



St. Elmo's Night Race Sailing Instructions

North Star Sail Club
August 14, 2026
First Warning at 1900

1. Rules

This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) this notice of race, and the sailing instructions for this race.

2. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on <https://gybehub.com/events/d28b3453-bb33-473f-85ed-33ac62abc3e3>.website.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 1700 on Friday, August 14, 2026. Per RRS 90.2(c), when RC flies Code "L" flag, ("come within hail"), verbal changes may be given altering any part of these instructions.

4. Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the NSSC flag pole. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

4.1 Radio Communication

Race Committee will be monitoring VHF 72.

5. Schedule of races

The warning signal for the first start is scheduled for 1900 on Friday, August 14, 2026. A sequence alert, consisting of four or more sounds, may be sounded one minute ahead of the warning signal. The absence of a sequence alert shall be disregarded.

6. **Classes and Ratings**

Class splits will be posted on the official notice board. Class flags are assigned to the following order of start:

First Start	Pink
Second Start	White
Third Start	Gold
Fourth Start	Purple

7. **Racing Area/**

The venue will be the US waters of Lake St. Clair.



8. **Courses**

The course for SPIN and JAM boats begins at government buoy CR and heads at approximately 183 degrees magnetic, rounding the St. Clair Light to port, and returning at approximately 003 degrees magnetic, finishing between the RC Signal Boat and CR.

Available Course selection will be visually communicated to competitors prior to the warning signal.

9. Approximate mark positions:

CR	42° 35.57' N, 82° 44.51' W
1PH	42° 32.79' N, 82° 44.78' W
St. Clair Light	42° 27.93' N, 82° 45.24' W

10. The Start

RRS 26 is unchanged.

11. Shortening or Abandoning Races

RRS 32.1 is unchanged.

If the race committee displays a white shape with a black 1 prior to the first warning gun, the course shall be from CR to 1PH rounding to port, then to the finish line at CR.

12. The Finish

The finishing line will be between the committee boat orange flag and the appropriate buoy.

13. Time Limits

The time limit for each class is five hours. If one boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit, the time limit for that class is extended by one hour. Boats that finish more than one hour after the first boat in that class finished will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) – the boat's score will be the number of boats in that class that finish plus 1 without a hearing.

14. Protests

ABYRA 14 is unchanged

15. Further Information

For additional information, please visit

<https://www.northstarsail.org/racing.php> or contact NSSC at 586-463-2192 or James Baker at 586-246-4171 or NSSC.RACE@GMAIL.COM.