

# Fishing Bay Yacht Club

## 2025 July 4th Distance Race

### Sailing Instructions

#### 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 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 by 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

**0930** Check-in - Downstairs porch, Main Clubhouse

**1000** Skippers' Meeting. Between the Main Clubhouse and dock on the Fishing Bay side. The PRO will ring the bell by the Clubhouse multiple times to signal the meeting

**1100** Warning Signal. There will be one start for all classes.

**1700** "Clubhouse Bar & Grill" Opens.

**1700** On Shore Happy Hour and Gathering

**1730 - 1900** Food served

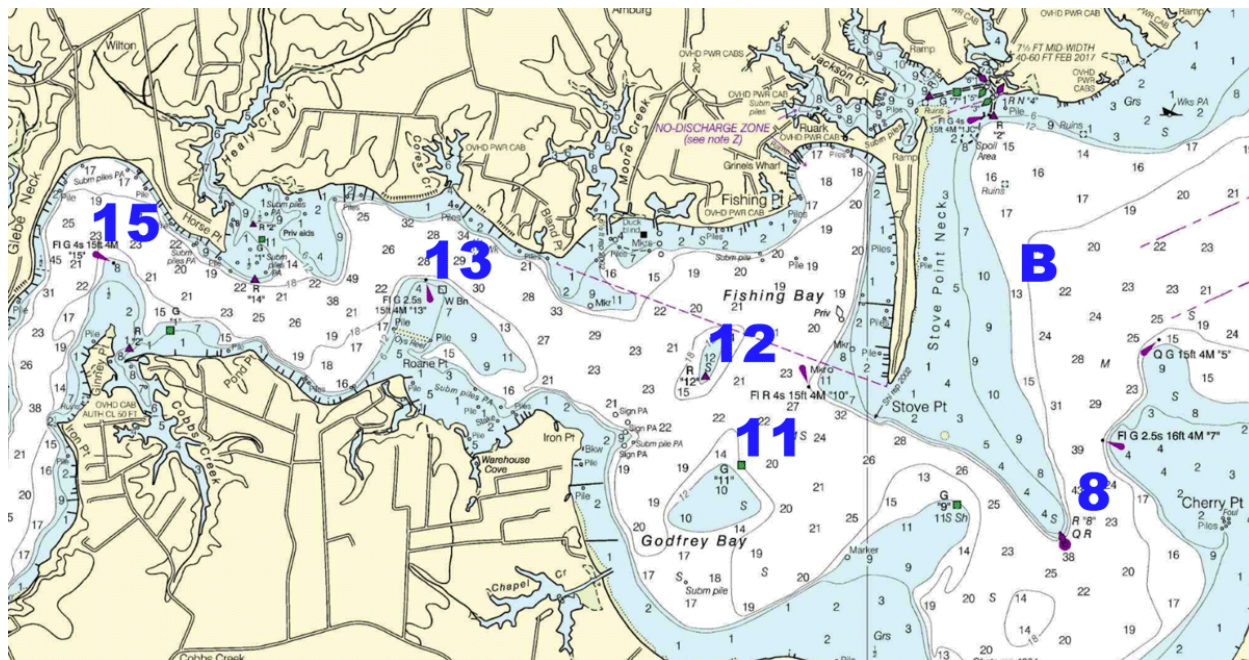
**1700 - 2000** Music and Yard Games

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

**6.1** The class flag will be the numeral pennant “9” and the course number will be posted on the Signal boat.

## 7. RACING AREA / COURSE

**7.1** The racing area(s) will be in the Fishing Bay area and the mouth of the Piankatank River and specific designated area to be indicated in the event sailing instructions.



**7.2** The course will be one of the courses described below using inflatable and/or government marks in the Piankatank River for marks of the course:

1	2	3	4	5
“X”	“X”	“X”	“X”	“X”
R “8” Port	G “13” Port	G “11” Port	R “12” Stbd	R “12” Port
“B” Port	R “8” Port	R “8” Port	R “8” Port	G “15” Port
R “8” Stbd	“B” Port	“B” Port	“B” Port	G “13” Port
G “13” Port	R “8” Stbd	R “8” Stbd	R “8” Stbd	G “15” Port
“X”	“X”	G “11” Stbd	R “12” Port	G “13” Stbd
		“X”	“X”	R “12” Port
				“X”

## 8. MARKS

**8.1.** Marks of Race Courses shall be orange inflatable marks and/or government marks, as designated by the race committee.

**8.2** Inflatable marks designated as follows:

- “X” First inflatable mark dropped at any point (i.e. starting (or finishing pin))
- “Y” Second inflatable mark dropped at any point (i.e. windward mark)
- “Z” Third inflatable mark dropped at any point (i.e. wing or far windward mark)

“B” Inflatable mark just east of Stove Point

## **9. START**

**9.1** 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).

**9.2** 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 A5.1(a)

**9.3** 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 seek redress for a breach of this instruction. This changes Rule 61.1(a)

## **10. RECALLS**

**10.1** 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 61.1(a).

## **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.

## **12. TIME LIMIT**

**12.1** The time limit will be four hours for the first boat to start, sail the course, and finish.

**12.2** Boats failing to finish within sixty (60) 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 A5.1

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

**13.1** 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.

**13.2** Protest forms are available at the Official Notice Board

**13.2** 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 61.2(b).

**13.3** 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.

**13.4** Appendix T will be in effect - Arbitration

**13.5** 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.

## **14. SCORING**

**14.1** A competitor's failure to appear for a protest hearing will be considered avoidable absence under Rule 63.1(b).

**14.2** The Scoring System is the "Low-Point Scoring System" as described in Appendix A (Scoring).

**14.3** All boats will be scored using the Portsmouth Rating in the order of their finish.

**14.4** 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).

**14.5** 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..

## **15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**15.1** 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(DP).

**15.2** 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.

## **16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**16.1** 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.

## **17. PRIZES**

**17.1** Prizes will be given to the top finishers.

## **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**18.1** 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.