



2019 DIYC Thursday Night Series

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Every Thursday from 28th March through 24th October, excluding 4th July (no racing)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including the WFPHRF Class Rules. This event is classified as Category 5 and will use RLC ratings, except Portsmouth which will use the Yardstick under a Beaufort 2-3 scale.
- 1.2 Failure to notify the race committee that you are not completing the race after having signed in, or failure to report any significant contact between boats, will result in a score of "DNE" Disqualified Not Excludable. Rules 63.1 and A5 are changed such that the race committee need not file a protest to impose this penalty.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Divisions will include Portsmouth, Spinnaker A (RLC<90) & B (all others), Non-Spinnaker A (RLC<200) & B (all others), and Racer-Cruiser. Race Committee may add one design classes at its discretion pending participation.
- 2.2 This event is open to all boats meeting each of the following criteria:
 - a) A valid WFPHRF rating certificate
 - b) Skipped/crewed by a member of DIYC
 - c) Scheduled for Skipper's RC duties (*See Section 18*)
 - d) A working engine (except Portsmouth) and a working VHF radio
 - e) Meeting all USCG and Class (if applicable) requirements for the size of boat and number of persons aboard, incl. functioning navigation lights
 - f) A completed online entry and waiver before 1800 on the first day the boat races
 - g) Signed-in (available online) no later than 1815 before EACH race in which the boat will compete
- 2.3 Boats not meeting ALL of Section 2.2's requirements are not eligible to race, and will not be scored.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the notice board on DIYC's west wall downstairs. All notices will be posted by the later of 1 ½ hours before the first warning signal, or the lowering of an onshore postponement. Re-scheduling of Green Flash races will be notified at least 1 week in advance.
- 3.2 The race committee will use VHF channel 72 to communicate with competitors on the water.

- 4 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** will be flown from the flag pole. If a postponement is signaled ashore, '1 minute' is changed to '30 minutes' in race signal AP. Display and removal of signals ashore will be announced.

5 THE SCHEDULE and CLASSES

- 5.1 One race is scheduled on each Thursday; Five series consisting of 6 races each are planned: Green Flash (see Section 14.7), Spring, Summer A, Summer B, and Fall.
- 5.2 Lima flag will be displayed at 1629 with one sound signal as an attention and notice to clear the starting area.
- 5.3 Anticipated order of classes, their flags, and times:

Class	Flag	First Warning
Portsmouth	Purple with letter "P"	1830
Spin B / One Design	Yellow with letter "C"	1835
Spin A	Red with letter "S"	1840
Racer-Cruiser	Green with letter "R"	1845
Non-Spin A & B	Blue with letter "N"	1850

- 6 **THE RACING AREA** will be Hillsborough Bay from the club south to G "23" Cut C channel.

7 THE COURSE

- 7.1 The course marks and required roundings will be posted in the lower (yellow) section for Non-Spin; all other classes will be posted in upper (white) section of the course board on the signal boat.
- 7.2 RC may announce the course as courtesy over VHF72.
- 7.3 If the course will change prior to a start, Lima flag will be displayed and a new course will be posted. Lima's removal will occur 1 minute prior to the next class flag.

8 THE START

- 8.1 The starting line will be between the staff of an orange flag on the signal boat and the starting mark (either a nearby orange buoy, Alpha, or Echo).
- 8.2 RC will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF72 however the failure, timeliness, or sequence of hails shall not be grounds for redress changing RRS 62.1.
- 8.3 Recalled classes will be started after other scheduled starts and in their originally-scheduled order.
- 8.4 A boat may not start more than 5 minutes after the starting signal for the final class.

9 THE FINISH

- 9.1 The finish line will be at the mouth of the Seaplane Basin west of the DIYC clubhouse, between the two pilings located on the east and west side of the basin. The areas between the pilings and the shore on both sides are defined as obstructions, and rule 19 applies.
- 9.2 Boats are requested to hail (VHF preferred) their sail number and boat name as they approach the finish.

10 MARKS

Mark Letter	Approximate Position Description	Always Rounding Mark?	Approximate Lat./Lon.
Alpha	Yellow Buoy 200°T, 0.29 nm from entrance to Basin	No	27°54.22' N 82°27.28' W
Bravo	Tall Range	Yes	27°53.86' N 82°26.63' W
Charlie	Yellow Buoy 268°T, 0.15nm from G "25" Cut C channel	Yes	27°52.83' N 82°26.68' W
Echo	Yellow Buoy 094°T, 1.39nm from Ballast Point Breakwater	Yes	27°53.29' N 82°27.17' W
Foxtrot	Yellow Buoy 005°T, 0.2nm from Long Shoal mark G"1"	Yes	27°52.67' N 82°27.58' W
Golf	Yellow Buoy 129°T, 0.5nm from Ballast Point Pier	Yes	27°52.98' N 82°28.32' W
Hotel	Yellow Buoy 069°T, 0.9nm from Ballast Point Pier. <i>Note: On legs using both "A" and "G" as the ends, this mark is a passing mark. Otherwise, it is a rounding mark.</i>	See Note	27°53.60' N 82°27.80' W
India	Yellow Buoy, proximity of Bayshore Blvd, 2 miles North of Ballast Point due east of the Academy of the Holy Names.	Yes	27°54.72' N 82°29.09' W
Juliet	Alafia Range Mark – QR 18ft	Yes	27°50.68' N 82°26.86' W

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Portsmouth division will use RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 11.2 All others will use 44.3 for infractions under Part 2, "When Boats Meet" or Rule 31, "touching a mark."
- 11.3 A boat may accept a post-race penalty of 30% up to the beginning of a protest hearing regarding the incident, unless 44.1b applies.
- 11.4 Scoring penalties are accepted by notifying the Fleet Captain, Co-Captain, and/or the Scorer.

12 TIME LIMIT - The time limit for each class to sail the course and finish is 2 hours. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF.

13 PROTESTS

- 13.1 Protests shall be delivered to the race committee within 60 minutes after the protesting boat finishes.
- 13.2 The Chief Judge will schedule the protest hearing and notify all parties as to the date and time.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 To be scored, a boat must sail at least one race.
- 14.2 After five races are sailed, a boat shall exclude her worst score for the series.
- 14.3 Average points, if elected under Section 18.4, will use all races started by the boat in the series.
- 14.4 To qualify for a series, a boat must sail 50% of races.
- 14.5 To qualify for a season, boats must qualify in 50% of the series; only the best 3 results will be used.
- 14.6 Breaking season tie: RRS A8 is changed so that "series" will read "season" and "race" will read "series."
- 14.7 **Green Flash Races:** Periodically, the RC will announce a Green Flash race. These will be scored as a separate series and may coincide with other holidays/events.

15 SAFETY

- 15.1 It is the absolute responsibility of every skipper to report any significant contact involving his/her boat by the end of the protest time limit by delivering a completed Protest Form. Failure to report will be penalized as specified in Section 1.2 above.
- 15.2 If a protest committee deems damage to boats involved in a collision is very significant then the committee may score either or both boats as "DNE" even if the boats have properly reported the incident.

16 ENVIRONMENTAL

Any competitor registered in any DIYC organized event who throws any refuse overboard, including but not limited to aluminum cans, plastic items, bottles, etc., is subject to being disqualified by the race committee, without filing a protest. This changes rules 63 and A5.

17 TROPHIES – Series and Season trophies will be awarded based on the number of qualifiers: 3 boats = 1 trophy, 5 boats = 2 trophies, 7=3, 10=4 & 15=5

18 RACE COMMITTEE DUTIES

- 18.1 Pursuant to 2.2c, each Skipper must bring with them at least one, preferably two, crew on their chosen day.
- 18.2 Volunteers must report to Sign In desk by 1730.
- 18.3 The skipper is expected to remain onsite until results are announced.
- 18.4 Each skipper and Co-Captain (if primary skipper) will have the option of electing average points or, if the boat sails, her actual result if skippered by another.