

# Sailing Instructions

## 2025 Open House Regatta

### May 25, 2025

#### 1. RULES

1.1 Races are governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors 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 60 minutes prior to the first warning signal.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a Race Committee Boat at the FBYC Fishing Bay Dock or 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 OF RACES

##### 5.1 SCHEDULE

**Date:** Sunday, May 25, 2025

**0900:** Skippers Meeting (will receive start time)

**1100:** Warning for the first start for one staggered start, short-distance race around government and drop marks.

**1300:** Raft-up begins - join after completing the race. Raft breaks up at 1600.

**1700:** On shore social at clubhouse

**5.2 TIME LIMIT** If one boat in a class finishes within three (3) hours of the actual start time of the race for that class, then the race will be valid for all boats in that class. All boats must finish within 1h 30m of the first finisher or 1500, whichever is later.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

**6.1** The Class Flag for the first Start shall be a white flag, or as 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 "D" on the chartlet as shown in FBYC Sailing Events Appendix C, FBYC ONE DESIGN SAILING CHARTLET, and online at <https://www.fbyc.net/sailing-documents/appendix/>.

## **8. THE COURSE AND MARKS**

**8.1** Starts will be in the vicinity of Godfrey Bay and sail to the Bay around marks at the entrance of the Piankatank and then back to a finish in the vicinity of the club pier in Fishing Bay.

**8.2** The course will use government and drop marks in the Piankatank River and Piankatank Channel in the vicinity of Godfrey Bay

X (drop mark 1)

R "12" - leave to starboard

R "8" - leave to port

FBYC B (yellow tetrahedron) - leave to starboard

Y (drop mark 2 - due east of FBYC B) starboard

G "5" - leave to port

G "7" - leave to port

R "8" - leave to starboard

R "12"- leave to starboard

Z (drop mark 3)

Finish - Between Z and Signal Boat, in the vicinity of the FBYC dock."

## **9. START**

**9.1** Each boat will receive its own assigned individual start time, to be provided at the Skippers' meeting which will be based on time offsets calculated using PHRF Handicaps. Boats without a PHRF rating will be assigned a courtesy rating or converted to a PHRF rating using their DPN-2 rating as found on the US Sailing website.

**9.2** 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).

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

**9.4** Each boat shall check in at the Race Committee Boat before the first warning signal of the first race each race day, sailing past the stern of the Race Committee Boat and receiving its acknowledgement. If a boat is unable to check in following this procedure, the boat may check in providing sail number via hail on VHF-72. A boat may not seek redress for a breach of this instruction. This changes Rule 61.1(a).

**9.5** After the Warning Signal, a boat whose assigned Start Time is more than a minute away shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for boats whose Start Time is less than a minute away.

## **10. RECALLS**

**10.1** The Race Committee may attempt, as a courtesy, 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 61.4(b)(1).

**10.2** The timing and order of such hails or the failure of a boat to hear a hail will not be considered an improper action or omission of the race committee under Rule 61.4 (b)(1) nor does it relieve the vessel of its responsibilities to properly **start**.

## **11. THE FINISH**

**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 designated finishing mark.

**11.2** A boat sailing the course whose finish position cannot be changed no matter how she finishes, may be requested by the Race Committee to accept a finish in place. Such a boat will be scored as though she had completed the race. This changes Rules 28.1, 35, A4 and A5.1.

**11.3** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. Failure to notify as soon as possible may result in disqualification.

## **12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**12.1** A boat intending to protest another boat must 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 60.2.

**12.2** The time limit for filing written protests is one hour after the Race Committee moors at FBYC. 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 61.2.

**12.3** 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.

**12.4** Any skipper wishing to become party to a redress hearing must notify the Race Committee in writing within 45 minutes after the end of protest time.

**12.5** Breaches of instructions or specified requirements in the Event Notice will not be grounds for protest or redress by a boat. This changes Rules 60.1 and 61.1(a).

### 13. SCORING

**13.1.** One completed race shall constitute the regatta.

**13.2** Low-point scoring will apply with the exception of no throw-outs.

**13.3** Race results and other notices will be posted on the official notice board following conclusion of the day's racing and may also be posted on the Club website.

### 14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

**14.1** Sailboats shall comply with the US Sailing "Safety Equipment Requirements" (SER) - "Nearshore" category.

### 15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

**15.1** While racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.

**15.2** The RC will make courtesy announcements via **VHF-72**. Such announcements may include such things as timing information, reasons for unexpected delays, etc.

**15.3** The RC will acknowledge transmissions regarding retirements, protests, or emergencies and hails for **general fleet wide** clarification of course, OCS and similar transmissions from the fleet.

**15.4** These broadcasts are made as a courtesy only and in no way relieve competitors of their responsibility to monitor and respond to RC displays, flags and signals. Failure of the Race Committee to broadcast or a competitor to receive a broadcast from the Race Committee shall not be grounds for redress under Rule 61.4(b)(1).

### 16. PRIZES

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

SPECIAL EVENT AWARDS

As determined by the Event Chair

### 17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

**17.1** 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.

### 18. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY

**18.1** A boat may not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial freighters, tugs and tows, or other commercial vessels that are unable to readily respond.

**18.2** A boat without way in a ship channel that uses an engine to clear the channel at the approach of commercial traffic, shall either retire, or if the incident was unavoidable, continue racing and request redress.

**18.3** A boat racing at night in the vicinity of vessels with which they might collide shall illuminate their sails by all available means to ensure that they are clearly seen by the other vessel(s). This is in addition to the navigation lights and shapes required by the COLREGS or other applicable government regulations. Such displays shall not be grounds for protest. This changes Rule 60.1.

**18.4** Any vessel fouling commercial crab pot(s) and severing or dislocating them by more than 100' is required to record the license number from the pot float, report the event (with vessel contact information) to VMRC by calling 757-247-2127, and reimbursing the licensee for any loss if so claimed.