

Race Day Procedures for R/C Crew

1. **BE ON TIME and READY to help.** Have all your gear – sunscreen, hat, swimsuit and towel packed. Any “special” needs are your responsibility. There will be nothing but the barest of accommodations aboard the R/C boat. Space is limited so pack light, please. (The PRO/club will provide beverages and sandwiches).
2. **9-10AM.** Be prepared to
 - a. Man the sign-in table and collect race fees. Check sign-ins against Pre-paid list. Bring to the attention of the Rear Commodore any vessels wanting to race who don't have a posted U.S. Sailing rating, or who have never raced with KSC before. (They will need a laminated course sheet from the R/C briefcase.) Ring the club bell at 9:55AM and call out “Five minutes to close of sign-in”. At 10 AM SHARP, ring the bell again and announce that all sing-ins are closed. Put all race fees in envelope, noting date, event, amount collected and your name. Stash envelope in clubhouse and give to Treasurer after the race.
 - b. Help load the race gear onto a truck or vessel, using the PRO checklist to make sure everything needed is going aboard.
3. **10AM head to dock** and board the R/C vessel... A pit-stop is usually a good idea. The only “facilities” at sea, is the sea, so advice your bladder accordingly.
4. **The R/C boat goes to the start-line area and sets the PIN** end of the start-finish line. This is an orange flag on a tall pole with a counter weight and approx. 100 feet of ground tackle w/chain & anchor.
5. **From the start-finish PIN**, head directly up-wind for 1/2 to one mile (depending on wind conditions). Use your GPS! PRO then makes determination as to exactly where to set the 1st mark. Set inflated mark with pre-made break-away anchor system and poly-pro line. (Check current)
6. **If a second mark (OTEC / Pine Trees) is desired**, proceed to the spot chosen by the PRO and set the inflated mark with a shallow anchor (40-60 feet)
7. **Return to the start finish line**, visually checking the marks to make sure they haven't moved, and the PRO will choose a spot for the BOAT end of the start-finish line. Drop anchor and get ready to take CHECK-INS.
8. **All boats racing must personally check-in** with the PRO at the R/C boat between 11:15AM and 11:45AM. No check-ins will be allowed after 11:45AM. (Or 5 minutes before white flag if race is postponed)
9. **PRO starts race sequence and everyone helps with flag raising/changing**, course posting, horn sounding, and watching for “Early-Over” starts. No distractions are wanted or needed during this vital start sequence. Keep talking and moving around to a minimum until ALL fleets are away.
10. **Count laps and sound horn for all finishes.** PRO records the times and keeps the forms in the R/C briefcase. Retrieve all marks and return to clubhouse, where PRO gives paperwork to Rear Commodore for computer data entry.