

Houston Yacht Club Open One Design Regatta
J/22 Heritage Cup
J/24 Beasley Cup
Ensign Region IV Championship
SEISA District 2021 Single Handed Championship Regatta
September 18-19, 2021

Organizing Authority: The Houston Yacht Club
Shoreacres, TX

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preamble The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking the rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation "[DP]" means the protest committee may impose a discretionary penalty for breach of the pertinent SI or Rule.

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the official Notice of Race (NOR) and these sailing instructions (SIs), including all Attachments and Addenda which may be applicable under these sailing instructions.
- 1.2. An Addendum to these SIs for the J24 Class only, can be found on **Attachment 1**.
- 1.3. In case of conflict between the NOR and these SIs, the SIs will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4. RRS 87 is changed as follows for the IJ22CA: The SIs may change a class rule for the IJ22CA.
- 1.5. Prior to the starting time for each day, all boats shall check-in with, and be recognized by the RC signal boat displaying Code Flag "L" by passing close astern on starboard tack and hailing her sail.

2. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change in schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board "Notice Information Board" located in the breezeway at HYC adjacent to the HYC Offices.
- 3.2. The race office is located at 3620 Miramar, Shoreacres, TX 77571, 281-471-1255.
- 3.3. On the water, The Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio:
Division 1 - channel 68
Division 2 - channel 72
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT
 - 4.1. [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 signal mast on the HYC lawn.
 - 5.2. When Code Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the Race Signals AP.
 - 5.3. Signal flags may be flown alone or above one or more class flags.
6. SCHEDULE OF RACES
 - 6.1. Races will be sailed according to the schedule in the NOR, unless changes are made as defined in 3.1 and 3.3 of these SIs.
 - 6.2. All times are GPS times.
 - 6.3. The scheduled time of the first race on Saturday 9/18/21 is 1100 hrs and on Sunday 9/19/21 is 1000 hrs.
 - 6.4. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made. The warning signal will be displayed with one sound 5 minutes before the start.
 - 6.5 The starting order of races will be announced at the competitor's meeting and posted on the official notice board.
7. CLASS FLAGS
 - 7.1. Classes and class flags are noted on **Attachment 2**.
8. RACING AREA
 - 8.1. **Attachment 3** shows the location of the racing areas.
 - 8.2. The races will be in that part of the Bay bounded by Morgan's Point on the north, the Bayport Ship Channel on the south, the Houston Ship Channel on the east and the La Port/Shoreacres shoreline on the west.
9. THE COURSES
 - 9.1. The courses are shown in **Attachment 4**. This lists the legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
 - 9.2. If a course has a gate and one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.
 - 9.3. All marks shall be rounded to port.
 - 9.4. The RC signal boat will signal the Class and course with a number pennant or on a dry erase board, or both, no later than the warning signal for that race.
10. MARKS
 - 10.1. All rounding marks are floating tetrahedrons. The start and finish pin will be a floating object.
11. OBSTRUCTIONS
 - 11.1. The Houston Ship Channel and the Bayport Ship Channels are obstructions.
12. THE START
 - 12.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.
 - 12.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Signal boat on the starboard end and the course side of a floating shape on the port end.
 - 12.3. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
 - 12.4. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure to hear such a hail or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
 - 12.5. A boat starting more than 5 minutes after her start time will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
 - 12.6. The Race Committee may elect to trail a line (not to exceed 30') attached to a floating object, behind the Race Committee boat and hitting the floating object or running over the line shall be treated as hitting the Race Committee boat.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat in a class has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. New marks W will not have an OS.
- 13.2. The Class Flag will be displayed with Code Flag C to indicate the class for which this change is being made. If there is no class flag, the change is made for all classes.
- 13.3. When in a subsequent change a mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a committee boat and the course side of a mark or floating shape.
- 14.2. For windward finishes, the finish line will be located approximately 0.1 NM to windward of the windward mark. For Course 4 only, the finish mark will be on the opposite side of the committee boat from the start line.
- 14.3. If the race committee boat is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position relative to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 14.4. Code Flag A displayed from the finish boat shall indicate there is no more racing for the day.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. Appendix V shall apply to all competitors except the J/24 competitors.
- 15.2. RRS 44.3 applies to the J/24 competitors
- 15.3. [DP] A boat that has taken Penalty Turns shall notify the RC via VHF at the first reasonable opportunity. She shall also inform the RC of the identity of the other boat involved in the incident.

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1. The Division, Mark 1 Time Limit, Race time Limit and Finishing Window Time are shown in the table below:

DIVISION	MARK 1 TIME LIMIT	RACE TIME LIMIT	FINISHING WINDOW
1	30 min	60 min	20 min
2	30 min	90 min	20 min

- 16.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit for that Class, the race for that Class will be abandoned.
- 16.3. The Finishing Window Time is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the number of boats finishing the race plus 2. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.4. Failure to meet any of the time limits will not be grounds for redress. The changes RRS 62.1(a).

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1. Intent to protest shall be signaled in accordance with RRS 61.1. The protesting boat shall also notify the RC and be acknowledged before leaving the finish area.
- 17.2. Protest forms are available at the HYC Office.
- 17.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC boat for a particular Division enters the HYC Harbor. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.4. The times and locations of the protest hearings along with the names of the involved parties will be posted on the official notice board. As a courtesy, parties providing cellular numbers may be notified of the hearing via text or a call.
- 17.5. Protest hearings may be virtual.
- 17.6. Competitors are required to provide their own equipment in order to participate in a virtual protest hearing.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. One completed race is required to constitute a regatta.
- 18.2. No scores shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2.
- 18.3. For the J/24 Class, a minimum of three (3) races must be completed for this event to be considered a regatta for purposes of scoring in the overall 2021 J/24 Texas Circuit.
- 18.4. For the J/22 Class, a minimum of two (2) races must be completed for this event to be considered a regatta.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. [DP] A boat that has checked in and then retires from a race shall notify the RC by VHF at the first reasonable opportunity. If this is not possible, notify the HYC office by telephone at 281-471-1255.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1. Trash may be placed aboard official vessels at any time except during a starting sequence of any race.

21. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 21.1. [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Chief Judge.
- 21.2. No J/22 boats shall remove their rudders without permission the Chief Judge.

22. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 22.1. 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.
- 22.2. Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used during the regatta.

23. PRIZES

- 23.1. Prizes for all classes will be awarded based on the fleet size.
 - 23.1.1. Fleets up to 4 boats will be awarded First Place only.
 - 23.1.2. Fleets up to 7 boats will be awarded First and Second Place only.
 - 23.1.3. Fleets of 8 or more will be awarded First, Second and Third Places.
- 23.2. The Beasley Cup trophy will be awarded to the J/24 top finishing competitor.
- 23.3. The Heritage Cup trophy will be awarded to the top J/22 finisher.
- 23.4. The Arthur P Nazro trophy and Region IV Championship trophy will be awarded to the top Ensign finisher.

24. RISK STATEMENT

- 24.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, death or sickness due to COVID-19 sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

25. INSURANCE

- 25.1. Each participating boat must be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance.

Attachment 1

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.

1. Rules

- 1.1. In accordance with IJCA Class Rule A.11.1, all boats must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate issued by the J/24 Class and current (completed annually) Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment. In accordance with Class Rule B.3, all boats must carry aboard the current Measurement Certificate and Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.
- 1.2. Any boat without a valid Measurement Certificate may race in the Regatta with the prior approval of the District 14 Governor ("Governor"). This change to Class Rule A.11.1 is in the Notice of Race. No formal provisions for boat measurement will be available at the Regatta.
- 1.3. Bow numbers assigned to each boat pursuant to the J/24 Texas Notice of Circuit and will be used as the identification for the boat during the regatta.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. Pursuant to Class Rule Section C, boats shall comply with all Class Rules while racing, as amended or waived in the Notice of Race.

2. 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.

3. Scoring

- 3.1. A minimum of three (3) races must be completed for this event to be considered a regatta for purposes of scoring in the overall 2021 J/24 Texas Circuit series scores.
- 3.2. No race scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.

4. Protests

RRS 61.1(a) is modified such that a protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag (Code Flag Bis 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.

5. Penalty System

5.1 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 Penalty as provided in RRS 44.1 will apply to boats that may have broken RRS 31.

5.2 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 150mm and a fly of at least 200mm and shall be flown from a leg of the backstay adjuster above the deck.

5.3 The scoring penalty under RRS 44.3(c) shall be 20% of the number of boats competing in the regatta, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward.)

5.4 In addition to informing the race officials 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.

5.5 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.

5.6 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.

5.7 Other penalties as per RRS 64.2 apply for breaking some Class Rules. See Attachment 1A.

6. Haul-Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission by submitting a request in writing to the race officials and notifying the Governor or Texas Circuit Representative ("Circuit Rep"). However, in the case of emergency, permission may be granted retroactively. Any replies to haul-outs shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

7. Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Careening Restrictions

7.1 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.

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

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

8. Crew Substitution or Sail Replacement

- 8.1. Pursuant to Class Rule C.2.1, all crews must consist of at least three (3) persons with weight not exceeding 400 kg (882 lbs). Per the 2021 J/24 Notice of Circuit, the organizers and hosts waive the requirement for crew weight, subject to protest, and the crew shall remain the same for all races of a single event. Any crew substitutions shall be given only in exceptional cases and requires that the helmsperson submit a written request to the Governor or Circuit Rep at least two (2) hours prior to racing on the day in which the substitution is requested.
- 8.2. Not more than one mainsail, one jib and one genoa shall be carried aboard. In the event a mainsail, jib or genoa is damaged beyond repair during the regatta, boats may request a sail replacement by submitting a request in writing to the race officials, evidencing written approval by the Governor or Circuit Rep. Said request may be made at the first reasonable opportunity. Replacement sails shall comply with Class Rules.
- 8.3. Class Rule C.10.2 is changed in the Notice of Race to allow boats to carry aboard two (2) spinnakers, subject to the following:
- 8.3.1. The Sail/Royalty Tag Nos. for all sails used during each regatta must be declared in permanent writing on the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.
- 8.3.2. Spinnakers may be used interchangeably during a regatta; however, in the event one of the declared spinnakers is lost or damaged beyond repair during a regatta, a replacement spinnaker is not allowed and the boat must sail only with the remaining declared spinnaker.
- 8.3.3. A competitor or technical committee (which includes the Circuit Rep and/or Governor) may submit a protest for violation of Class Rules C.10.2(a) or (b), as amended. If a violation is found to have occurred, the race officials shall impose a scoring penalty of 40% as calculated by RRS 44.3(c), applied to the race(s) in which such violation occurred, without a hearing.
- 8.4. Pursuant to Class Rule A.9.1., the mainsail, 150% genoa and spinnaker must all have the same sail numbers as their boat's hull number. Any boat whose sails do not match their hull number may race in the regatta, but requires that the helmsperson submit a written request to the protest committee informing them of the sail and number in which they will be competing with, and will include the prior approval of the Governor or Circuit Rep at least 2 hours prior to racing on the day in which the substitution is requested.
- 8.5. Any requests and replies to sail number changes, crew substitution or sail replacement shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

8. Equipment and Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time, without prior notification, pursuant to the Notice of Circuit, for compliance with Class Rules and Sailing Instructions, and penalties, if any, shall be administered pursuant to available RRS provisions and Attachment 1.

For more information regarding J/24 District 14, you may contact John Parker, District 14 Governor at (512) 983-2582 or governor@j24district14.com.

ATTACHMENT 1A – Alternative Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules

The following penalties for a boat that breaks these listed class rules would be in place of disqualification.
All of these scoring penalties shall be calculated according to RRS 44.3(c).

Class Rule	Infringement	Scoring Penalty
B.3	Complete Measurement Certificate, including the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment is not on board	20%
C.4	Advertising does not conform to World Sailing (Reg 20) standards	20%
C.5.1(a)(1)	Bailing bucket (9 liter min, with lanyard) is not on board	20%
C.7.2(a)(9)	Approved compass device is not present or not functional	20%
C.5.1(a)(4)	Throwable lifesaving device with sea anchor is not on deck, ready for use	20%
C.5.1(b)(1) C.5.1(a)(2) C.5.2(a)(10)	Any of anchor(s), outboard motor/engine, battery, or engine fuel container(s) are not in their proper location and secured against movement	20%
C.5.1(b)(1)	Elastic (shock) core is used in the standing or running rigging where it is not specifically allowed	20%
C.5.3	Stowage of equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole	20%
	Removal of the boat from the water when Sailing Instructions stipulate that the boat shall remain afloat for the duration of the regatta	20%

If a boat receives one of the above penalties, the protest decision shall include whether the same penalty will be applied to other races in which the same infringement likely occurred.

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Attachment 2

Class Flags

Division 1 CLASS	FLAG
Laser Radial	Red with white Laser Radial insignia
Laser	Maroon
Laser 4.7	White
Sunfish	Pink
Ensigns	White with Ensign insignia
Lightnings	White with red Lightning insignia
Division 2 CLASS	FLAG
J/105	Yellow with blue J/105 insignia
J/22	White with blue J/22 insignia
J24	Light blue with blue J/24 insignia

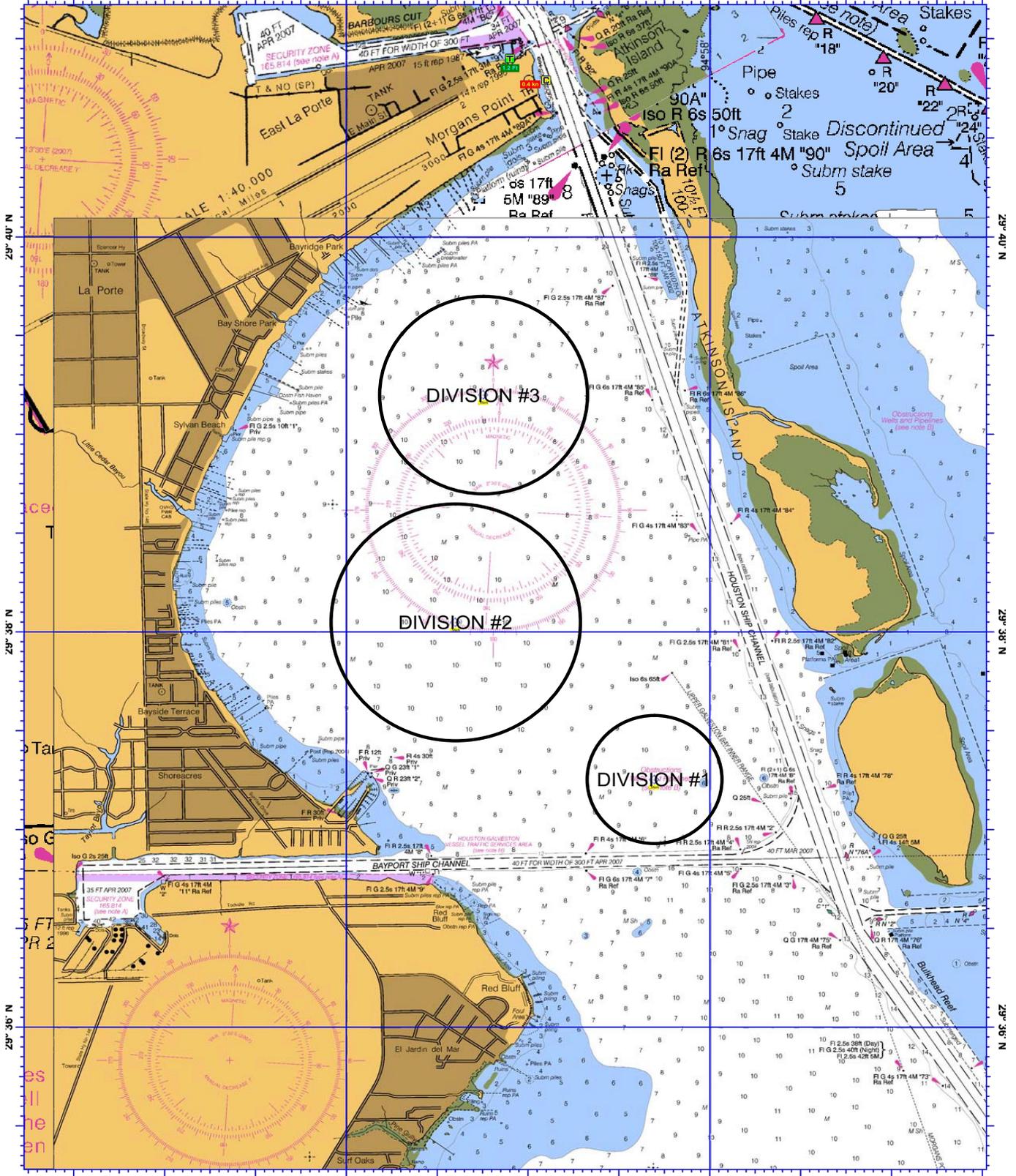
ATTACHMENT 3

Schematic of Galveston Bay

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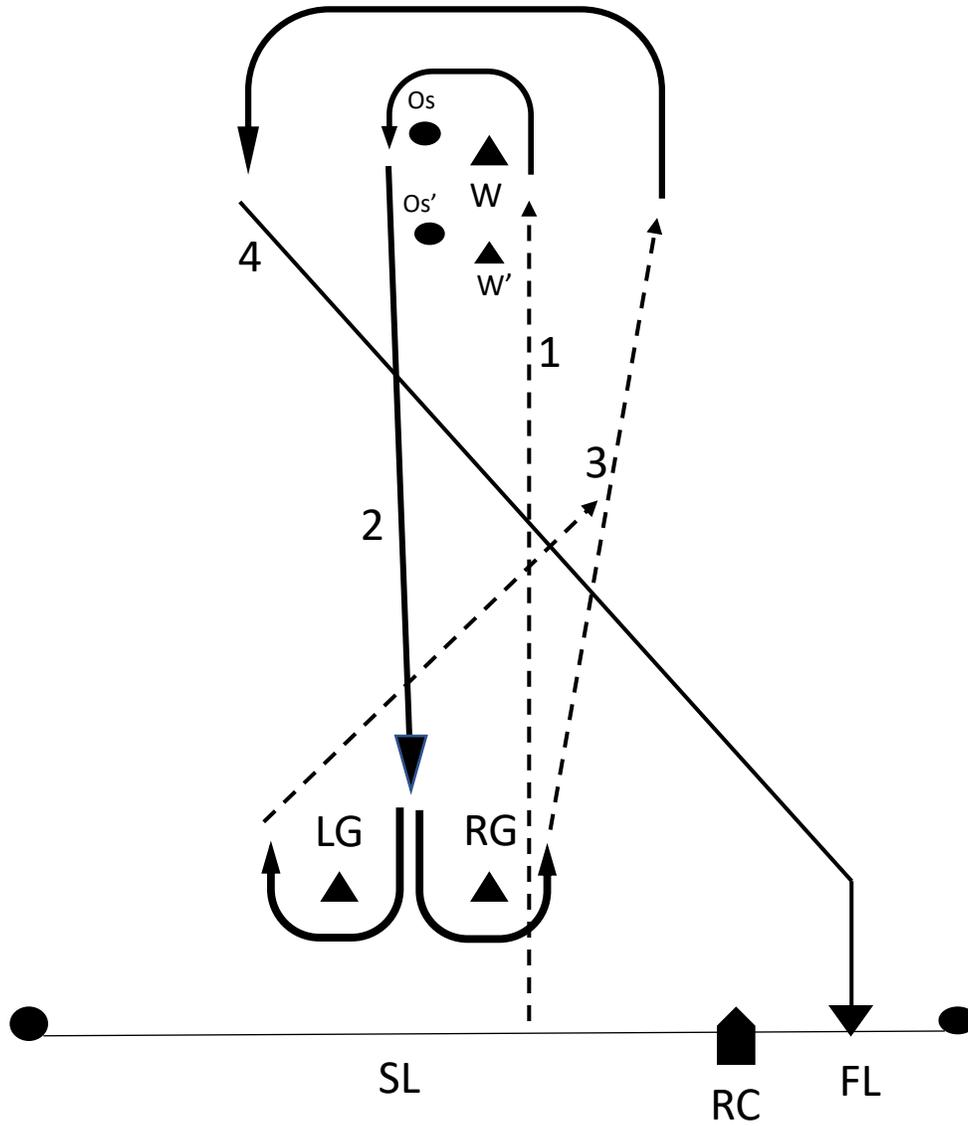


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Attachment 4

Courses

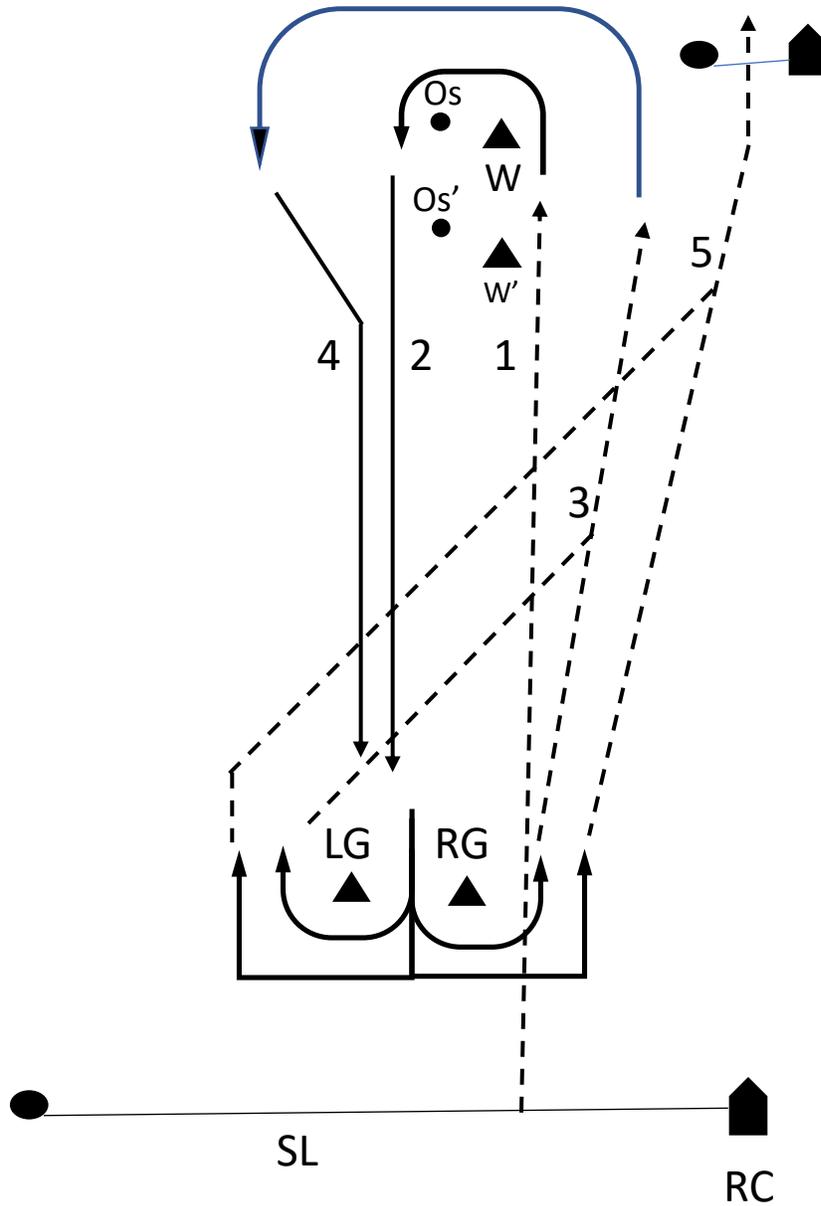
Course 1 SL—W(W')—Os (Os')--LG/RG—W(W')—Os (Os')--FL



Attachment 4

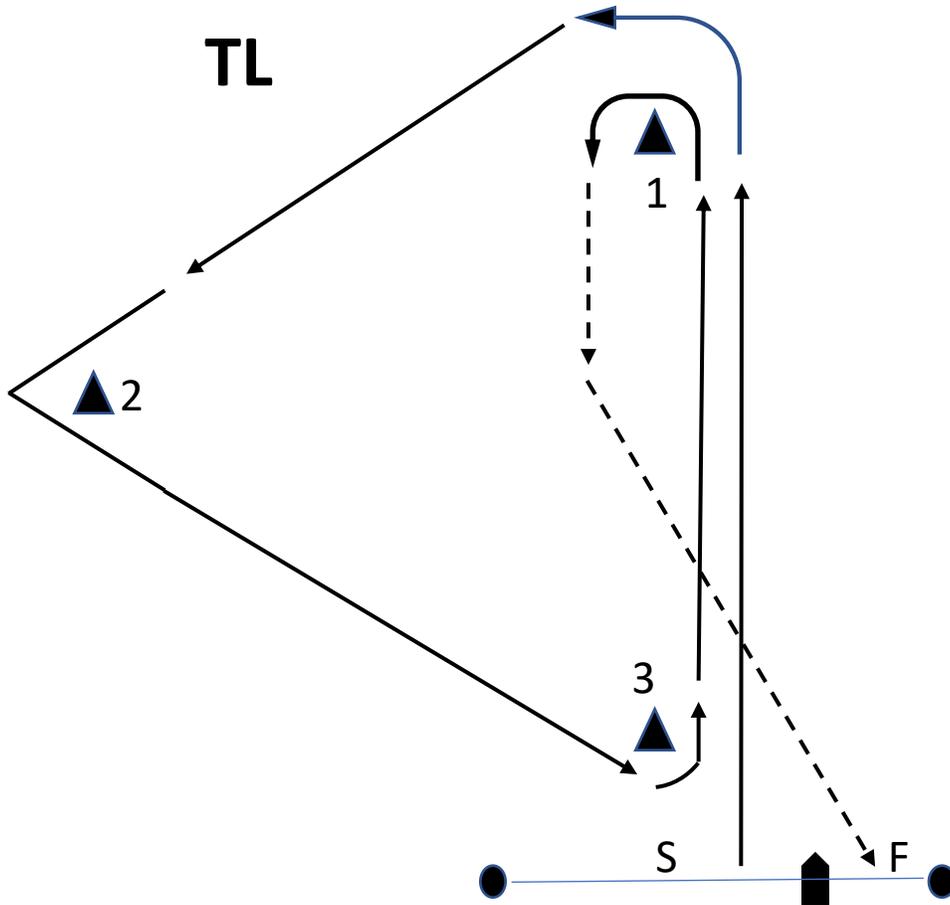
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Course 2 SL—W(W')—Os (Os')--LG/RG—W(W')—Os(Os')--LG/RG--FL



Attachment 4

Courses (con't)



Course TL– Triangle, Leeward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
TL 1	S–1–2–3–F
TL 2	S–1–2–3–1–F
TL 3	S–1–2–3–1–3–1–F