



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

THURSDAY NIGHT RACING SERIES

APRIL – OCTOBER 2022

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing](#), including the US Sailing Prescriptions; the current PHRF regulations, as administered by the PHRF-MA; except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the event website on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 The Race Committee (RC) may make changes to these sailing instructions verbally on the water via VHF Ch 68, at its sole discretion.

3 COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the unofficial notice board on www.YachtScoring.com, on the official notice board at the Pier 12 Clubhouse or in the Hoboken Sailing Club WhatsApp channel.
- 3.2 In the event of weather conditions such as over 25 knot gusts and lightning forecasts, the announcement for cancelled racing will happen at 4pm on the day of racing.
- 3.3 The race office is located at the office (2nd building) on Pier 12 and communication can be made through WhatsApp, email and cell phone.
- 3.4 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 68.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the base of the gangway to the docks.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Dates of Racing:

6.1.1 Tune Up Races – 4/28, 5/5

6.1.2 Series 1 - 5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23

6.1.3 Series 2 - 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11

6.1.4 Series 3 - 8/18, 8/25, 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29

6.1.5 Tune Down Races – 10/6, 10/13

6.2 One or two extra races per day may be sailed.

6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1810.

6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.5 If time permits, there may be more than one race in a night, but no race shall start later than 8:00pm.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Class flag is the Hoboken Sailing Club flag.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 Primary race area will be off the shores of Hoboken within the boundaries of the River to the South of the Northernmost border. Wind permitting, the course will be near the Pier C in Hoboken or near Pier 12 in Hoboken.

8.2 The race committee may make exceptions on account of wind and tide. This exception will utilize the venue out in New York Harbor near Ellis and Governor's Islands.

9 COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will generally be windward/leeward. An inflatable mark will be set offset to the RC boat as the start and finish line with 2 additional marks set, one at windward and one at leeward. Course Numbers will be displayed on a course board aboard the RC boat at the starting line and on shore when possible. The Course Numbers will also be announced on the radio prior to the race.

9.2 The courses to be sailed will be as follows: **WL1, WL2, T, MG & DWS.**

9.3 The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate course length will be 1 nm.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks are orange balls for windward and leeward. There is a yellow ball for the pin end of the starting and finish line.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 Commercial traffic must be considered an obstruction and given room by competitors if necessary. The shores of New York and New Jersey must be given considerable room due to submerged pier structure.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

12.2 The starting line is between the RC boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end of the course side of the port-end yellow starting mark.

12.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaces, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line is between the RC boat displaying the orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of the yellow port end finishing mark.

14.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course in accordance with RRS 28, and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

16.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, unless the boat has broken a rule while in the zone, in which case the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

17.1 PROTESTS ARE STRONGLY DISCOURAGED in this race series. However, if you feel you absolutely must place a protest please follow the protocols set forth below:

17.2 Intention to protest for a rule of Part 2 and the boat being protested shall be as follows:

- 17.2.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw, she shall hail "protest" and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall display the flag until she is no longer racing, and
- 17.2.2 Signal the Race Committee on the VHF Channel 68 at the finish of a race, until acknowledged by the Race Committee. This modifies rule 61.1(a).
- 17.2.3 Boats that have completed penalty turns to exonerate a protest Signal the Race Committee on the VHF Channel 68 at the finish of a race, until acknowledged by the Race Committee.
- 17.3 Arbitration will be held in accordance with Appendix T.
- 17.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.5 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearing will be held.
- 17.6 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRD 61.1(b)

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 USCG approved personal flotation devices (PFD) for all crew members shall be on board at all times.
- 18.2 Any boat withdrawing before the start or retiring from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on VHF channel 68 then wait for RC acknowledgment.
- 18.3 Security Zones – The USCG has established a 150-yard security zone around Ellis and Liberty Islands. Additionally, there is a 100-yard security zone around all US Naval, Coast Guard vessels and tunnel vents. These security zones are considered obstructions on the racecourse and no boat is allowed to sail inside the security zones. If on station, Security Zones are marked with white buoys with orange bands and diamonds. If present, these markers define the security zone. Any boat observed by RC to enter Security Zones may receive a DSQ.
- 18.4 Safety Zone: All boats must avoid any potential impact with RC boats. The RC may place an anchor line float or marker within approximately 15 yards in front of the RC. Any boat entering this area may be scored ZPF and computed penalty per the procedure described in 44.3c. Any contact with the Race Committee boat or mark boat is an automatic DSQ and potentially withdrawal from the series at RC's discretion.

- 18.5 A boat that damages or drags a mark may be scored a DSQ by the Race Committee at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 18.6 Weather Protocols – In accordance with the USCG Marine Event Permit, there may be no racing if the wind gusts to speeds greater than 25 knots, there is lightning, thunderstorms or visibility is less than 1 nautical mile. A race may be postponed or abandoned if any of these conditions exist. If a race is abandoned while on the water for weather, teams will be notified via VHF Ch 68 and may be directed to proceed to the berthing areas. If a race is postponed or abandoned for weather prior to heading out to the race area, teams will be notified via Yacht Scoring as described in 2.2.
- 18.7 Boats interacting in NY Harbor with vessels not racing are cautioned to observe Navigation Rules and to yield right of way to vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver, especially to tugs, ferries, and barges. Any boat observed to impede such traffic will receive a DSQ.

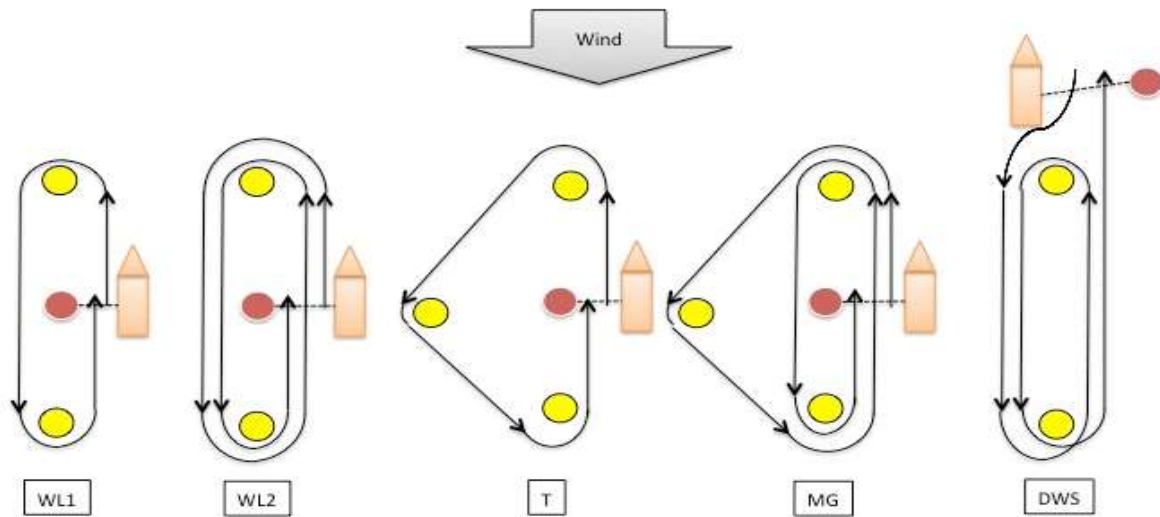
19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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Courses



Letter(s) identifying which course is to be sailed (WL = Windward Leeward Course, T = Triangle Course, MG = Modified Gold Cup Course, DWS = Down Wind Start Course) will be displayed by the Committee Boat prior to the Warning Signal for each race. The Windward Leeward course is to be sailed once around (WL) or twice around (WL2) depending on which signal is displayed. For WL courses, the "reach" (or "gybe") mark shown above is NOT taken as a mark of the course (and may not be set at all). Boats may freely choose their courses between the windward and the leeward marks.

THE COURSE IS TO BE SAILED PORT ABOUT, WITH ALL MARKS LEFT TO PORT.

Starting and Finishing Line

The starting and finishing line will be between the yellow flag on the Committee Boat and the starting mark which is an 18 inch round red buoy. Another small, white, "keep off" mark without a flag may be attached to the transom of the Committee Boat. ***This "keep off" mark must be passed on the side away from the Committee Boat.***

The committee Boat is considered a mark, as is the "keep off" mark. A boat is not entitled to room between a leeward boat and the Committee Boat; nor is a boat clear ahead or leeward entitled to room to tack to avoid hitting either the Committee Boat, including its anchor rode, or the "keep off" mark. Barging the Committee Boat is not allowed; beware - a leeward boat has a "right of way" and the windward boat is not entitled to room at the Committee Boat! ***AVOID SAILING CLOSE TO THE COMMITTEE BOAT.***