

**The 55th Annual**  
**LOWCOUNTRY REGATTA**  
**June 25-26, 2022**  
**Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club**



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**NORTH AND SOUTH COURSES**

(Opti/Bic course has separate SI's)

**1. RULES.**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.  
1.2 The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The notation [DP] means that the penalty may be less than disqualification.  
1.3 [DP] All boats must have their sail numbers clearly visible on their sails.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the BYSC riverside porch.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 15 min. after the close of the competitor's meeting for each course on Saturday and before 9 a.m. on Sunday, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 7 p.m. on the day before it will take effect.  
3.2 Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water to each boat prior to her warning signal. RC will show the L flag with a sound to advise competitors of a change.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the base of the BYSC flagpole.  
4.2 Ashore, when flag AP is displayed, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' for the North Course and not less than 75 minutes' on the South Course in the race signal AP.  
4.3 Ashore, flag L with one sound will indicate that a notice to competitors has been posted.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES,**

- |                        |            |  |
|------------------------|------------|--|
| 5.1 Saturday, June 26: | 11:00 a.m. | Competitors' meetings.                                 |
|                        | 1:00 p.m.  | Warning for 1st race South & North Courses.            |
| 5.2 Sunday, June 27:   | 11:00 a.m. | Warning for 1st race South & North Courses.            |
|                        |            | No warning signal will be made after 2 p.m. on Sunday. |
- 5.3 See supplemental instructions for boat launch and recovery windows for each day.  
5.4 A maximum of seven (7) races will be considered for the regatta.  
5.5 [NP] To alert boats that a race or series of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound approximately 10 minutes before the warning signal is made.  
5.6 Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

**6. COURSES, CLASS FLAGS & ASSIGNMENTS (Predicted only – see notice board for any changes).**

- 6.1 Course #1 (South): MC Scow, Melges 15, Lightning, SIOD, Y Flyer, Snipe – all use class flags. The Highlander class will use numerical pennant No. 7 (yellow top, red bottom).  
6.2 Course #2 (North): 420's, all Lasers, all Sunfish – use class flags.

**7. RACING AREA.**

The Beaufort River bounded on the north by the marsh Islands north of BYSC and on the south by ICW 39, approximately 3 miles south of the McTeer Bridge. The Area is divided into the North and South Racing Areas. Attachment B.

## **8. THE COURSES.**

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the specific courses available, 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.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the course designation for each class. The number following the course designation indicates the number of legs to be sailed.

## **9. MARKS.**

9.1 All marks on the North/South Courses: *Orange* balls.

9.2 Offset mark may be used on either course: *White* ball.

9.3 Starting marks: the staff with an orange flag on the RC signal boat at one end and a staff with an orange flag pin at the other end.

9.4 Downwind marks: may be a gate.

9.5 Finish marks: A blue flag on a RC boat at one end of the finish line and a blue flag pin at the other end.

## **10. THE START.**

10.1 [DP] All boats are requested to check in with their signal boat prior to the warning for the first race of the day.

10.2 Races will be started using rule 26, with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal with rolling starts probable for the first start of the day. Subsequent starts may or not be rolled. A series of short horn sounds will precede the first warning signal of a race.

10.3 [NP] The possible order of starts on the South Course is: MC Scow, Melges 15, Lightning, Highlander, SIOD, Y Flyer and Snipe. On the North Course: 420, ICLA 7 (full-rig) Lasers, ICLA 6 Laser (Radial), ICLA 4 Laser (4.7), all Sunfish, additional classes. The first race starting order will be posted on each signal boat but watch for class flag. In subsequent races the order may change. If a class is not present following classes shall move up in the sequence.

10.4 After a general recall, the recalled class may or may not be restarted next. Watch for the class flag at the warning. This changes rule 29.2.

10.5 Starting lines will be between a staff displaying an *orange* flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and an orange flag on a pin at the port end.

10.6 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

10.7 All rounding marks shall be left to port.

## **11. SHORTENING OR ABANDONING.**

Shortening the course or abandoning the race for fewer than all classes will be accomplished by displaying the "S" flag or the "N" flag (or "N" over "H" or "A") over affected class flag.

## **12. THE FINISH.**

12.1 The finishing line will be between a blue flag on a RC boat at one end of the finish line and a blue flag pin at the other end.

12.2 The RC boat stationed at one end of the line may be the signal boat.

**12.3 Note that the finish for the North Circle will be a "hook finish", with the last leg of the course a short reach from the leeward mark to the finish.**

**12.4 The finish for the South Circle may be a separate finish line, with the last leg of the course coming from the windward mark.**

## **13. TIME LIMIT.**

The time limit will be 60 minutes for each class. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course and finishes will be scored two places lower than the total number of boats finishing within the time limit. This changes rules 35 & A4.1.

## **14. PROTESTS.**

15.1 A boat intending to protest shall comply with rule 61, and additionally shall report to the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing the race, stating the sail number of the protested boat.

15.2 The protest red flag is not required for any class fleet. This changes rules 61.1(a) and 61.1 (a)(2).

15.3 Protests shall be written on forms available on the Official Notice Board and submitted to the Protest Committee's Representative at the Official Notice Board within 60 minutes of the docking of the

appropriate RC signal boat. When docking, the RC will attempt to sound an appropriate number of signals for their course (South Course 1, North Course 2). Docking times, protest time limits and location and time of the protest hearing will be posted.

- 15. SCORING.** A maximum of seven (7) races will be considered. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. One (1) race score will be excluded if six (6) races or more are completed. This changes RRS A2.1.

**16. SAFETY.**

16.1 A life jacket (PFD) and shoes are required for each sailor. [DP]

16.2 Juniors must wear life jackets (PFD's) while in their boats. [DP]

16.3 All boats shall give way to commercial traffic on the ICW.

16.4 ICW channel marker #242 on the North Course is not to be passed shoreward – there are underwater obstructions.

16.5 (NP, DP) Rule 40 Personal Flotation Devices shall apply with the display of the Y flag (yellow and red diagonal stripes) with one sound at the warning of the upcoming race for all classes and will continue to be required in subsequent races until it is retired. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in a DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A.5.1

**17. SUPPORT, COACH and SPECTATOR/PARENT BOATS.**

17.1 [DP] Support, coach and spectator/parent boats must register at registration in the clubhouse, fly the appropriate flag received at registration and have an operating VHF radio on board.

17.2 [DP] On the water, they shall stay outside the racing area from the time the preparatory signal is made for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired, or the RC signals a postponement or abandonment for all fleets.

17.3 Boats should maintain a radio watch on CH 16.

17.4 [DP] Boats/personnel that infringe upon these rules will be warned by a member of the Race Committee, and any subsequent infringement may result in the disqualification of competing boats associated with those support, coach or spectator/parent boats. See information package containing motorboat guidance.

**18. RADIO COMMUNICATION.**

18.1 South Course: VHF Channel 72

18.2 North Course: VHF Channel 78

18.3 [NP] The Race Committee may transmit course, weather, safety, OCS information or other announcements. Notification of OCS's is a courtesy only and failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately, or for boats to hear RC transmissions, will not be grounds to request redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

**19. PRIZES.**

Trophies will be awarded as follows: 1 for 3 boats in a class; 2 for 5 boats; 3 for 7 seven boats.

**20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and the host club will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

Regatta Chairman and Vice Commodore: Jason Ruhf.

Race Committee Chairman: Before and after racing: Frank Pontious

Principal Race Officers: North Course – Richard Beesley

Commodore: Randy Atkins

During racing: GM Jim Thomas

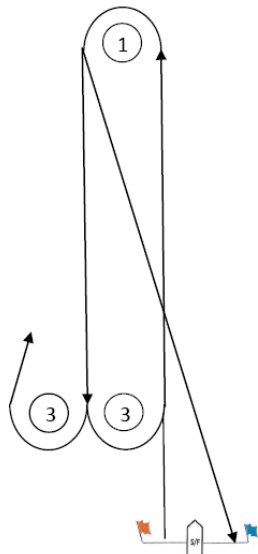
South Course – Frank Pontious

# Course Diagrams – Attachment A

06/14/2022

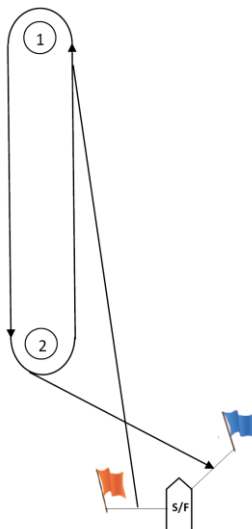
Actual angles and lengths between marks will vary depending on available racing area, wind and currents.  
Course designators show number of legs to be sailed.

## Windward Leeward – Downwind Finish



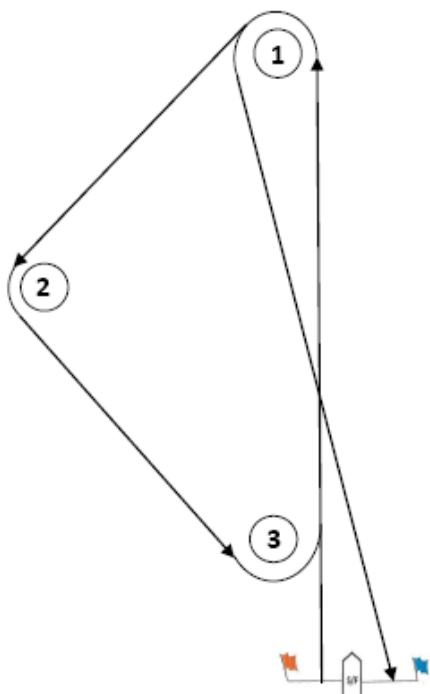
WLD-4 S-1-3-1-F  
WLD-6 S-1-3-1-3-1-F  
WLD-8 S-1-3-1-3-1-3-1-F

## Windward Leeward – Downwind Hook Finish



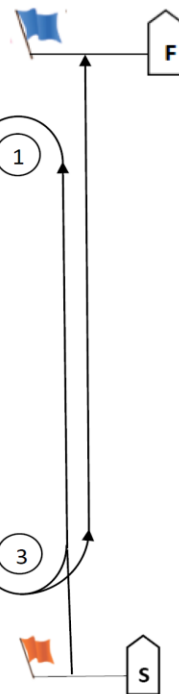
WLDH-3 S-1-2-F  
WLDH-5 S-1-2-1-2-F  
WLDH-7 S-1-2-1-2-1-2-F

## Triangle – Downwind Finish



TD-5 S-1-2-3-1-F  
TD-8 S-1-2-3-1-2-3-1-F

## Windward Leeward – Upwind Finish



WLU-3 S-1-3-F  
WLU-5 S-1-3-1-3-F  
WLU-7 S-1-3-1-3-1-3-F

[illegible]

**ATTACHMENT B**