

2025 Offshore Cut Channel (Distance Series) Sailing Instruction (SIs) Addendum

1. DESCRIPTION

1.1 This event will consist of one race for PHRF (A, B, C, NON-SPIN, CC) sailboats holding a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake certificate, one-design classes, and cruising class sailboats having a provisional handicap rating assigned by FBYC. PHRF NON-SPIN will be sailed allowing only one (1) headsail downwind. This race is the first race in the Long Distance Series.

1.2 This SI Addendum supplements, and/or replaces where noted, the 2025 Offshore Sailing Instructions posted on the FBYC website www.fbyc.net/events/ .

2. SAFETY

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

2.1.1 For **Distance Series Events** the additional SER requirements below will be required regardless of class rules:

SER 2.3.1, Head or fitted bucket

SER 2.4.1, Lifelines

SER 2.5.1, Bilge Pump

SER 2.7.2, Propulsion (4 hour min)

SER 3.2.1, Jacklines

SER 3.7.1, Life sling

SER 3.14, GPS

SER 3.15, GPS with electronic MOB

SER 3.2, Paper chart back-up

SER 3.22, Wood plugs

SER 3.24.1, Searchlight

SER 3.26, Radar reflector

SER 3.27.1, Two buckets with lanyards

SER 3.32, Cockpit knife

SER 3.35, No aloft halyards

SER 3.36, Boom support

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

3.1 The time of the first Warning Signal for this race will be at 1100 hours

4. STARTING AREA

4.1 The Committee Boat will be in the vicinity of Piankatank R. G "5" (FBYC "A"), to Piankatank R. G "3" (FBYC "C").

4.2 The **Starting Line** shall be between Piankatank R. "G3" (FBYC "C" and the orange flag on a Race Committee Boat stationed adjacent to of FBYC "C".

5. **COURSE** (This replaces 2025 Club Offshore SI's 7.1, 7.2(b)&(c)

5.1 The course to be sailed will be designated by letters and numbers displayed on a Race Committee boat or in the Sailing Instructions. See Appendices A and B (<https://www.fbyc.net/sailing-documents/appendix/>) for designation of government and special marks used in setting courses.

5.1.1 The Race Committee may select from the "pre-defined Alphabetic" courses listed below, or, in the event of inclement conditions, the RC may set an alternate government mark course using Mark Designations as found in Appendix A.

5.2 The first mark of the course **may** be (1) special buoy "Y", or (2) a government mark listed in Appendix A. See Offshore SI 7.2(d) for course display format. After rounding the first mark of the course, yachts shall sail the remaining marks of the appropriate course as set forth below.

If no additional first mark is specified, yachts shall sail the marks of the appropriate course as set forth below. FBYC "A" will be the Finish Mark for all courses.

If the PRO chooses **Course A** as the course to be sailed, then the choice of sailing **Course A, Option 1** or **Course A, Option 2** is the skipper's choice, and not a choice made by the PRO.

COURSE A, Option 1 – APPROX. 29.5 NM

Start

Marks of Course	Leave to
Start - Piankatank R "3" FI G 4s 19ft 4M (FBYC "C")	Port
Piankatank R. FI G "1P" FI G 2.5s (FBYC "E")	Starboard
Piankatank R. R "2" FI R 4s (FBYC "F")	Port
Ches. Bay G "51" FI G 6s	Starboard
Ches.Bay RW "CB" Mo(A) Whistle (FBYC "Q")	Starboard
Piankatank R. FI G "1P" FI G 2.5s (FBYC "E")	Port
Piankatank R. R "2" FI R 4s (FBYC "F")	Starboard
Piankatank R. FI G 4s 15ft 4M "5"(FBYC "A")	Port

COURSE A, Option 2 – APPROX. 29.5 NM

Start

Marks of Course	Leave to
Start - Piankatank R "3" FI G 4s 19ft 4M (FBYC "C")	Port
Piankatank R. FI G "1P" FI G 2.5s (FBYC "E")	Starboard
Piankatank R. R "2" FI R 4s (FBYC "F")	Port
Ces.Bay RW "CB" Mo(A) Whistle (FBYC "Q")	Port

Ches. Bay G "51" FI G 6s	Port
Piankatank R. FI G "1P" FI G 2.5s (FBYC "E")	Port
Piankatank R. R "2" FI R 4s (FBYC "F")	Starboard
Piankatank R. FI G 4s 15ft 4M "5"(FBYC "A")	Port

COURSE B – APPROX. 24.4 NM

Start

Marks of Course	Leave to
Start - Piankatank R "3" FI G 4s 19ft 4M (FBYC "C")	Port
Piankatank R. G "1R" FI G 6s (FBYC "G")	Starboard
Ches.Bay RW "CB" Mo(A) Whistle (FBYC "Q")	Port
Piankatank R. G "1R" FI G 6s (FBYC "G")	Port
Piankatank R. FI G 4s 15ft 4M "5"(FBYC "A")	Port

COURSE C – APPROX. 21.4 NM

Start

Marks of Course	Leave to
Start - Piankatank R "3" FI G 4s 19ft 4M (FBYC "C")	Port
Piankatank R. FI G "1P" FI G 2.5s (FBYC "E")	Starboard
Piankatank R. G "1R" FI G 6s (FBYC "G")	Port
Rappahannock R. R "6R" FI R 4s (FBYC "K")	Port
Piankatank R. G "1R" FI G 6s (FBYC "G")	Starboard
Piankatank R. FI G 4s 15ft 4M "5"(FBYC "A")	Port

COURSE D – APPROX. 12.5 NM

Start

Marks of Course	Leave to:
Start - Piankatank R "3" FI G 4s 19ft 4M (FBYC "C")	Port
Piankatank R. FI G "1P" FI G 2.5s (FBYC "E")	Starboard
Piankatank R. G "1R" FI G 6s (FBYC "G")	Port
Rappahannock R. FI G "3r"2.5s 15 ft 4 M (FBYC "J")	Port
Piankatank R. R "2" FI R 4s (FBYC "F")	Starboard
Piankatank R. FI G 4s 15ft 4M "5"(FBYC "A")	Port

6. THE FINISH (replaces Sec 12, The Finish, of 2025 Offshore Sailing Instructions)

6.1. The **finish line** shall be between Piankatank R. FI G 4s 15ft 4M "5" (FBYC "A") and the blue flag on a Race Committee Boat stationed north of FBYC "A".

6.2 A boat approaching the finish at night must show a white light when no less than ¼ mile away from the finish line to call attention to her presence and when crossing the finish line to illuminate her racing or sail numbers. An ordinary flashlight is not acceptable for this purpose.

6.3 If a Race Committee Boat is not on station at the finish, finishing boats must leave FBYC "A" to port by no more than 25 yards, and record their own time when FBYC "A" bears 180 degrees

magnetic from the helmsman's position, and, if possible, record the names, sail numbers and approximate finish times of the boats finishing immediately ahead and behind.

6.3.1 All competitors reporting their own finish will notify RC of their finish by their boat name, sail number, GPS finish time and names of boats finishing before or after. This information should be texted to the PRO within 1 hour of finishing the race.

7. TIME LIMIT

7.1 The time limit for the first boat in any class or subclass to finish:

Course "A" will be ten (10) hours.

Course "B" will be six (8.5) hours.

Course "C" will be eight (8) hours

Course "D" will be five (5)

Boats failing to finish within two (2) hours of the first boat within any class or subclass will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.1

8. PROTESTS (replaces Sec 13.0, Protests, of 2025 Offshore Sailing Instructions)

8.1 A boat wishing to protest will notify RC by texting to the PRO with:

(a) their intent to protest, (b) the boat being protested, and (c) the rule believed to have been broken, within 2 hours of the last boat finishing. Protests will be coordinated and heard at a time after the protest time limit has expired, but within 48 hours of the start of the race. This changes RRS 60.3(a)+(b)

8.2 Appendix T will be in effect - Arbitration

8.3 Breaches of instructions, 15.1 or specified requirements in the Event Notice will not be grounds for protest or redress by a boat. This changes Rules 60.1(a) and 61.2.

9. CBYRA SANCTION

9.1 This race is sanctioned for CBYRA High Point awards.