

## 2025 BEVERLY YACHT CLUB SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERIES RACES

The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. In the event of any conflict between the *Notice of Race* and the *Sailing Instructions*, the *Sailing Instructions* will prevail.

### 1. RULES

All BYC races are governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028* (RRS) with changes in the *Notice of Race*.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**2.1** Any change to the *Sailing Instructions* will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Changes to the Race Calendar must be posted at least 24 hours prior to the first scheduled warning signal of a Series.

**2.2** Changes to the *Sailing Instructions* may be made on the water by the race committee boat prior to the warning signal after displaying code flag "L" and communicated via a radio announcement.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

**3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board for the series in Regatta Networks through the BYC website at [beverlyyachtclub.org/racing](http://beverlyyachtclub.org/racing) and courtesy copies may be posted on the bulletin board on the BYC porch.

**3.2** On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio CH 72.

**3.3** [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

**5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the BYC flagpole.

**5.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES (8/30 is not a series race)

Series	Warning	Special Dates	Warning
Tuesday Twilight	1800	8/12, 8/19, 8/26	1730
Wednesday Twilight	1800		
Thursday Ladies	1400		
Thursday Twilight	1800	8/14, 8/21, 8/28	1730
Saturday	1400	8/2, 8/30	1100
Sunday	1400		
Sunday Fall Series	1030		

### 7. CLASS SIGNALS AND FLAGS

Class signals will be displayed on placards before the course designation on the signal boat course board. PHRF boats shall display their class numeral pennant from their backstays while racing.

Class	Signal
Bullseye, H-12, J/80, Shields	Class Insignia
PHRF	Number pennants 1, 2, or 3

### 8. COURSES

**8.1** For courses using the marks described in the attached mark list at the bottom of the [Beverly Yacht Club Racing Marks](#) chart, the course will be designated by displaying placards on the signal boat course board. The rounding and finish marks will be displayed in the order of rounding, after the class designation. Portable gate mark "2" may be physically placed on either side of its prior course board companion mark.

**8.2** A green or red bar will be displayed under each rounding mark's placard to designate the side of the boat on which each mark is to be left, starboard (green) or port (red). If not indicated port rounding shall be used.

**8.3** If a change of next mark, shorten course, or race abandonment is applied for only one fleet and not all fleets then that fleet's class flag will be used above the signal flag(s).

**8.4** The race committee may, but is not obligated to, use VHF CH 72 to announce the course, the intended timing of warning signals, recalled boat sail number, fleet change next mark, fleet shorten course, or fleet abandonment. The failure of the RC to make a courtesy announcement or the failure of a boat to hear a courtesy announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

### 9. MARKS

**9.1** Marks are described on the attached marks list. Permanent marks are either government marks or yellow BYC buoys. When a portable windward mark is used, its approximate distance and bearing from the starting line will be displayed on the course board.

**9.2** Except when indicated as rounding marks, all racing boats shall pass to the east of marks "5", "3", and "E" and to the south of marks "F" and "I". Bully Rock is designated as an obstruction. All boats must pass west of the Bully Rock marker.

**9.3** Portable marks will be Orange, Yellow, or Red inflatable Tetrahedrons, Cylinders, or Balls. Usages of the portable marks are shown in [Use of Portable Marks](#) diagram.

### 10. STARTING

**10.1** Except for Fall Series, races will be started using RRS 26, with classes starting in the order in which their class signals are displayed on the course board.

**10.2** Fall Series races will be started using the Sound Signal Starting System of RRS Appendix U. This changes RRS 26.

**10.3** The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the signal boat and the course side of the nearby mark.

**10.4** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

**10.5** A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.3.

### 11. FINISHING

**11.1** The finishing line will be between the staff from which a blue flag is displayed on a race committee signal boat and the course side of the mark designated as the finish mark.

**11.2** If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

### 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

**12.1** RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) will apply in its entirety.

**12.2** All post-race penalties must be taken before 1700 on the following Sunday regardless of whether a protest was filed. This changes RRS V2(a).

### 13. TIME LIMITS

**13.1** Time limit for series races for Bullseyes, H-12s, Shields, J/80s, and PHRF is 2 hours.

**13.2** A boat that finishes later than time limit window after the first boat in her class that sails the course and finishes shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) the same score as DNF without a hearing. The TLE window for PHRF is 45 minutes and 20 minutes for one-design. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.3.

### 14. HEARING REQUESTS

**14.1** Protests and requests for redress shall be written or filled-in on hearing request forms available in the BYC Protest Box located on the wall to the left of the clubhouse door on the porch and from US Sailing using the provided QR code.

**14.2** The form shall be completed and emailed to [protest@beverlyyachtclub.org](mailto:protest@beverlyyachtclub.org) within two (2) hours from the time the race committee finish boat returns to BYC (the Protest Time Limit).

**14.3** Protest hearings are scheduled, for properly filed requests, on Sundays at 1700 for Series races conducted during the most recent week ending Thursday. A scheduled protest may be changed by the Protest Chair by prior notice to all relevant parties.

**14.4** A boat requesting redress based on her scores shall do so within seven days of the posting of the scores. This changes RRS 62.2.

**14.5** The Protest Committee Chair reserves the right to reschedule a hearing to any Sunday during the series to accommodate scheduling conflicts.



### 15. HANDICAPPING AND SCORING

**15.1** PHRF boats shall be scored using PHRF-NE rating Time-On-Distance (TOD).

**15.2** Course distances for PHRF racing will be computed using the locations of permanent marks shown on the [BYC Racing Marks 2025](#) chart and the GPS locations of portable marks. The length of each leg of the course will be determined by the race committee to the nearest tenth of a nautical mile with 0.05 rounded up.

**15.3** One Design boats will be scored using the Low Point System (RRS A4).

**15.3** RRS A5.3 applies for all fleets.

### 16. SAFETY

**16.1** When code flag "L" is displayed on the race committee signal boat before a warning signal, boats shall check in by sailing past the signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their numbers until acknowledged by the race committee.

**16.2** Every competing boat is required to carry a VHF radio and to monitor VHF radio CH 72 from the preparatory signal and while racing.

**16.3** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**16.4** [DP] In accordance with RRS 40.2(c), RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Device) applies.

**16.5** When code flag "V" is displayed boats should monitor VHF CH 72 for safety instructions.

### Use of Portable Marks

