

FWBC 2017 Annual Regatta & Cowtown Stampede
FORT WORTH BOAT CLUB
2017 Annual Regatta & Cowtown Stampede
April 21st-23rd
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing*, as well as the Class Addendums added to these instructions as per class instructions. Class Addendums are listed by class in the Addendums section of these instructions.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the east window of the FWBC bar.

3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 9: AM on Saturday the 22nd and 8:00 AM on Sunday the 23rd, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 7:00 PM on the day before it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the harbor flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 hour' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 Schedule of Races

<u>Day and Date</u>	<u>Warning Signal</u>	
Saturday April 22, 2017	9:30 AM	Skippers Meeting
Saturday, April 22, 2017	10:45 AM	First race of day, additional races to follow
Sunday, April 23, 2017	9:30 AM	First race of day, additional races to follow

- 5.1 On Saturday, April 22, there may be a lunch break on the water at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 5.2 On Sunday, April 23, no warning signal will be made after 1:00 PM.

6 Class Flags and Group Assignments

- 6.1 Class flag assignments (numeral pennants) and Group Assignments (A or B) will be posted on the official notice board by 9:00 AM on Saturday the 22nd.

7 Racing Area

- 7.1 Attachment 1 shows the approximate location of the racing area.
- 7.2 Boats shall not sail between the marker buoys surrounding the Azle Water Pump Station because of the Regulations of the Tarrant Regional Water District.

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8 The Courses

- 8.1 Group A courses are illustrated in Attachment 2, including the order in which marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be left. Location of the Group A course within the racing area will be determined by the location of the Group A Race Committee signal boat.
- 8.2 Group B courses are illustrated in Attachment 3, including the order in which marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be left. Location of the Group B course within the racing area will be determined by the location of the Group B Race Committee signal boat.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing to the first mark.
- 8.4 The Offset Mark, shall be used on Course A, and will be located approximately 100-150 ft. from Mark 1 at a right angle to the weather leg.

9 Mark Descriptions

- 9.1 Group A course Marks 1, 2S, and 2P will be yellow tetrahedrons. The Start Mark and the Offset Mark will be red/orange spheres. Finishing marks will be small red tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 Group B course Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be orange tetrahedrons. The Start/Finish Mark and the Offset Mark will be red/orange spheres. The finishing mark will be the Start/Finish Mark (downwind finishes) or Mark 1 (upwind finishes).
- 9.3 New marks for the Group A course, as provided in instruction 12, will be yellow cylinders.
- 9.4 New marks for the Group B course, as provided in instruction 12, will be orange cylinders.

10 The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal. Combined fleet starts may be used and will be signaled with the starting fleets' class flags (numeral pennants). The Race Committee may sound several brief signals prior to the first warning signal in a starting sequence.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the Start Mark (Course A) or the course side of the Start/Finish Mark (Course B), a red sphere.
- 10.3 If there is a significant wind shift during the start sequence, a **new** windward mark may be set for classes NOT YET STARTED. This change will be signaled by displaying Flag C over each of the affected classes' class flags during their start sequence. The new mark 1 will be as described in SIs 9.3 or 9.4. When, in subsequent changes of course, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other fleets.

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- 10.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5

11 Recalls

- 11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.1. In addition, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast the name or number of each recalled boat on VHF radio (See SI 19). If rule 30.1 is in effect, boats which cross the starting line in the minute prior to the start may be notified before the starting signal. This changes RRS 41. The following shall not be grounds for redress:
- a) Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast
 - b) A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers
- 11.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.2. If a subsequent start's class flag has been displayed, it shall be removed and voided.

12 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. If the Race Committee displays fleet numbers on the signal board, then the change of course applies only to those fleets whose numbers are signaled. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 The Finish

- 13.1 The finishing line for Course A will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the Finish Mark.
- 13.2 The finishing line for Course B will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the Start/Finish Mark for downwind finishes and the course side of Mark 1 for windward finishes.

14 Time Limits

- 14.1 If no vessel of a class has not passed Mark 1 within 1 hour of the starting signal of the class, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2 A race shall be abandoned if a vessel from a fleet fails to finish within 2 hours from the starting signal for her fleet
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.

15 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Protest Desk located in the FWBC Club House. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after their Race Committee signal boat docks after the last race of the day. The time of docking will be signaled by a sound and the time posted on the Official Notice Board.

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15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protest hearings will be held in the Commodore's Room of the FWBC Club House.

15.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16 Scoring

16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

16.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores.

16.3 When six or more races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 Safety Regulations

17.1 Check-In: Before the warning signal of her first race of each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee by repeating the boat's sail number.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practical by radio or by notifying the harbor master to contact them.

18 Support Boats

18.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

19 Radio Communication

19.1 The Race Committee for Group A will use Channel 68. The Race Committee for Group B will use Channel 72. Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

20 Prizes

20.1 Trophies will be awarded based on the number of boats in a fleet and as determined by the organizing authority.

21 Disclaimer of Liability

21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

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Addendum to Sailing Instructions J/24 Class Only

The Sailing Instructions for the J/24 Class Only shall be amended as follows. Where there is conflict between the Sailing Instructions and this addendum, this addendum shall govern.

Rules

The regatta is also governed by the Notice of Circuit for the 2017 J/24 Texas Circuit and the current International J/24 Class Rules.

All yachts must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate per Class Rule A.11.1. Any yacht without a valid Measurement Certificate may race with the prior approval of the District 14 Governor. This changes Class Rule A.11.2.

All boats must carry aboard while racing the yacht's current measurement certificate (unless waived) and completed *Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment* per Class Rule B.3. The *Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment* is the sole responsibility of each owner or driver and does not require a class measurer to complete.

RRS 42.3(b) and (c) are replaced as follows:

C.1.1(a) states that RRS 42.3(b) is modified by adding "A boat's crew shall not hang on the mast or shrouds to promote roll tacking or gybing."

C.1.1(b) states that RRS 42.3(c) is modified to allow all parts of the mainsheet to be pulled simultaneously when this rule applies.

Schedule of Races

A maximum of six (6) races shall be sailed. If three (3) or more races are completed on Saturday, then there can be as many as two (2) races on Sunday. If two (2) or less races are completed on Saturday, then there can be as many as three (3) races on Sunday.

Scoring

A minimum of three (3) races must be completed for this event to be considered a regatta for purposes of scoring in the overall 2017 J/24 Texas Circuit series scores.

No race scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.

Protests

RRS 61.1(a) is modified such that a protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag (Code Flag B is acceptable) with a hoist of at least 150mm and a fly of at least 200mm and shall be flown from a leg of the backstay adjuster above the deck.

Penalty System

The 20% Scoring Penalty as provided in RRS 44.3, as modified herein, will apply to boats that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2. The One-turn as provided in RRS 44.1 will apply to boats that may have broken RRS 31.

RRS 44.3(a) is modified such that the boat taking a Scoring Penalty shall conspicuously display a yellow flag (Code Flag I acceptable), and the flag shall have a hoist of at least than 150mm and a fly of at least than 200mm and shall be flown from a leg of the backstay adjuster above the deck.

RRS 44.3(c) is modified as follows: The race score for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by the penalty number. The penalty number shall be calculated by applying 20% against the number of boats competing in the regatta and rounding to the nearest whole number (rounding 0.5 upward).

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However, she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish. The scores of other boats shall not be changed by application of these penalties; therefore, two boats may receive the same score.

In addition to informing the race committee at the finish line as required by RRS 44.3(b), a boat accepting an After-Race Scoring Penalty shall also submit a Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form or a written statement that identifies the incident to the arbitrator or a protest committee representative within the protest time limit.

After-Race Scoring Penalty – A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing may take a penalty after racing and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 40% calculated as described in RRS 44.3(c) as modified herein. However, rules 44.1(a) and 44.1(b) shall apply.

A boat accepting a 40% After-Race Scoring Penalty shall deliver to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee, prior to the beginning of a hearing, a Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form or a written statement that identifies the race number and where the incident occurred.

Haul-Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the protest committee. However, in the case of emergency, permission may be granted retroactively.

Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Careening Restrictions

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the time they are launched and the end of the regatta.

Careening by any means for the purposes of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited.

The hull may be cleaned by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

Crew Substitution or Sail Replacement

Pursuant to Class Rule C.2.1, the crew must consist of a minimum of three (3) people and the combined weight (in swim wear) of all crew members shall not exceed 400 kg (882 lbs.). All competitors will be weighed during registration. The crew shall remain the same for all races. Any crew substitution requires written permission of the District 14 Governor or designated Texas Circuit Representative, which will be given only in exceptional cases.

Pursuant to Class Rule A.10.2(b), damaged sails may be replaced with the authorization of the District 14 Governor or designated Texas Circuit Representative. Requests for sail replacement shall be made to the District 14 Governor designated Texas Circuit Representative at the first reasonable opportunity. Replacement sails shall comply with IJCA Class Rules.

Any boat whose sail number does not match their hull number may race in the regatta upon prior approval of the race officials by posting a request on the Official Notice Board.

Any replies to crew substitution or sail replacement shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

Equipment and Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with IJCA Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

Texas Circuit Representative

For this regatta, Mark W. Smith is designated to be the Texas Circuit Representative by the District 14 Governor.

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Addendum to Sailing Instructions

J/22 Class Only

Rules

RRS Rule 87 will be changed to read as follows: *The sailing instructions may change a class rule.*

The same crew and same three class sails must be used during the entire Regatta. Substitutions can only be made with the written approval of the Race Committee.

Class Rules 2.8 (eligibility, aka class membership), 2.9 (measurement certificate) and 8.9 (weight limit) of the IJ22CA Class Rules will not apply for eligibility to participate in this Regatta.

Haul-Out Restrictions

No yacht shall be hauled out nor rudders removed during the Regatta except with prior written permission of the Race Committee.

Plastic Pools and Diving Equipment

Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used during the Regatta.

Radio Communications

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive special radio transmission not available to all boats. Boats may use mobile phones to record races while racing; however, must not upload data while racing.

Scoring

No race scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.

Crew Requirements

Any substitution from the designated crew list requires prior written permission of the Race Committee, which will be given only in case of illness, accident or other special circumstances.

Any request for substitution shall be made through the Race Committee, not less than 1 ½ hours before the warning signal. In the case of emergency, it may be granted retroactively after that time.

Unless the Race Committee otherwise specifies, any substitution permitted will be for 24 hours only.

Number of crew shall not change during the Regatta.

Inspection

A random inspection may be made during the Regatta for compliance with the current IJ22CA Rules and these Sailing Instructions at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Bow Numbers

To facilitate scoring and the identification of boats for the purpose of RRS 29.1, 29.2, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4, unique two digit bow numbers are required to be fixed to both external port and starboard sides of the forward bow area of each competing boat hull. These numbers must be affixed to both port and starboard as follows:

- a. The leading edge of the forward number shall be 250mm/10" aft of the stem.
- b. The leading edge of the aft numbers shall be 100mm/4" aft of the aft edge of the forward number.
- c. The top edge of both numbers shall be 100mm/4" from the rail.
- d. All numbers must contrast with the color of the hull and be at least 305mm/12" in height.

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Bow numbers will be assigned to each participating crew for the duration of the 2017 J/22 Southwest Circuit. Bow numbers 01 through 10 are pre-assigned respectively to the top ten competitors of the 2016 J/22 Southwest Circuit.

Reserved Bow Numbers

01 Keith Zars	06 Terry Flynn
02 Fred Lindsey	07 Stuart Lindow
03 Vincent Ruder	08 Dov Kivlovitz
04 Doug Weakly	09 Jim Jay/Britt Feik
05 Tom Meeh	10 Eric Simonson/Kevin Orf

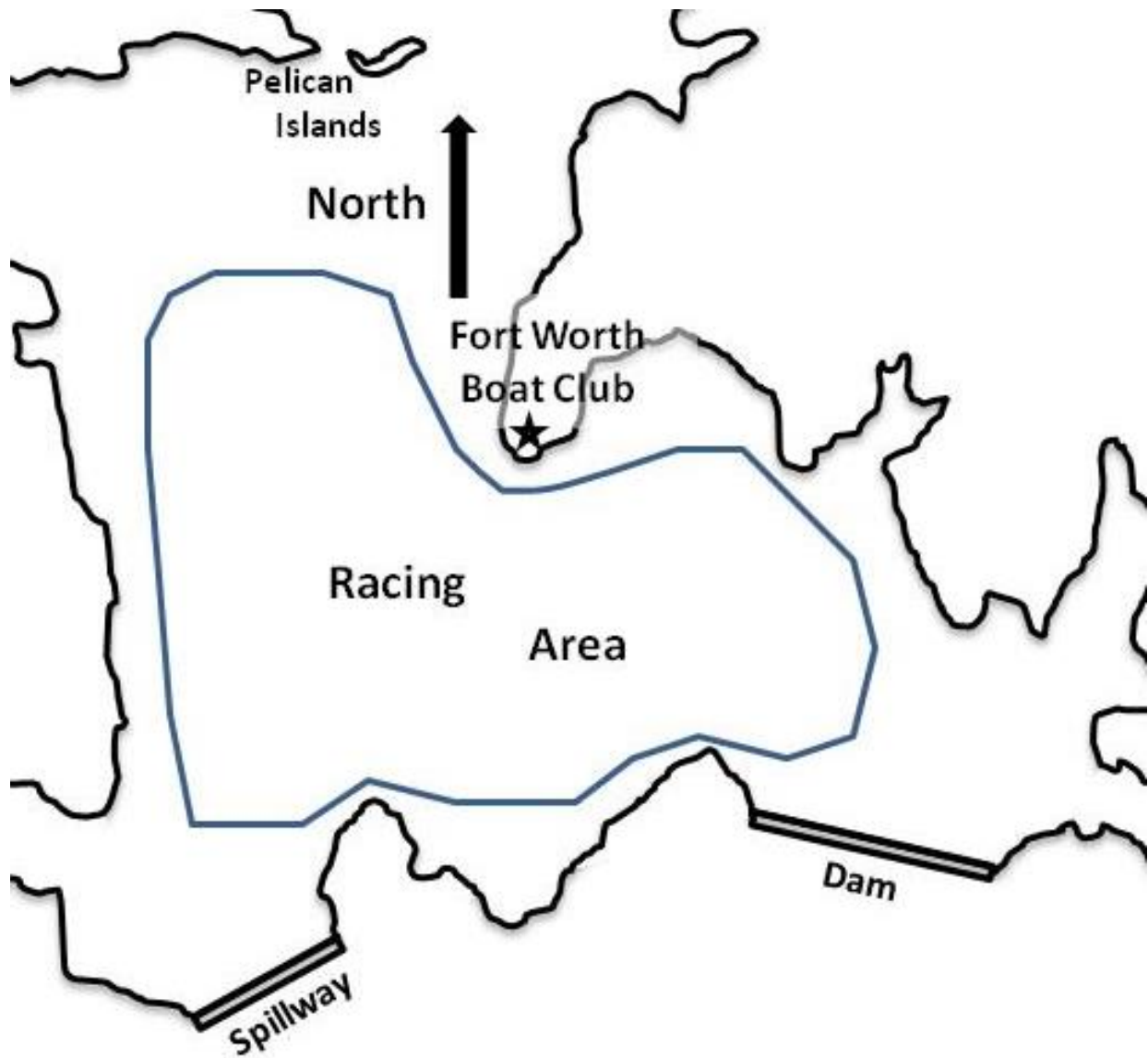
Bow numbers 11 through 99 will be assigned out of the then open pool of unassigned numbers by the applicable Regatta's organizing authority, who will accept on a first come basis via the registration process bow number declarations from new Circuit participants. Issues relating to bow numbers (e.g. assignment, placement, size, etc.) will be resolved solely by the USJ22CA District 5 Governor of record.

It shall be the responsibility of each participating competitor to obtain and affix the assigned bow numbers to their yacht. The Fleets, host Yacht Clubs and the Southwest District are not responsible to provide numerals for bow numbers.

J105 Class Rules Amendment

The J105 class will sail the 2017 Annual Regatta under the FWBC J/105 Fleet Rules for major regattas allowing up to 7 sailors plus a Club Junior sailor with no weight restriction.

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Attachment 1 – Racing Area



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Attachment 2 – Group A Courses

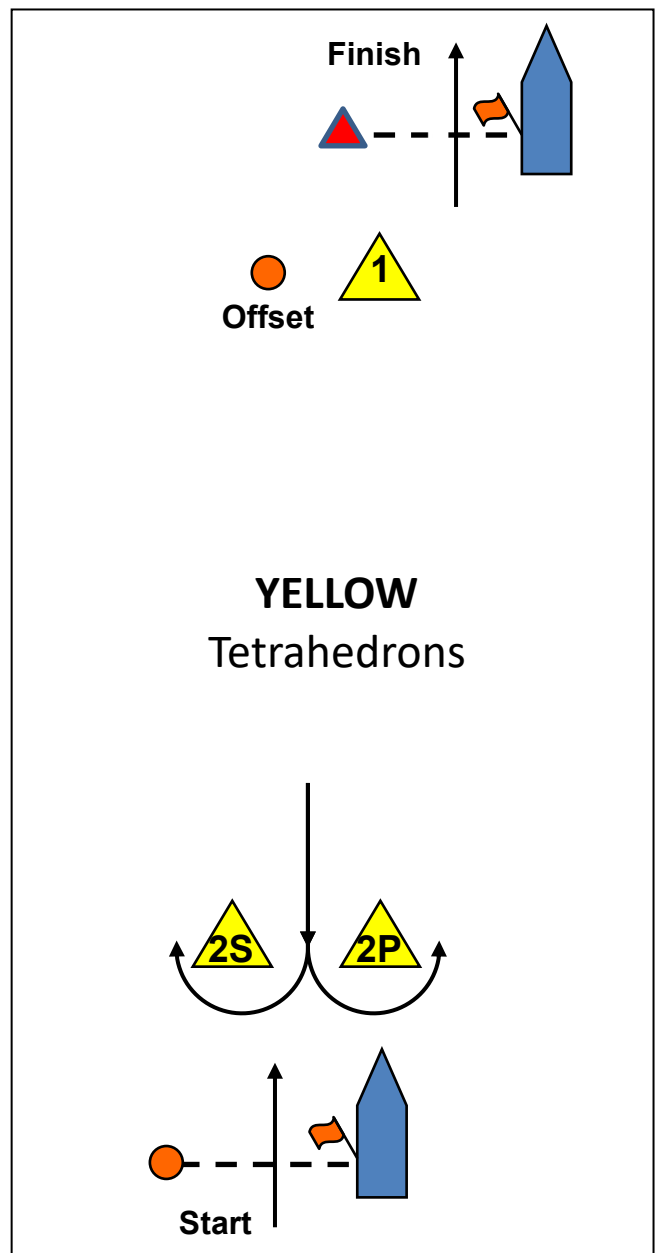
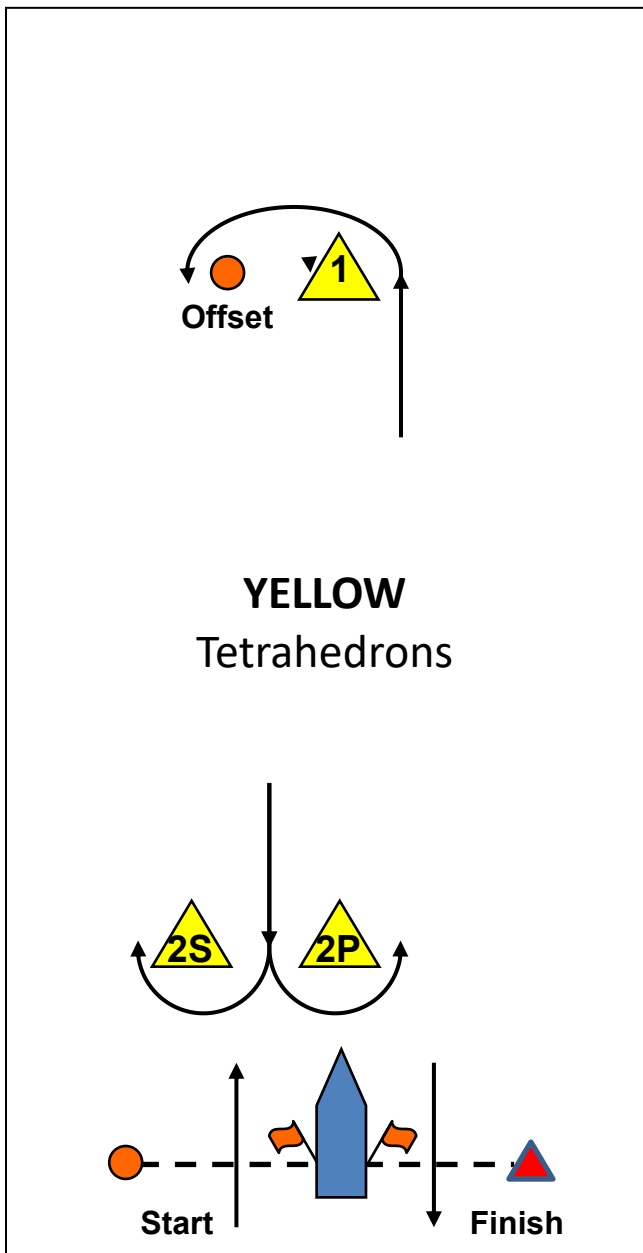
1 Group A Courses

1.1 The course to be sailed, numbered below, will be designated on the course board displayed on the RC Signal Boat.

2 Windward/Leeward Course

2.1 The course will be sailed in the following order of rounding, leaving course marks to port. The Offset Mark is considered part of Mark 1.

Downwind Finish		Windward Finish	
Course		Course	
W4	Start, 1, 2, 1, Finish	W3	Start, 1, 2, Finish
W6	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, Finish	W5	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, Finish



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Attachment 3 – Group B Courses

1 Group B Courses

1.1 The course to be sailed, numbered below, will be designated on the course board displayed on the RC Signal Boat.

2 Triangular Course

2.1 The course will be sailed in the following order of rounding, leaving marks to port except the downwind finish mark which will be left to starboard. The Offset Mark is considered part of Mark 1.

Downwind Finish		Windward Finish	
Course		Course	
T2	Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, Finish	T1	Start, 1, 2, 3, Finish
T4	Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, Finish	T3	Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish

3 Windward/Leeward Course

3.1 The course will be sailed in the following order of rounding, leaving marks to port. The Offset Mark is considered part of Mark 1.

Downwind Finish		Windward Finish	
Course		Course	
W2	Start, 1, Finish	W3	Start, 1, 3, Finish
W4	Start, 1, 3, 1, Finish	W5	Start, 1, 3, 1, 3, Finish
W6	Start, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1, Finish	W7	Start, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, Finish

