to the PRO within 30-minutes after the Race Committee boat returns to the dock. The RC will sound a horn upon returning to the dock. A protest hearing will be scheduled upon receipt of the protest form.
- 11.0 **Scoring:** The Low Point Scoring, RRS A4 will be used. There will one throw outs for every 6 races raced.