

2023 OD Fall SPECIAL

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

Races are governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices in advance of any race day will be posted on Regatta Network for that event

(<https://www.fbyc.net/events/?division=onedesign>) . Notices to competitors the day of any event will be posted on the official notice board located inside the FBYC Main Clubhouse first floor screen porch.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by the end of the Skippers' Meeting on the day it will take effect or, on a day when there is no Skippers' Meeting, at least 2 hours prior to the first warning signal.

3.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by the Race Committee hoisting code flag "L", having vessels come within hail, and then communicating then hailing the change orally.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the FBYC Fishing Bay Dock.

4.2 When a notice or an addendum to these sailing instructions has been posted (see *Section 2*), display of code flag "L" will be made ashore.

4.3 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 The dates of events and number of races planned are published in the ONE DESIGN SAILING EVENTS section of the Club Events Calendar and are available online at www.fbyc.net/events/.

5.2 **Date:** Each day of racing

0930: Skippers Meeting, when held. When held, the Skippers' Meeting will be held on the lawn of the Main Clubhouse between the screen porch and Fishing Bay dock.

1100: Warning for the first start. The RC may offer several practice starts before starting a scored race by flying the Lima (L) flag during the practice start. Boats should return to the starting area after briefly sailing upwind 2-3 minutes. Any "L" flag practice starts will not be counted as a race, or scored.

5.3 Flag "A" displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means, 'no more racing that day.'

5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1600.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class Flags shall be white flags with class insignia for all classes except ILCA and Portsmouth. The ILCA class flags will be:

ILCA 7 White flag w/ ILCA insignia

ILCA 6 Green flag w/ ILCA insignia

ILCA 4 Yellow flag w/ ILCA insignia

When less than three like ILCA boats are present, they will be combined with, and use, the ILCA 7 class flag.

6.2 The Portsmouth class flag will be the numeral pennant "9".

6.3 Any changes in class flags will be posted as an addendum to the Sailing Instructions per Section 3 (Changes to Sailing Instructions.)

7. RACING AREAS

The racing area(s) will be in the Fishing Bay area and the mouth of the Piankatank River in the vicinity of the areas designated "A", "B", "C", and/or "D" on the chartlet as shown in FBYC Sailing Events Appendix C, FBYC ONE DESIGN SAILING CHARTLET, available online at <https://www.fbyc.net/sailing-documents/appendix/>.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 Example courses are illustrated in the FBYC Sailing Events Appendix D, EXAMPLE COURSES – DROPPED MARK COURSES, available online at <https://www.fbyc.net/sailing-documents/appendix/>. The example course diagrams show 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 The course for each class will be designated by displaying letter(s) on the Race Committee Signal Boat. A number following the course designation will indicate the number of legs. (Other examples include: "W2" is windward/leeward, "W4" is windward/ leeward/ windward/ leeward, and "H5" is windward/ leeward/ windward/ leeward/ windward.)

8.3 The "S" letter following the course designation indicates that boats finish to starboard of the Race Committee boat, between the Race Committee boat and a finishing mark, when sailing to windward.

8.4 The "L" letter following the course designation "W" indicates that the Race Committee will set two windward marks; the classes designated to sail the "L" course will round the farther windward mark, and all other classes will round the nearer windward mark.

9. MARKS

9.1. Marks of Race Courses shall be orange inflatable marks or inflatable marks as designated by the race committee.

9.2. New change marks, as provided in Rule 33, will be yellow inflatable marks.

- 9.2.1. If the course is changed after the start, only one change mark will be set. All boats shall round this single change mark.
- 9.2.2. If the course has a long and a short weather mark, all boats will round the single change mark.
- 9.2.3. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

9.3. The starting and finishing marks will be orange inflatable marks.

10. START

10.1 Races will be started by using The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 26. The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat and the starting mark (pin).

10.2 Boats starting later than four (4) minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

10.4 As a courtesy to boats that a starting sequence will begin shortly, the Race Committee may sound multiple sounds as an alert. This is a not timed sound signal.

10.5 Each boat is required to check in at the Race Committee signal boat by hailing her sail number and class and being acknowledged by the Race Committee before the warning signal of the first race in which she intends to participate. A boat may not protest a breach of this instruction. This changes Rule 60.1.

11. RECALLS

The Race Committee may attempt to notify OCS boats. Failure to hail, the order of the hail, the hail of some but not all, or the untimely hail of OCS boats will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

If during the signaling of a change of course, one or more class flags are flown under the change of course Flag "C", then the change applies only to those indicated classes. If there are no class flags flown, the change is applicable to all classes. This changes Rule 33.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between the staff from which a blue flag is displayed on a Race Committee signal boat and the designated finishing mark.

13.2 A boat sailing the course whose finish position cannot be changed no matter how she finishes, may be requested by the Race Committee to immediately return to the starting area. Such a boat will be scored as though she had completed the race. This changes Rules 28.1, 35, A4 and A5.2.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit will be sixty (60) minutes for the first boat to start, sail the course, and finish.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes, will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 A boat intending to protest another boat must so notify the Race Committee by hail immediately after finishing or retiring. This notification must include the boat name and/or sail number of the boat being protested and must be acknowledged by the Race Committee. This changes Rule 61.1(a).

15.2 Protest forms are available at the Official Notice Board

15.2 The time limit for filing written protests is one hour after the Race Committee moors at FBYC. Written protests shall be delivered to the PRO. This protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board. If the Race Committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, or BFD on the Official Notice Board before expiration of the protest time limit, the time for filing a request for redress based on such a score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes Rule 62.2.

15.3 A notice of protests and requests for redress filed, approximate hearing times and place of hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes after the end of protest time.

15.4 Appendix T will be in effect - Arbitration

15.5 Any skipper wishing to become party to a redress hearing must notify the Race Committee in writing within 15 minutes after the end of protest time.

16. SCORING

16.1 A competitor's failure to appear for a protest hearing will be considered avoidable absence under Rule 63.3(b).

16.2 The Scoring System for **Daily Results** is the "Low-Point Scoring System" as described in Appendix A (Scoring), except that:

- a) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall, subject to rule 09.3(b), be the total of her race scores. This modifies Rule A2.
- b) When six (6), or more, races have been completed, a boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. This modifies Rule A2
- c) A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats competing in that race. Where ability grouped fleets are used the number of boats will pertain to the number of boats in the specific group. This modifies Rule A5.2.
- d) Ability grouped fleets will be scored as separate fleets.

16.4 In a Series only, if the Race Committee abandons the race pursuant to RRS Rule 32.1 after one or more boats has finished:

For daily awards: Finished boats shall be scored according to their finishing places and the boats remaining on the course shall be scored one point *more* than the number of boats that finished the race prior to abandonment.

16.5 All Portsmouth scoring will utilize Portsmouth Yardstick DPN-2 Handicaps to score races comprised of unlike boats. Current handicap ratings are found in FBYC Sailing Events Appendix "E", DPN-2 Portsmouth Handicaps, and online at <https://www.fbyc.net/sailing-documents/appendix/> , or for other classes not listed, found [here](#) (pdf US Sailing).

16.6 Race results and other notices will be posted on the official notice board following the conclusion of each day's racing and may also be posted on the Regatta Network Event website..

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. Failure to notify as soon as possible will result in disqualification for the last race the boat started prior to retiring (DP).

17.2 A boat shall carry all equipment required by her class rules. If not so specified, she shall also carry one USCG-approved PFD for each person on board.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, unless the class rules allow. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows and determined by the total number of boats starting within the applicable sailing class:

DAILY AWARDS	MINIMUM # STARTERS	SERIES AWARDS	MINIMUM # STARTERS	SPECIAL EVENT AWARDS
First	3	First	3	As determined by Event Chair
Second	5	Second	5	
Third	6	Third	7	
		Fourth	10	

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in any race or regatta entirely at their own risk as instructed in RRS, Rule 3, 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.