Friday Night Series
MSC, OHCC, SJTSC, TISC, WSC

The Friday Night Series is a series of 19 races for Albacores and Lasers, held on Friday nights from May 1 to September 4.

2009 Sailing Instructions

1 RULES:

The Friday Night Series will be governed by the 2009-2012 *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association. The rules of the Canadian Albacore Association and the International Laser Association will apply to their respective classes. All rules apply unless amended by these sailing instructions.

2 ENTRIES:

Only community club members sailing in club owned Albacores, using club owned equipment and community club members sailing their own or club Lasers are eligible for community club awards. Each community club must use a random draw to select skipper and crew combinations.

Privately owned Albacores are eligible for the private boat owner awards.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices will be posted on the notice board located on the Committee Boat.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES:

The warning signal for the Albacore class shall be made at 7:00 p.m except for the following dates which will be 6:45pm (due to daylight). May 1, May 8, Aug 21, Aug 28, Sep 4
The Laser start will follow the Albacore start (see 'The Start' below). The racing schedule is published at www.albacore.ca.

5 COURSES AND MARKS:

Races are scheduled for the locations as indicated on the schedule. The Race Committee will use the permanent racing marks in the race location as a default, or other marks at its discretion. Substitute marks may be used – the "M" mark or other marks clearly specified by the Race Committee.

The course will be determined by the Race Committee on the water and indicated by the notice board on the committee boat.

6 THE START:

Races will be started according to rule 26, with classes starting at 5-minute intervals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

6.1 Timing sequence and signals for the start:

Signal	*Flag and sound*	*Minutes before starting signal*
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	5*
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

Continuous timing may be used. If there is an Albacore general recall and continuous timing is not in use, a new Albacore warning signal will be made (raise class flag with sound signal) 1 minute after the general recall is lowered and the Albacore starting sequence will continue from that point. The warning signal for Lasers will be the start of the Albacore class. If there is a Laser general recall and continuous timing is not in use, a new Laser warning signal will be made shortly after the general recall is lowered.

6.2 The starting line:

The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee Boat and the leeward mark.

6.3 Boats not racing:

Boats whose preparatory signal has not been given, shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made (rule 22.1).

6.4 Late starters:

A boat shall not start later than 3 minutes after her starting signal.

6.5 I Flag Rule Modification:

Rule 30.1 is modified as follows:
Regardless of whether or not code flag '**I**' has been displayed before or with her preparatory signal, and if any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or its extensions during the minute before her starting signal, she shall sail to the pre-start side of the line around either end before starting.

6.6 Black Flag Rule Modification:

Rule 30.3 is modified as follows:

After a general recall, regardless of whether or not a black flag has been displayed before or with her preparatory signal, and if any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is identified within the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first *mark* during the minute before her starting signal, the boat will be disqualified without a hearing. If the race is restarted or resailed the same evening, she is not entitled to compete in it. If a subsequent general recall is signalled, the race committee shall attempt to display her sail number.

At its option, the race committee may employ an official observation boat, considered as part of the race committee, at the opposite end of the starting line, to call premature starters. When the black flag rule is in effect, premature starters must retire from the race. The race committee or its designated alternate, will attempt to notify premature starters. If a notified boat fails to retire, after a black flag premature start, that community club skipper will be DSQ and will be counted as one of the scoring eight boats for the Friday night point scoring.

7 THE FINISH:

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee Boat and a nearby mark of the course.

8 TIME LIMIT:

a) A race shall be abandoned if the leading boat has not cleared the windward mark within 30 minutes of the start of the race.
b) The time limit for the completion of a race will be 2 hours established by the first boat to finish. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat's finish time will be scored "DNF".

9 PROTESTS:

Protests will be heard at the Race Committee's discretion after the race. The Host Club's Race Officer will select participants for a protest committee. Rule 63.4 (Interested Party) will be waived. The protest time limit referred to in rule 61.3 is 9:45pm. This time limit can be extended at the discretion of the Host Club's Race Officer. A time-limited protest hearing will be used. The weekly prizes will be awarded based on the decisions of the time-limited hearings. Any *party* to a protest or any Protest Committee can request a conventional protest hearing if they are not satisfied with the time-limited hearing. This conventional hearing will be considered a reopening of the hearing and thus modifies rule 66.

10 SCORING:

The Low Point scoring system, rule A4.1, will apply. 19 races are scheduled, of which 5 races shall be completed to constitute a series.

Points scored in each race will be assigned as follows (this modifies rule A4.1):

Position	Points
1st place	1 Point
2nd place	2 points
3rd place	3 points
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40th place	40 points

DNS = last + 3 points
OCS = last + 3 points
DNF = last + 3 points
RET = last + 3 points
DSQ = last + 6 points
DND = last + 6 points

11 WEEKLY PRIZES:

Prizes for the Albacore class will be awarded to the top 5 community club boats and to the top private finishing boat (who paid dues) in the top overall five finishing positions. Prizes for the Laser class will be awarded as follows:

A fleet of 10 or more 3 mugs will be awarded

5 to 9 2 mugs will be awarded

1 to 4 1 mug will be awarded.

12 END OF SEASON COMMUNITY CLUB PRIZES:
At the end of the season the perpetual trophies will be awarded to the first place community club Albacore skipper and crew. The awards will be based on the points scored in his/her best 5 races of the season. In the

event of a tie, the award will go to the skipper or crew, with the most first, seconds, thirds etc. If this still fails to break a tie, then as many extra races as are necessary will be used to break the tie.

The highly coveted Spanish Donkey Award will be presented to the winning club that has the lowest total score of its best 8 placings of Albacores entered each week. If a tie exists the award will go to the club with the most first, seconds, thirds etc.

13 WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

(a) It shall be the responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race (RRS Rule 4).

(b) By his/her participation in this series, each club member or participant shall be deemed to be knowledgeable of, and to have voluntarily assumed all responsibility for, any and all risks including, but not limited to, loss or damage to property whether personal or otherwise, and for personal injury, and agrees to hold harmless and free of any liability the sponsoring clubs, their officers, members, employees or individuals appointed or volunteering for any activity associated with the racing program, including the class associations, for any loss or damages, material or personal, suffered by the participant during racing or otherwise.

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