

Sailing Instructions

Nashville Vanguard 15, Fleet 77 and Percy Priest Yacht Club

Vanguard 15 Nationals 2014



October 4th & 5th, 2014

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. Changes will be made to the following RRS:
29.1 (Individual Recalls), 33 (Changing the Next Leg of the Course), 35 (Time Limit and Scores), 44.1 (Taking a Penalty), 61 (Protest Requirements), 62.1(a) (Redress), A2 (Series Scores), A4 (Low Point System), A5 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee), A11 (Scoring Abbreviations), and Race Signal AP (Postponement).
- 1.3. Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42 (Propulsion) will apply.
- 1.4. US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60.1 (Redress Participation) and 63.2 (Redress Notification) 63.4 (Interested Party) will not apply.
- 1.5. Class Rule 4.2 is amended to permit the use of non-builder sails; however boats must declare their use at registration and will not be eligible for the 1st Place Prize and recognition as the Class National Champion, which will pass to sequentially in the order of finishes to the next eligible boat. All other Class Rules will apply. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules.
- 1.6. All rule changes appear in full in the Notice of Race or in these Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS – Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which will be located on the Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina building windows, facing the deck.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board.
- 3.2. The schedule of races for the first day's races will not be changed.
- 3.3. Any change to the schedule of races for the second or subsequent day's racing will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.4. Any other change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before the scheduled start of the first race on the day the change will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee boat at the dock.
- 4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal "AP." This changes the meaning of Race Signal "AP."

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The race schedule, dates of racing, number of races, scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day and the cut-off time for starting a race on the last day will be as stated in the Notice of Race. The Notice of Race will be posted on the official notice board.
- 5.2. If code flag "A" is displayed at the end of any race. It means that racing is concluded for the day.

6. RACING AREA – The racing area will be within three miles of the harbor entrance to Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina.

7. MARKS

- 7.1. The starting mark will be an **orange** tetrahedron.
- 7.2. Marks of the course will be **yellow** tetrahedrons.
- 7.3. The optional offset mark, "O", will be a **green** cylinder.
- 7.4. The finishing mark will be an **orange** tetrahedron.
- 7.5. The optional mark in Sailing Instruction 9.2 may be any shape or color.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. All courses will be windward/leeward, triangles, or a combination of both.
- 8.2. The course designation will be displayed on the starboard side of the race committee boat before the warning signal. Courses may be different for each race. Boats should check the course designation immediately after the warning signal for each race.
- 8.3. **Windward/leeward** courses will use a course designation that indicates the **number of legs**. A leg is defined as any of the following: (a) the distance between the starting line and the windward mark, (b) the distance between the windward mark and the leeward mark (or leeward gate) or the leeward mark (or leeward gate) and the windward mark or (c) the distance between the last mark of the course and the finishing line. Examples of windward/leeward course designations are as follows:
 - 8.3.1. A windward/leeward course has two legs: its course designation is "**2**";
 - 8.3.2. A windward/leeward/windward course has three legs: its course designation is "**3**";
 - 8.3.3. Additional courses may be used by designating the appropriate number of legs (4, 5, 6, etc.).
- 8.4. **Triangle** courses will use a designation of "**T**" (**Triangle**) and requires each boat to sail a course consisting of 3 total legs in the following order: Windward, Reach, Reach.
- 8.5. **Course Options:**
 - 8.5.1. "**O**" - All courses may utilize an optional windward offset mark, shown on the course board as "**O**" (**Offset**) after the course designation. If a course uses a windward offset mark, there will be two windward marks. Boats must pass both marks by leaving them to port. If the optional windward offset mark is used, the distance between the windward mark and the windward offset mark is not a separate leg.
 - 8.5.2. "**G**" - All courses may utilize an optional leeward gate, shown on the course board as "**G**" (**Gate**) after the course designation. If a course uses a leeward gate, there will be two leeward marks comprising the gate. Each boat must pass between the two leeward gate marks (through the gate) from the direction of the previous mark and round either of the gate marks.
 - 8.5.3. "**M**" - The starting line and finishing line may be located in the middle of a course, shown on the course board as "**M**" (**Midcourse Start/Finish**).
- 8.6. **Marks of the Course – Required Sides:**
 - 8.6.1. The starting mark, windward mark and optional windward offset mark shall be left to port. If a single leeward mark is used (no leeward gate), the leeward mark shall also be left to port
 - 8.6.2. For courses with an upwind finish, the finishing mark shall be left to port. For courses with a downwind finish, the finishing mark shall be left to starboard.
 - 8.6.3. For courses where the start/finish line is placed midcourse, the start/finish mark and the start/finish boat are not marks of the course and may be left on either side except on the finishing leg.
 - 8.6.4. For courses where the starting and finishing lines are below the leeward mark (or leeward gate), the leeward mark (or leeward gate) is not a mark of the course on the starting leg or finishing leg and it may be left on either side on those legs.
- 8.7. **Course Examples:**
 - 8.7.1. Course diagram examples are provided in Attachment A.
 - 8.7.2. "2" is a windward/leeward course with two legs: a windward leg and a leeward leg. There is no windward offset mark or leeward gate.
 - 8.7.3. "2OG" is the same as a "2" course, except there is also a windward offset mark and a leeward gate.
 - 8.7.4. "T" is a triangle course. To complete this course a boat must sail 3 legs in the following order: Windward, Reach, Reach.
 - 8.7.5. "TO2" is a triangle course with a windward offset mark plus a windward leg and a leeward leg. To complete this course a boat must sail 5 legs in the following order: Windward with Offset, Reach, Reach, Windward with Offset, Leeward.
 - 8.7.6. "3" is a windward/leeward course with three legs: a windward leg, a leeward leg, and a final windward leg. There is no windward offset mark or leeward gate.
 - 8.7.7. "3O" is the same a "3" course, except there is also a windward offset mark.
 - 8.7.8. "4OGM" is a windward/leeward course with four legs: windward leg, a leeward leg, a windward leg, and a final leeward leg. There is also a windward offset, a leeward gate and a midcourse start/finish.

9. THE START

- 9.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.
- 9.2. The race committee may, no later than the warning signal, trail a mark from the stern of the race committee

boat stationed at the starboard end of the starting line. The trailing mark will be considered to be an extension of the race committee boat. A boat shall not pass between the trailing mark and the race committee boat.

- 9.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE - If a moved/repositioned mark (or the moved finishing line) is visible from the previous mark of the course and the change of position is 20° or less, the change may not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.

11. RECALLS – When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee may attempt to hail the sail or bow numbers of the recalled boats. Such a hail is a courtesy hail only. Failure of the race committee to hail, failure of a boat to hear the hail for any reason, or the method, order or timing of the hail will not relieve the boat of its obligation to start correctly and will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).

12. THE FINISH - The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark. The finishing line will be on the same side of the boat as the starting line.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1. The time limit for a race is one hour for the first boat to finish.
13.2. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1. A boat intending to protest shall attempt to notify the finish line race committee boat of its intent to protest and identify the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity. This changes RRS 61.
14.2. Protest forms are available at the clubhouse office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be written and delivered to the protest committee chairperson within the protest time limit, which ends 45 minutes after the race committee boat docks.
14.3. 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. Hearings will be held in the clubhouse office at the time posted.
14.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
14.5. A list of boats that, under Sailing Instruction 1.3, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
14.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
14.7. 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. This changes rule 62.2.

15. SCORING – Scoring will be as indicated in the Notice of Race.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS – A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

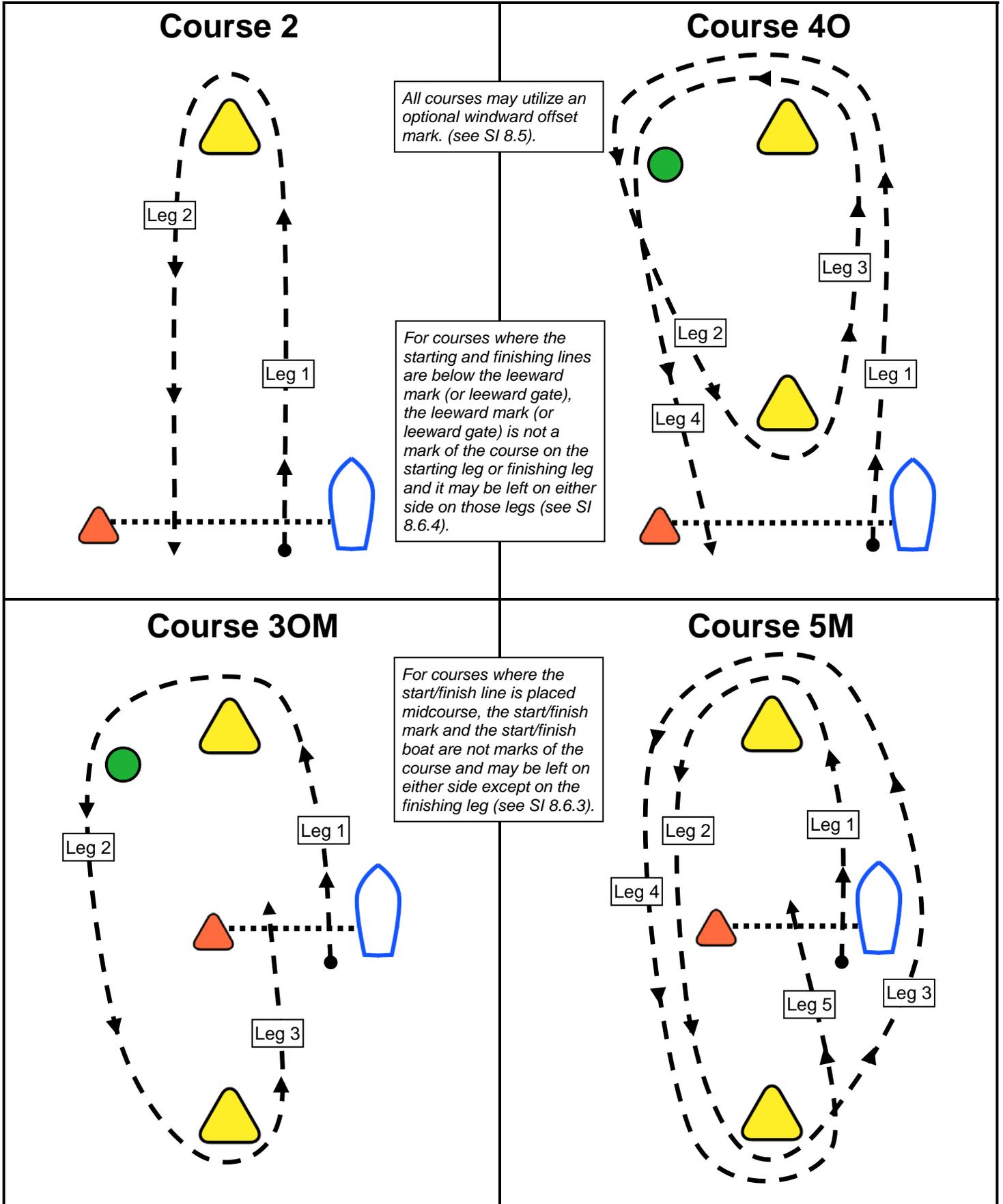
17. PRIZES – Prizes will be awarded as indicated in the Notice of Race.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY – Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Percy Priest Yacht Club 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. Competitors agree that the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. As an inducement to the race organizers to produce the regatta, each competitor agrees that by participating in this event each competitor is deemed to have waived all claims against and released the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law and is deemed to have warranted that he has obtained this same release of the race organizers by each crew member.

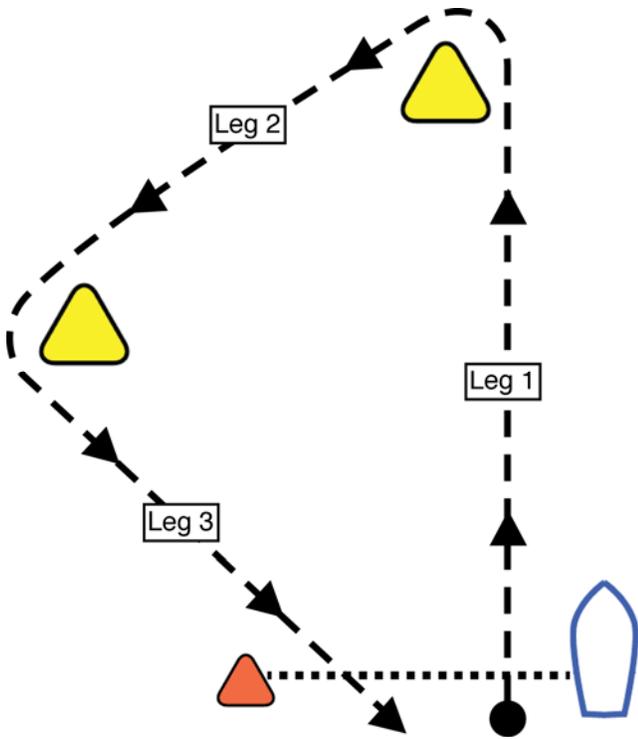
Attachment A: Course Diagram Examples

Please read the written course descriptions in Section 8.

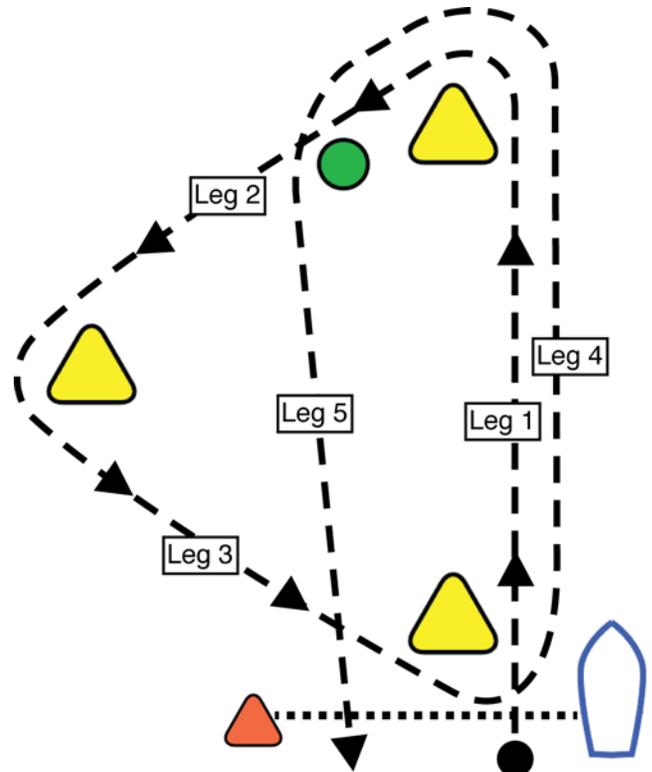
The following course diagrams are examples of only some of the courses that may be used.



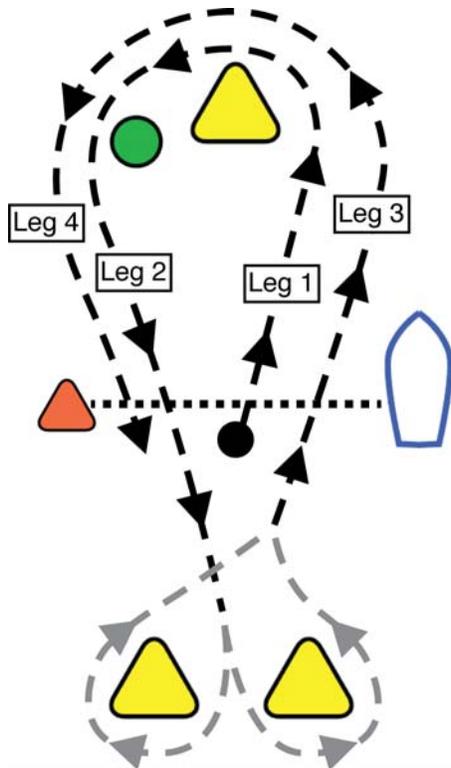
Course T



Course TO2



Course 40GM



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