



BAY-WAVELAND YACHT CLUB

GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

These sailing instructions shall apply to all regattas organized by Bay-Waveland Yacht Club (BWYC) and/or conducted by the BWYC Race Committee (RC), unless special instructions are provided. Online registration is hosted by US Sailing [Regatta Network](#) (RN) for all classes

1 RULES

1.1 All regattas will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including the US Sailing prescriptions; applicable class and rating rules; and these Sailing Instructions (SI). The Notice of Race (NOR) for a specific regatta or series may modify these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The following rules are changed herein:

RRS	Changed by	RRS	Changed by
27.1	9.4, 12.3	A5.1	11,12.5,16.2
33	14.2,14.3	A5.2	16.2
35	16.2	A5.3	18.2
44.1	17.1	A10	16.2
60.1	17.2	Signals	5.2, 15.1

2 ENTRIES

2.1 Separate entry must be made for each individual regatta, club series or club race day, typically online via RN.

2.2 Each entrant shall provide all required information and pay all fees, as applicable, before becoming a competitor.

2.3 A minimum of three (3) entries shall constitute a class. At the discretion of the race committee, fewer than three (3) entries may be considered.

2.4 Liability Waiver Form - As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crewmember shall sign a liability waiver/media release. The fully executed Liability Waiver Form shall be submitted at registration prior to racing. The Liability Waiver Form will be posted on the regatta website and will be available at registration.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted online via Regatta Network and/or on a notice board located in the Lounge.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Changes in the sailing instructions will be posted no later than one (1) hour before the scheduled start of

the first affected class on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4.2 ON THE WATER HAILING – Oral instructions may be given on the water at the discretion of the RC. One-Design and Dinghies will be hailed by voice, loud-speaker, or VHF Radio. The Race Committee will attempt to operate on VHF Channel 72.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flagpole on the BWYC east lawn and may also be communicated electronically.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, races not started are postponed. Warning signals shall be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes Race Signal “AP”.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Racing shall be in accordance with the BWYC Sailing Schedule available online at Regatta Network, or as specified in a specific regatta NOR.

6.2 The RC will attempt to operate on Central Time as determined by GPS.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will be advised by the Race Committee.

8 RACING AREA

All racing shall be on the Bay of St Louis.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 BWYC APPENDIX B – STANDARD COURSE DIAGRAMS illustrates and describes the standard courses and options, including the relative positions of marks, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. **m₁, m₂, m₃**, and **m_{5f}** represent fixed mark designations, as provided by SI 9.4(a) and 10.1, which correspond to Marks 1, 2, 3 and start/finish respectively, as illustrated.

9.2 DROP MARK COURSES shall use only drop marks and shall be designated in accordance with

BWYC Appendix B.

9.3 Offset marks and gate marks may be used as indicated by the Race Committee. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If only one gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port. Except when there is a change of course, the gate will be positioned approximately 0.1nm to windward of the RC signal vessel. The gate may be laid after the starting signal.

9.4 FIXED MARK COURSES

(a) Shall use only fixed US Government channel marks, except that one drop mark may be used as a start/finish line.

9.5 No later than the preparatory signal for each start, the RC boat shall display the following (this changes RRS 27.1):

(a) The course designation for the starting class.

9.6 The RC may hail course information to competitors as provided in SI 4.2.

9.7 For Portsmouth or Handicap scoring purposes, the course length shall be rounded to the nearest tenth (0.1) of a nautical mile and times shall be recorded and calculated to the nearest whole second.

10 MARKS

10.1 FIXED MARKS shall be US Government channel markers located in the Bay of St Louis. A missing fixed mark may be replaced with a drop mark, but its original fixed mark designation shall remain.

10.2 DROP MARKS used for one or all marks of a course shall be as follows:

(a) Marks 1, 2, 3, and the start/finish mark shall be orange tetrahedrons or orange spheres.

(b) New marks, used in accordance with SI 14.1, shall be yellow tetrahedrons or orange spheres.

11 CHECK-IN BEFORE THE START [NP]

Before the first warning signal of the first race on each race day, each boat shall sail near the RC signal boat and hail her class and sail number and be acknowledged by the RC. A boat failing to check-in may be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

12 THE START

12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat or the Pier and the course side of the starting mark.

12.2 With prior notice, the RC may use RRS 26 or

RRS Appendix U – Audible-Signal Racing System.

12.3 When the warning signal for a succeeding class is made simultaneously with the starting signal of the preceding class and if a course change is made, the change of display course will be made between the warning and preparatory signals. This changes RRS 27.1.

12.4 [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

12.5 A boat that has not started within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A5.1

13 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

The RC will attempt to hail OCS yachts. The order, timing and success of these hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

14.1 When using drop marks, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat in each class being changed has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

14.2 Any adjustment of any leg of the course, while boats are racing, by moving the mark(s) up to 005° in bearing and/or 0.2NM in length will not be considered a change in course. This alters RRS 33.

14.3 When using fixed marks, the change signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and the display or hail of the designation of the new fixed mark. This alters RRS 33.

14.4 Boats shall round the mark beginning a changed leg in the same direction as it was to be rounded before the change.

15 THE FINISH

15.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying either a Blue or an Orange flag on the RC boat or Pier and the course side of the nearby finishing mark. This changes the Race Signals.

16 TIME LIMIT

16.1 The time limit (RRS 35) for each class shall be 2 hours for a single race and 1 hour if two or more races

are scheduled on a day.

16.2 Within each class, a boat that is still racing 30 minutes after the first boat finishes shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and receive points equal to two (2) places behind the last boat to finish, but not worse than last place among the boats that started. All other scoring codes shall take precedence over TLE. This alters RRS A5.1 & A10.

17 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS

17.1 RRS APPENDIX V1 & V2 – ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES shall apply. This alters RRS 44.1.

17.2 Breaches of rules noted herein by [NP], will not be grounds for protest by a yacht and penalties for these may be less than DSQ. This alters RRS 60.1.

17.3 Protest forms shall be delivered to the BWYC Regatta Desk or the PRO within one (1) hour after the docking time of the RC boat. Hearings will be held as soon as possible subject to the availability of the parties involved and the protest committee.

18 SCORING

18.1 No scores will be excluded. One completed race constitutes a regatta or series.

18.2 This rule applies to a series longer than a regatta and alters RRS A5.3.

(a) For scoring purposes, the number of boats that come to the starting area—or *Checkins*—for any race run on a subject race day will be the total number of boats that came to any start on that day.

(b) The score for DNC will be Checkins+2 and for DNS, DSQ or equivalent it will be Checkins+1.

(c) A boat shall only be scored DNC if she does not come to any starts on the subject race day. If she comes to at least one start, she will be scored no worse than DNS or equivalent for all other races run on that day.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFDs) – All single-handed and trapeze-boat competitors shall wear PFDs at all times in accordance with RRS 40. On all other boats it is the responsibility of the competitors to determine when PFDs will be worn and to comply with applicable class rules. The absence of Race Signal Flag Y shall not be an indication nor recommendation that PFDs should not be worn. See RRS 1.2.

19.2 [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify

the RC before leaving the racing area or, if unable to do so, shall contact the RC or the BWYC office (228-467-4592) as soon as possible, but no later than directly upon arriving ashore. Failure to promptly report a retirement may be grounds for a fine and/or other penalties.

20 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded as specified by each class, the event organizers, and/or in accordance with perpetual deeds of gift.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

21.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Series, each competitor, and the responsible adult, if any, agree and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

BWYC APPENDIX B – STANDARD COURSE DIAGRAMS

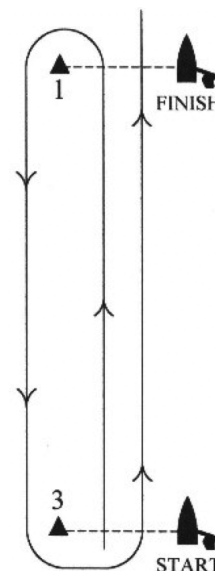
B1 WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSE – “W 1.5”

B1.1 Options for this course may include:

- (a) increasing or decreasing the number of legs;
- (b) sailing multiple rounds of the course;
- (c) finishing at Mark 1 or 3;
- (d) when present, the use of an offset Mark 1A set to abeam of Mark 1;
- (e) when present, the use of a separate Gate Mark 3A, 3B set to windward of the start/finish line;
- (f) finishing to port or starboard of the finishing mark depending on the location of the RC boat;

B1.2 The courses shall be designated as follows:

Drop	Fixed	Description
W [1]	$m_1 m_3$ [1]	1 round, 2 legs, start-1-finish
W 1.5	$m_1 m_3$ 1.5	1.5 rounds, 3 legs, start-1-3-finish
W 2	$m_1 m_3$ 2	2 rounds, 4 legs, start-1-3-1-finish
W 2.5	$m_1 m_3$ 2.5	2.5 rounds, 5 legs, start-1-3-1-3-finish
W 3	$m_1 m_3$ 3	3 rounds, 6 legs, start-1-3-1-3-1-finish



B1.3 For drop mark courses only, two (2) weather marks (Mark 1) may be used to allow different classes to simultaneously sail different length courses. The RC shall indicate the presence of two weather marks by displaying numeral pennant 2 during the starting sequences for all classes and may also hail to competitors as provided in SI 4.2.

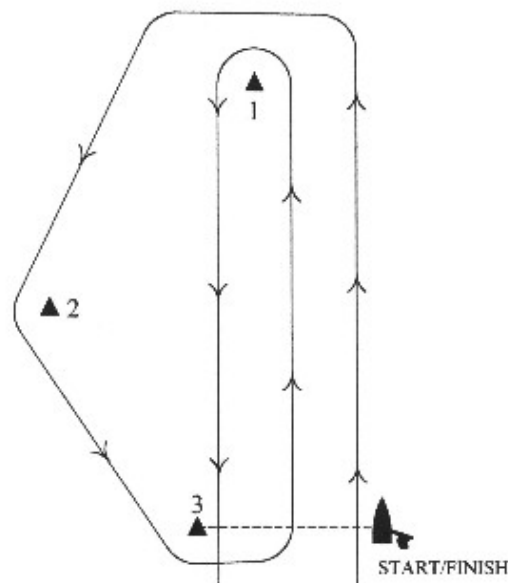
B2 TRIANGLE COURSE – “G”

B2.1 Options for this course may include:

- (a) increasing or decreasing the number of legs;
- (b) sailing multiple rounds of the course;
- (c) finishing at Mark 1 or 3;
- (d) finishing to port or starboard of the finishing mark depending on the location of the RC boat.

B2.2 The courses shall be designated as follows:

Drop	Fixed	Description
T [1]	$m_1 m_2 m_3$ [1]	1 round, 3 legs, start-1-2-finish
T 2	$m_1 m_2 m_3$ 2	2 rounds, 6 legs, start-1-2-3-1-2-finish
T W	$m_1 m_2 m_3$ TW	triangle-windward, 4 legs, start-1-2-3-finish
G or GC	$m_1 m_2 m_3$ GC	Gold Cup, 5 legs, start-1-2-3-1-finish
O	$m_1 m_2 m_3$ O	Olympic, 6 legs, start-1-2-3-1-3-finish



B3 MID-COURSE START/FINISH – “M”

B3.1 Options for this course may include:

- (a) increasing the number of legs,
- (b) sailing multiple rounds of the course,

B3.2 The course shall be designated as follows:

Drop	Fixed	Description
M [1]	$m_1 m_3 m_{SF} [1]$	1 round, 3 legs, start-1-3-finish
M 2	$m_1 m_3 m_{SF} 2$	2 rounds, 5 legs, start-1-3-1-3-finish
M 3	$m_1 m_3 m_{SF} 3$	3 rounds, 7 legs, start-1-3-1-3-1-3-finish

B3.3 On a leg bounded by Marks 1 and 3, the start/finish mark and the RC boat do not have a required side and passing between them is neither required nor prohibited.

B3.4 On a drop mark course where Mark 1 or 3 is changed in accordance with SI 10.2(b) and 14, the start/finish mark may also be moved to maintain the course configuration shown above. In such case, the original start/finish mark will be moved, but not replaced.

