



OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB

Friday Night Bay Sailing

2024 Sailing Instructions

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 Bay Series racing will be governed by the Rules of Sailing (RRS/US), the prescriptions of MAYRA and by these sailing instructions
- 1.2 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing. The question and answer will be posted on the Ocean City Yacht Club (OCYC) bulletin board and website.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the OCYC bulletin board and website.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the OCYC website before 1530 hours on the day races are scheduled to occur and 1830 hour and 1000 hours on the day when races are scheduled for 1300 hours.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Ocean City Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When Flag "L" is displayed ashore, an important message or additional notices are posted.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of race will be posted on the OCYC website.
- 5.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 3.

6.0 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class Flags Code FLAG
 - PHRF.....1 "one" (white flag with red circle)
 - PHRF B.....2 "two" (blue flag with white insert)

7.0 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be the Greater Egg Harbor Bay off OCYC.

8.0 THE COURSES - ALL CLASSES

8.1 The basic course designation will be displayed on the dock at OCYC or off the Race Committee boat before or with the warning signal of the first fleet.

8.2 The diagrams (Attachment) show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side to which each mark is to be left.

9.0 MARKS

9.1 Inflatable, round sphere or "no wake cans" will; be used on all courses for marks except for red buoys designated by course description.

10.0 CHECKING IN

10.1 Before the Warning Signal of the first fleet, each boat shall sail past the Race Committee and hail its sail number or boat name until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Competitors may also hail the boat number or boat name on the race by radio until acknowledged.

11.0 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning Signal give 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 Classes may be started in any order although the Race Committee anticipates starting classes in order of:

1. PHRF "A" Hot Dog Class
2. PHRF "B" Cruiser Class

Note: Classes will be determined after 2024 sign ups and subject to change

11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the goal post on the OCYC dock or a staff on a race committee boat on one end and an inflatable buoy on the other end of the line.

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" DNS. Any boat that meets Rule 10.1 and is subsequently scored DNS, DNF, DSQ, or TLE will be given a score of one plus the number of boats that started. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11.6 Individual recalls will be as per RRS 29.1. As a courtesy, the race committee will also attempt to announce the sail number of over early (OCS) boats on VHF 71. Should a general recall be signaled, the start(s) for succeeding classes will be postponed accordingly.

12.0 RECALLS

12.1 The following shall not be grounds for redress:

- A) Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.
- B) Failure of the Race Committee to broadcast numbers.
- C) A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast number.

13.0 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be the same as the start line.

14.0 PENALTY FINISH

14.1 RRS 44.3 Scoring Penalty will apply. The minimum penalty will be two places. A boat that has taken a penalty shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

15.0 TIME LIMITS

15.1 Boats failing to finish within one and one half hours of their class starting time will be scored TLE (time limit expired) and scored points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus one unless no boat in the class finishes within one and one half hours. In which case the race shall be abandoned. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

16.0 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

16.1 A boat intending to protest or seek redress will notify and receive acknowledgement from the race committee after finishing and clearing the line. They will give the name and number of the boat being protested. This changes RRS61.1.

16.2 Protest forms and penalty acknowledgement forms are available at the Yacht Scoring website. These shall be delivered to the race committee at OCYC within thirty minutes after the last boat in each class has completed the race.

16.3 Notices will be posted as soon as possible but no later than thirty minutes after the protest time limit. This informs competitors of hearings in which they are parties or witnesses. Hearings will be held at OCYC.

16.4 Breaches of instructions 11.4 and 11.6 will not be grounds for protest.

17.0 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System RRS A4.1 will be used. RRS A.9 will apply.
- 17.2 A boat's series score will be the sum of her best scores based on 60% (rounded to integer/even) of all races sailed in the series (Example – six best scores will count based on a 10 race series). This changes RRS A2.
- 17.3 Only boats that are fully registered and have sailed in at least three races will be used in calculating the number of boats as describe in RRS A9. This changes RRS A2.
- 17.4 Series tiebreaker will be determined using Rule RRS A8.1.

18.0 PROPULSION

- 18.1 When grounded a boat may use its propulsion engine to free itself in a manner least likely to advance on the course. This changes USS 42.3. (g).
- 18.2 Immediately after freeing itself a boat shall stop its engine and while under sail complete two penalty turns ad per rule 44.2.

19.0 Safety Regulations

- 19.1 All boats are required to carry all safety equipment as required by national, state or local regulation. VHS radios are encouraged but not required.

20.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile devices.

21.0 DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH

- 21.1 Boats observed discharging waste or trash overboard shall be either disqualified from that race of from all races on the day of the infraction or be subject to other disciplinary action or both.

22.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1 Competitors participate in the bay series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, or after the series.

23.0 RESPONSIBILITY

23.1 The responsibility of the Race Committee is to provide a start and to record positions and times at a finish. The decision to start, continue or retire is the responsibility of the contestant.

24.0 INSURANCE

24.1 Each participating boat shall have a valid insurance certificate with a minimum liability of \$300,000. The insurance Certificate should be readily available for inspection by the Race Committee.