



Fall Brawl



Saturday-Sunday, 28-29 October 2023

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
Eastport Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation “[NP]” in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

The event shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change(s) to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 73 while on the water.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 RC may announce signals posted ashore on VHF channel 73, and/or text message, and/or email. This announcement, lack thereof or contents thereof shall not be grounds for Redress or Protest. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1(a).
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in Race Signals AP.

5 CLASS FLAGS, WARNING PENNANTS, & ORDER OF START

- 5.1 Class flags will not be required for this event.
- 5.2 For the first race of each day, the RC shall start the classes in the order outlined below. If a class is not present, its start will be omitted, and the next class will start in that place. Subsequent starts may be in a different order so as to maximize racing for all classes.

Class Start Order – First Race	Warning Flag
Viper 640	Pennant “1”
J/70	Pennant “2”
J/80	Pennant “3”

6 RACING AREA

RC will rendezvous at government mark R “2” FI R 2.5s sixty (60) minutes prior to the intended Warning Signal each morning. From the Horn Point Shoal Pole (FI 6s 15ft 4M “HP”), the mark bears approximately 145° magnetic and a distance of 2.8 nautical miles.





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7 CHECK-IN

[DP] [NP] Prior to sailing their first race each day, all boats shall check in with the RC Signal Vessel by hailing her sail number until receiving a confirmation hail from the RC Signal Vessel. Check-in shall be made in person and is not permitted by VHF radio.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left, are shown in Figure 1.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the approximate magnetic heading and approximate distance to the first mark shall be designated by placards on the side of the RC Signal Vessel opposite the start line.
- 8.3 When the first mark of the course is to be a change mark, code flag "C" will be displayed by the RC Signal Vessel before the warning signal, accompanied by a series of repetitive sound signals.
- 8.4 If only one gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port.

9 MARKS

The marks of the course are as follows:

Mark	Mark Description
Starting	4-foot Green Tetrahedron or anchored RC vessel
1	5-foot Orange Cylinder (Weather Mark)
1a	3-foot Red Cylinder (Weather Offset Mark)
2p/2s	5-foot Orange Cylinders (Leeward Mark/Gate)
Change for 1	4-foot Yellow Tetrahedron
Finishing	4-foot Pink Tetrahedron

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and either a staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored RC mark vessel or the course side of a green tetrahedron at the port end.
- 10.2 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 RC will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.3 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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 replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit, and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below for each class.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	120 minutes	20 minutes

- 13.2 The race for a class will be abandoned if no boat in that class passes Mark 1 within the time limit.





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- 13.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats in a class to finish after the first boat in that class sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A10.
- 13.4 A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the points scored by the last boat in her class that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

14 SCORING INQUIRIES, PROTESTS, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Scoring Inquiries shall be submitted within the Protest Time Limit.
- Scoring inquiries shall be submitted via the “Online Scoring Inquiry Filing” link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.
 - Scoring inquiries may be resolved via teleconference or video conference.
- 14.2 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be submitted within the Protest Time Limit. Electronic submittal shall be used and is available via the “Owner’s Corner” link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page or via email to race.committee@eastportyc.org. A diagram of the incident, if applicable, cannot be submitted via Yacht Scoring, and should be scanned and emailed to the RC at race.committee@eastportyc.org prior to the hearing.
- 14.3 The alternative penalty acceptance form (RRS Appendix V2) will be available via the “Documents & Forms” link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page. The form may also be emailed to the RC at race.committee@eastportyc.org.
- 14.4 The protest time limit is sixty (60), minutes after the RC Signal Vessel dock time. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.3. The time limit for a Request for Redress based on an incident in the racing area shall be the Protest Time Limit. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 14.5 The Protest Committee may schedule a hearing prior to the Protest Time Limit if the parties and witnesses are available and have had time to prepare for the hearing. The parties to a hearing are responsible for having their witnesses, if any, present at the beginning of the hearing. The time and location of each protest hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify RC as soon as possible either by hail or VHF channel 73, or the EYC cell phone [(410) 271-7193], or email [race.committee@eastportyc.org]. A voicemail message shall include the approximate time of the message, the skipper’s name, boat name, and sail number.
- 15.2 [DP] [NP] A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial traffic of any kind. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.
- 15.3 [NP] A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid underway commercial traffic, provided:
- the boat does not gain an advantage;
 - using propulsion is the only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and,
 - the boat submits a report (in writing or by email) to the RC by the protest time limit that describes the incident and the boat’s actions.
- 15.4 [NP] The RC or Protest Committee may protest a boat for SI 15.2 and/or 15.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and 61.3.

16 ENVIRONMENT

[DP] This is a Clean Regatta. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible.



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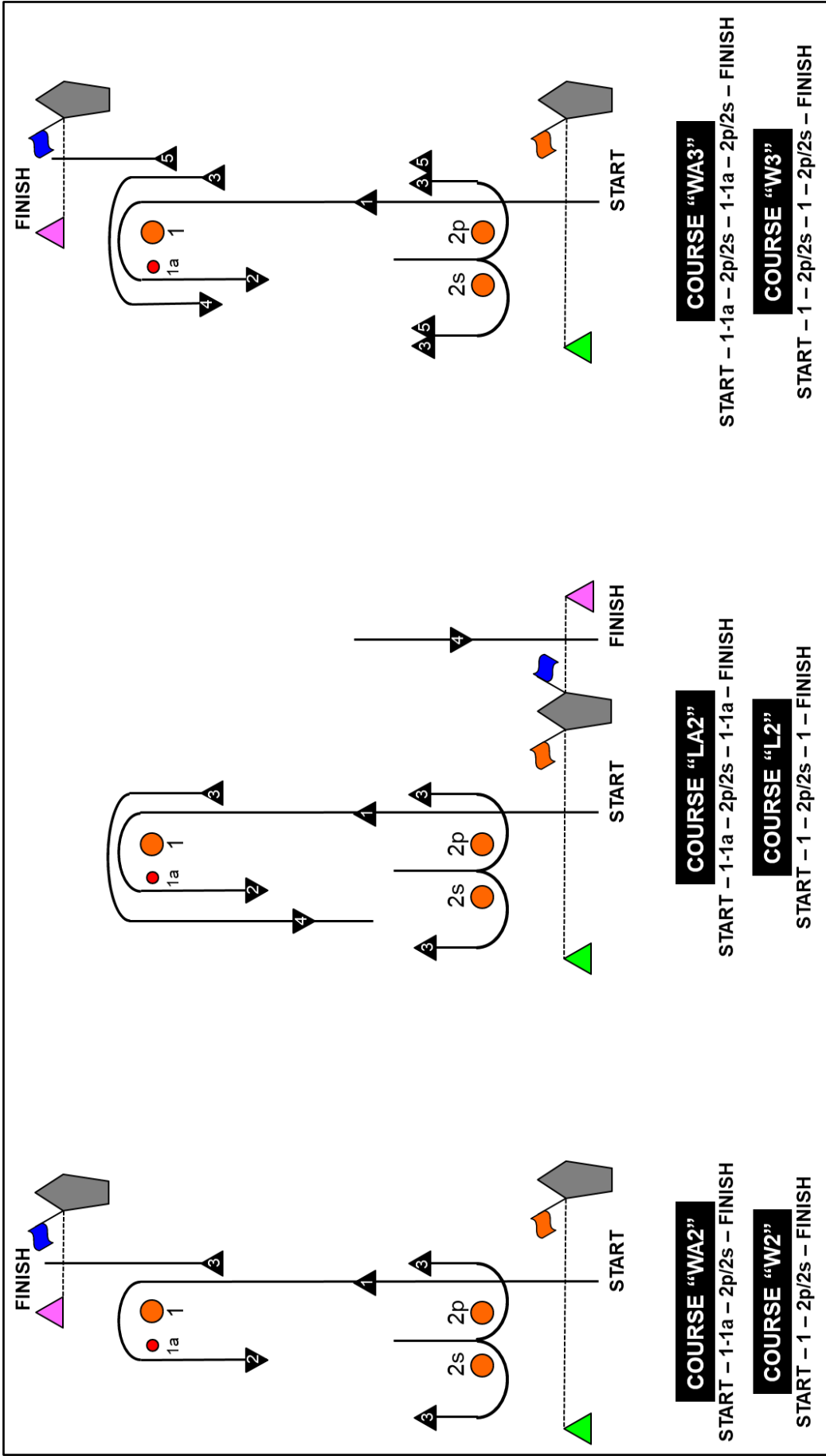


Figure 1. Fall Brawl Course Diagrams

