



## 2025 Sarasota Bay Cup

Bird Key Yacht Club, Sarasota, FL

Saturday, April 12, 2025

### PHRF Pursuit Race Sailing Instructions

*The notation [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.*

*The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

1. Rules
  - 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing and the US Sailing Prescriptions.
  - 1.2. In the event of conflict with the Regatta's Notice of Race and The Racing Rules of Sailing, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
2. Changes to the 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.
  - 2.2. Oral changes to a sailing instruction may be communicated to each boat by the race committee on the water on VHF channel 71.
3. Communications with Competitors
  - 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at RN. Notices may also be sent to registrants by email and text through Regatta Network.
  - 3.2. On shore and on the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.
  - 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. Signals Made Ashore
  - 4.1. No signals will be made ashore.
5. Schedule
  - 5.1. The warning signal for the first start will be at 11:55 Saturday April 12 with the first boat starting at 12:00 GPS Time. As a pursuit race, each boat will be assigned a separate starting time.
6. Racing Area
  - 6.1. The racing area will be in Sarasota Bay from approximately New Pass Marker 19, north to Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) 17.
7. Courses and Marks
  - 7.1. Courses shall be selected from ICW marks and Sarasota Sailing Squadron race marks. The course and a chart of the race course will be provided at the competitors' meeting. All marks will be left to port unless a starboard rounding is indicated.

8. The Start
  - 8.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
  - 8.2. [DP] [NP] Boats should avoid the starting area until their individual start is imminent.
  - 8.3. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
9. The Finish
  - 9.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
10. Time Limit
  - 10.1. The race time limit for the first boat of each PHRF class to finish is 3.5 hours.
  - 10.2. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat of each class will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes RRS Rules 35 and A4 and A5.1 and A5.2.
11. Hearing Requests
  - 11.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat docks. The time will be announced on VHF channel 71.
  - 11.2. Notices will be announced on VHF channel 69 before, but no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable in the Bird Key Yacht Club, beginning at the time announced.
  - 11.3. Hearings are expected to be heard in person but may be changed to online. Instructions for online hearings will be provided by the protest committee.
12. Penalty
  - 12.1. All classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.
13. Scoring
  - 13.1. One race constitutes a regatta.
  - 13.2. A score of TLE shall be one (1) point more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but not worse than last place.
14. [DP] Safety Regulations
  - 14.1. Competitors are not required to check in with the signal vessel before the start of the race.
  - 14.2. A boat that retires from a race shall attempt to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
15. Prizes
  - 15.1. Prizes will be given for each class based upon the class selected in registration and the number of registrants in each class.



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Organizing Authority: Bird Key Yacht Club, Sarasota, FL

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### One Design Sailing Instructions

*The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

1. Rules
  - 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. Changes to the 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.
3. Communications
  - 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at RN. Notices may also be sent to registrants by email and text through Regatta Network.
  - 3.2. On shore and on the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 63.
  - 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. Signals Made Ashore
  - 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at front of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron clubhouse.
  - 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
5. Schedule
  - 5.1. The warning signal for the first start will be at 11:55 A maximum of 4 races are scheduled.
6. Class Flags
  - 6.1 The Class Flags will be the official Class flags for each fleet except the American 18 Flag will numeral pennant '1'
7. Racing Area
  - 7.1. The racing area will be in Sarasota Bay, and described at the skipper's meeting.
8. Marks  
(One Design Course '1' Melges 15 and ~~Sunfish~~ Flying Scots)

Mark	Description
1,2s,2p	Orange Tetrahedron
1a	Small Ball Type mark
Change Mark	Yellow Inflatable Tetrahedron
Start Mark	Orange Cylinder
Finish Mark	Small Ball Type mark

## One Design Course '2' ~~Flying Scots~~ Sunfish and American 18s

Mark	Description
1 and 2	Yellow Tetrahedron
Change Mark	Green Tetrahedron
Start/Finish Mark	Small Ball type mark

### 10. The Start

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.2. [DP] [NP] Boats should avoid the starting area until their individual start is imminent.
- 10.3. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

### 11. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original marks as soon as practicable.
- 11.2. If only one gate mark is set, boats shall leave the single mark left to port.
- 11.3. In the event of the next leg change of course, Mark 1a will not be relocated. Boats shall round the new Mark 1, leaving it to port.

### 12. The Finish

- 12.1. The finish line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

### 13. Time Limits

- 13.1. The race time limit for the first boat of each class to finish is 1 hour.
- 13.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.1 and A5.2.

### 14. Hearing Requests

- 14.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat docks. The time will be announced on VHF channel 63.
- 14.2. Notices will be announced on VHF channel 63 before, but no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable in the Bird Key Yacht Club, beginning at the time announced.
- 14.3. Hearings are expected to be heard in person but may be changed to online. Instructions for online hearings will be provided by the protest committee.

### 15. Penalty

- 15.1. All classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.

### 16. Scoring

- 16.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

### 17. [DP] Safety Regulations

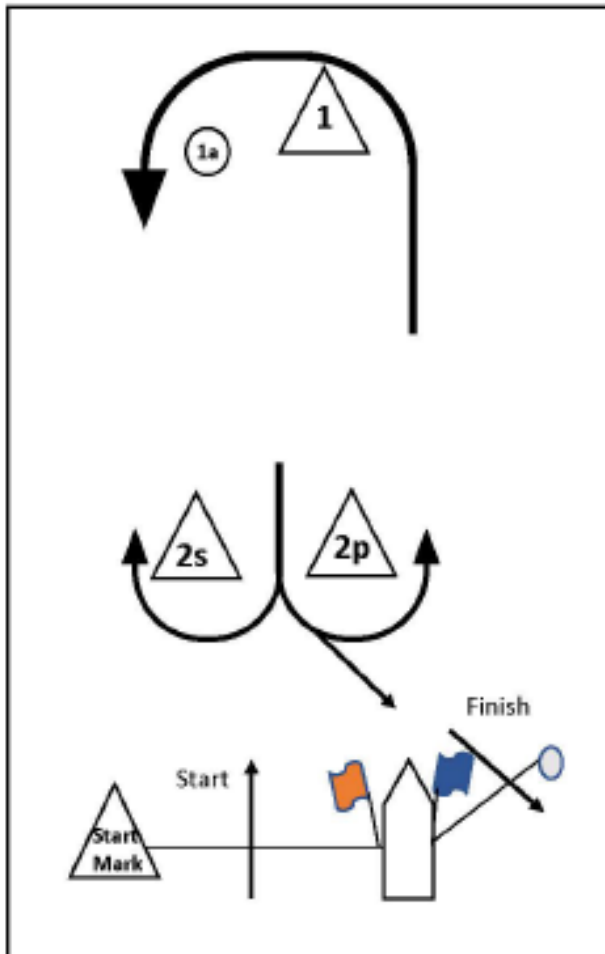
1. Competitors are not required to check in with the signal vessel before the start of the race.
- 17.1. A boat that retires from a race shall attempt to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18. Prizes

18.1. Prizes will be given for each class based upon the class selected in registration and the number of registrants in each class.

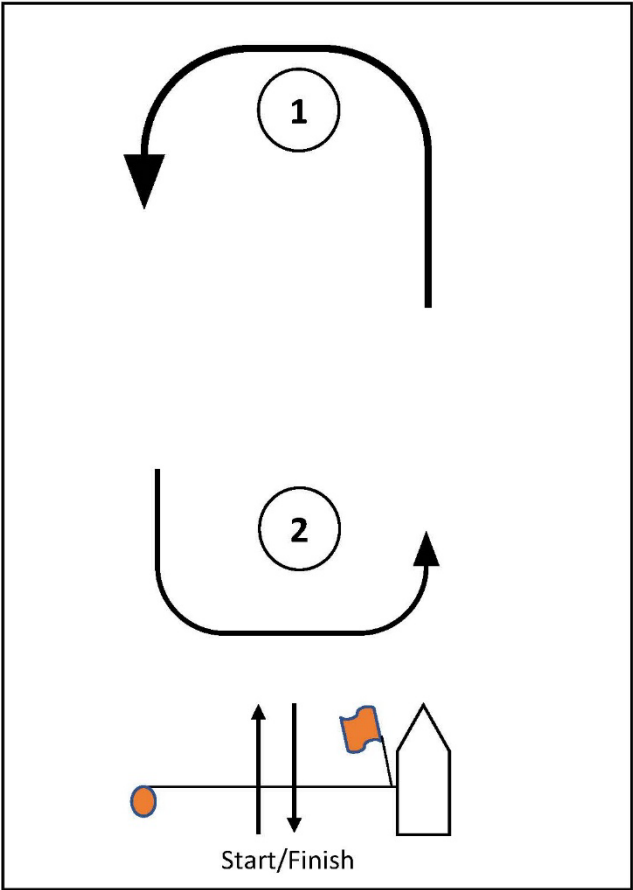
**Attachment A – Course**

**Illustration COURSE LAD – Melges 15 and Sunfish-Flying Scot**



Course LAD	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LAD	Start – 1- 1a – 2P - Finish
LAD2	Start – 1- 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 2P -Finish

Attachment B – Course  
Illustration COURSE W – Flying Scots Sunfish and American 18s



Course W – Windward/Leeward	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W1	Start – 1 – Finish
W2	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish