

2024 Racing Series
The Cleveland Yacht Racing Association
May 19, 2023 – September 22, 2024
Cleveland, Ohio

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Preamble *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).*

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 **RULES**

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 PHRF Class rules shall apply. Class rules for one-design classes shall apply.

1.3 The rules of The Cleveland Yacht Racing Association (“CYRA”) shall apply.

1.4 US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 shall not apply.

2 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Changes in the sailing instructions will be approved by the CYRA Officers and posted more than five (5) days before taking effect.

3 **COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

3.1 Notices to competitors will be emailed to all registered skippers.

3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on **VHF radio channel 69**.

4 **CODE OF CONDUCT**

[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 from the race committee booth on the grounds of Forest City Yacht Club.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore before the wake-up signal, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.

5.3 Should the race committee booth not be available, the starting sequence and course will be announced over the radio.

6 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

The schedule of races for each series is published online at www.cyra.us.

7 **CLASS FLAGS**

7.1 **Wednesday Spring Series, Wednesday Fall Series and Sunday Gold Series:**

Spinnaker: Purple

JAM A: Yellow

JAM B: Green

7.2 Sunday Silver Series races only:

Spinnaker Class Flag will be used for the first start only. Subsequent starts will be signalled only by horn.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area is on the open waters of Lake Erie and the eastern end of Cleveland Harbor.

9 COURSES

9.1 The course card available at www.cyra.us shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the preparatory signal for each class, the race committee starting booth will display the number of the course to be sailed. As a courtesy, the race committee may announce the course(s) over VHF Channel 69.

9.3 Sunday Silver Series races only:

The course is 8.8 nautical miles in length, unless shortened according to the provisions under section 16 of these instructions. In the event a shortened course is sailed, the finishing times will be adjusted to reflect the handicaps over the shorter distance.

10 MARKS

Marks are orange and white poles and green government buoys. Temporary pyramidal marks may be used if original mark is missing. The location of the marks is described in the course card located online at www.cyra.us.

11 START

11.1 The Starting line is between an orange and white mark offshore from Forest City Yacht Club marking the port end, and the center pole of the RC booth marking the starboard end.

11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.3 *Before the start for her class, each yacht shall sail in the vicinity of the race committee booth and hail the booth, but in such a manner as to not interfere with boats in the immediate starting sequence, or check in by radio. A yacht failing to do so may be scored as "DID NOT START [DNS]."*

11.4 *Yachts whose class has started and are either late to the starting area or returning to restart must stay clear of all boats whose classes have not started. Failure to do so will result in a DNS for that race.*

11.5 Wednesday Spring Series, Wednesday Fall Series and Sunday Gold Series Start:

11.5.a Races will be started using RRS 26.

Wednesdays

| Time | Visual Signal | Sound Signal | Means |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|
| 18:29 | None | Multiple short horns | Wake-up |
| 18:30 | Class Flag | One horn | Warning Signal |
| 18:31 | P Flag | One horn | Preparatory Signal |
| 18:34 | P Flag removed | One long horn | One minute |
| 18:35 | Class Flag removed | One Horn | First Class Start Second Class Warning |
| | | | Repeat per class |

Sundays

| Time | Visual Signal | Sound Signal | Means |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|
| 09:29 | None | Multiple short horns | Wake-up |
| 09:30 | Class Flag | One horn | Warning Signal |
| 09:31 | P Flag | One horn | Preparatory Signal |
| 09:34 | P Flag removed | One long horn | One minute |
| 09:35 | Class Flag removed | One Horn | First Class Start Second Class Warning |
| | | | Repeat per class |

11.6 Sunday Silver Series Start:

11.6.a Sunday Silver series races will be conducted as a pursuit start (highest rated boat starts first) with each yacht starting individually at a time determined by its PHRF or JAM rating. The sequence of starting times will be posted at www.cyra.us and emailed to registered competitors.

11.6.b Sunday Silver Starting Sequence

| Time | Visual Signal | Sound Signal | Means |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| 09:34 | None | Multiple short horns | Wake-up |
| 09:35 | Class Flag | One horn | Warning Signal |
| 09:36 | P Flag | One horn | Preparatory Signal |
| 09:39 | P Flag removed | One long horn | One minute |
| 09:40 | Class Flag removed | One Horn | First Starting Signal for slowest rated boat |
| | | One Horn | Each subsequent boat |

A horn will be sounded at the time of each subsequent scheduled start.

11.6.c It is the responsibility of each skipper to keep track of the starting order, and to start at the correct time.

11.7 If a boat starts prematurely, a recall signal will be given. The starting committee has no obligation to hail the boat starting prematurely.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line is between the center pole of the RC booth at the port end and an orange and white mark offshore from Forest City Yacht Club marking the starboard end.

- 12.2** If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at bridge@cyra.us within two hours of finishing.
- 12.3** After finishing, a boat shall clear the finish area. While any other boats are still racing near the finish line, no finished boat shall re-cross the finish line. Any boat who wants to sail to the course side of the finish line shall either go around the buoy end of the finish line, or must wait until the area is clear of other boats that are finishing.
- 12.4** During night finishes, crews must shine a light on their sail numbers. It is the responsibility of each boat to identify itself for the race committee in the race committee booth, particularly at night or when visibility is limited. If in doubt, a boat shall report as stated in SI 12.2.
- 12.5** Finish times will be posted on the CYRA web site as soon as possible after the completion of each race. Each boat is responsible for confirming the boat's finish time. If there is a disagreement, the boat is responsible for filing a Scoring Inquiry with the race committee prior to the next scheduled race. Scoring inquiries may be emailed to bridge@cyra.us or delivered to the CYRA scorer or put in the CYRA box at Lakeside Yacht Club.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, however, RRS 44.1(a) and (b) apply.

16 AUTOMATIC COURSE SHORTENING

16.1 Automatic course shortening for all Series:

The table below sets time limits to an intermediate mark of the course. If the lead boat in a class has not rounded the specified intermediate mark within the time limit shown, that fleet's course automatically will be shortened. The new course to be sailed is listed in the table below. Note that the course shortening rule applies separately to each fleet.

| Course | Intermediate Mark Time Limit | New Course From Int. Mark |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2-9, N2-N9 | Mark #2 (A) 1.0 hrs | Start-Finish Line (S-F) |
| 2-9, N6-N9, A6-A9 | Mark #3 (B,C,D,E) 1.5 hrs | Wall (stbd), S-F |

TIME LIMITS

- 16.2 Time limit for all boats in the Wednesday Series races is 2.5 hours. Boats finishing after 2130 must take and report their own time to the race committee as stated in SI 12.2.

Time limit for all boats in the Sunday Series (Gold and Silver) races is four (4) hours. Skippers of boats finishing after 1330 must take and report their own time to the race committee as stated in SI 12.2.

Failure to meet the time limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The hearing request time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race committee booth, the CYRA box at Lakeside Yacht Club or at [US Sailing](#).
- 17.3 Completed hearing request forms can be delivered to the race committee booth and handed to the scorer, the CYRA box at Lakeside Yacht Club or emailed to bridge@cyra.us.
Hearing requests must be received within the time limit as stated in SI 17.1.
- 17.4 Notices will be emailed after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be scheduled at the earliest convenience in order to ensure all named parties have an opportunity to appear.
- 17.5 RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 A boat's specific series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores based on the schedule below.

| Number Per Series | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Total Races Scored | Throwouts |
| 4 or less | 0 |
| 5-6 | 1 |
| 7-8 | 2 |

- 18.3 Rule A5.3 applies.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity via **VHF Channel 69** or in person at the RC booth.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

[DP] RRS 47 shall apply at all times.

22 PRIZES

- 22.1 If five or more boats compete in a class in any series, awards will be made for first, second and third places.
If four boats compete, awards will be made for first and second place only.
If three or fewer boats compete, only first place will receive an award.
- 22.2 The Schnagle-Murphy Cup will be presented to the PHRF boat with the lowest points total for all four series.
The Commodore Depner Trophy will be presented to the JAM boat with the lowest points total for all four series.
The Sportsman of the Year Trophy may be awarded. Nominations for this trophy can be made to the CYRA Bridge.

24 INSURANCE

24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

US Sailing Referenced Rules

- RRS 3 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.
- RRS A5.3 **A5.3.**
If the notice of race or sailing instructions state that rule A5.3 will apply, rule [A5.2](#) is changed so that, a boat that came to the starting area but did not *start*, did not *sail the course*, did not *finish*, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area, and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.
- RRS 44.1a A boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules
RRS 44.1b of Part [2](#) in an incident while *racing*. She may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken rule [31](#). Alternatively, the notice of race or sailing instructions may specify the use of the Scoring Penalty or some other penalty, in which case the specified penalty shall replace the One-Turn and the Two-Turns Penalty. However,
- a. when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule [31](#) in the same incident she need not take the penalty for breaking rule [31](#);
 - b. if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.
- RRS 47 Competitors and *support persons* shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification
- RRS 62.1a *A request for redress or a protest committee's decision to consider redress shall be based on a claim or possibility that a boat's score or place in a race or series has been or may be, through no fault of her own, made significantly worse by an improper action or omission of the race committee, protest committee, organizing authority, equipment inspection committee or measurement committee for the event, but not by a protest committee decision when the boat was a party to the hearing.*
- RRS 62.2a *A request shall be in writing and identify the reason for making it. If the request is based on an incident in the racing area, it shall be delivered to the race office within the protest time limit or two hours after the incident, whichever is later. Other requests shall be delivered as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the reasons for making the request. The protest committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so. No red flag is required.*
However, on the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted
- RRS 63.2 All *parties* to the hearing shall be notified of the time and place of the hearing, the *protest* or redress information or the allegations shall be made available to them, and they shall be allowed reasonable time to prepare for the hearing. When two or more hearings arise from the same incident, or from very closely connected incidents, they may be heard together in one hearing. However, a hearing conducted under rule 69 shall not be combined with any other type of hearing.
- RRS 66.2a A *party* to the hearing may request a reopening in writing no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision.
1. However, on the last scheduled day of racing the request shall be delivered
 1. within the protest time limit if the requesting *party* was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 2. no later than 30 minutes after the *party* was informed of the decision on that day.

