



# 2025 HRYC Junior Challenge Race

July 16, 2025

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The rules governing the 2025 HRYC Junior Challenge Race will be: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), the 2025 HRYC Junior Challenge Notice of Race (NOR), the 2025 HRYC Junior Challenge Race Sailing Instructions (SI), the FCSA 2025 Rating Procedures and Racing Rules and any special instructions issued by the HRYC Race Committee. All entries are required to have a crew member that is 18 years or younger during 2025. A yacht failing to have a youth crew member can elect to accept the scoring penalty. See 11.1.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Any changes to the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions will be posted at the Regatta Network website at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29483>
- 2.2 Communications via VHF radio shall be made on **channel 72**. All instructional communications via VHF radio will cease 10 minutes before the first warning signal.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 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 the race will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Any changes will be posted at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29483>

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 No Signals made ashore will be displayed at any time.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The HRYC Junior Challenge Race will be held on August 16, 2025.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for race one of the HRYC Junior Challenge Race will be **1155**. The start for Race 2 will be announced by the R/C on VHF (72).
- 5.3 There are two races scheduled. Completion of a single race shall constitute a regatta.

### 6 THE COURSE

- 6.1 The Race Committee signal boat will notify the competitors of the course to be raced upon anchoring. See Regatta Network for the Commodore's Cup Appendix A which provides the course information for the Commodore's Cup (CC) Race Day courses. All marks are to be left to port, unless the R/C changes this on the water. An exception to this rule may be needed if the R/C sets a finish line on the north side of the north jetty to the inlet. In that case, the R/C will announce the change on Channel 72.
- 6.2 Marks are expected to be 72"x 60" orange/yellow inflatable marks; any changes will be announced on the water.

## 7 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 There are no areas that are designated as obstructions unless amended by the Race Committee signal boat.

## 8 THE START

- 8.1 A common start for all fleets in Race 1 will take place at the designated time (noon). The second starting instructions will be provided on the water by the R/C (VHF 72). There could be either a single or separate start for the classes, as needed.
- 8.2 Races shall be started as stated below in section 8.3 (SI). This changes rule 26 (RRS). The starting line will be between the committee boat and the designated starting pin, to the east of Ponce Inlet, or at another location communicated to the fleet as described in 6.1.
- 8.3 The starting sequence will be as follows:
- Five minutes before the start of the race a warning signal of a white (or otherwise announced) class flag will be raised and displayed for a period of one minute.
  - Four minutes before the start of the race a “P” preparatory flag will be raised and displayed for a period of three minutes.
  - One minute before the start of the race the preparatory flag will be lowered.
  - The race will start upon the lowering of the class flag one minute after the preparatory flag has been lowered.
  - One audible signal will be sounded upon the raising of all flags.
  - The raising/lowering of a flag constitutes the official signal. If no flags are available, the audible signal transmitted via VHF radio shall be the signal.

## 9 RECALLS

- 9.1 Display of code flag “X” and one sound signal shall signal individual recalls. A boat recalled shall be notified by hail and on VHF channel 72 if possible.

## 10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 **If a finish line is not established by the R/C then the following describes the procedure to finish:**
- 10.2 If the R/C is on station at what had been the starting line, then that will be the finish line for the race. If there is a significant sea state, the R/C may establish a finish line between the committee boat stationed to the north of the north jetty and a small buoy or location on the jetty, due south of the R/C boat. See 10.3 below for finishing the race when the committee boat is not “on station”.
- 10.3 If the Race Committee is not “on station”, the R/C will declare that finish line will be one of the following:
1. **A defined line:** If two buoys are present, the boat will finish as her bow crosses the imaginary line between the two marks.
  2. **At the sea buoy:** If instructed to finish at the sea buoy, and there is no defined line to cross, then a boat will finish when she passes within two boat lengths of the mark and turns such that her course is 90° to the previous rhumb line to the

**mark.** If the course to the sea buoy is less than (south of) 270°, then this mark should be **left to starboard, otherwise it should be left to port.** **The finishing boat should always keep the buoy between the previous mark and the Ponce Inlet jetty.**

**3. At the jetty:** If instructed to finish at the jetty, a boat will have finished when her bow crosses an imaginary line running due North (0° from the “Mac Smith Light” at the end of the jetty and within 100 yards of the jetty.

If competitors are directed to take their own finishing times, they should group text their information to **407.687.7524 and 386.547.3555.** **Competitors should include their boat name, sail number, and finish time in 24hr format. Finish times should be reported as soon as possible after finishing.** Reporting by text messaging (SMS) is preferred. Do not report elapsed times, report the time of day at your finish.

If a R/C boat is on station, the R/C will determine your finish time.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**11.1** The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.1 (RRS), will apply. The penalty shall be three (3) percent of a yacht’s elapsed time added to her corrected time. This changes Rule 44.3 (c) (RRS). A yacht taking a scoring penalty shall report it to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.

## **12 TIME LIMITS**

**12.1** Time limit for all classes in the HRYC Junior Challenge Race will be 3 hours for each race. Boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored DNF.

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

**13.1** Protest forms are available at HRYC and online at [www.hryc.com](http://www.hryc.com). Protests shall be delivered within the protest time limit. All protests shall be filed on a US Sailing protest form.

**13.2** The protest time limit is 1200 on August 17, 2025. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 (RRS) and 62.2 (RRS).

**13.3** Protests can be filed in person at HRYC, or the completed protest form may be emailed to [karen@hryc.com](mailto:karen@hryc.com) with the subject of “HRYC Youth Challenge Race Protest for 8/16/25”. For those wishing to send their protest via FAX, use 386.255.5377. The cover page should include the same information as in the email subject. For electronic submissions, the deadline is based on the time it was received, not the time it is read.

**13.4** Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted at HRYC in accordance with instruction 13.2 (SI) to inform competitors under rule 61.1(b) (RRS).

**13.5** Protest hearings shall be scheduled within 5 days of being filed. All parties listed on the protest form will be advised of the date and time of protest. All protest hearings will be held at HRYC, 331 Beach St., Daytona Beach FL, or via remote meeting tools if desired by those involved in the hearing. Remote users are responsible for providing their own Internet connection and must agree to use the meeting application chosen by the Protest Committee.

- 13.6** A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking rule 42 (RRS) or have been disqualified by the Protest Committee, will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 13.7** Breaches of instructions 16 (SI) or 23 (SI) will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a) (RRS). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 13.8** Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4 (RRS).
- 13.9** All boats shall carry at all times a U.S. Sailing protest form and a standard protest flag.
- 13.10** All boats are strongly encouraged to use the RaceQs smartphone application (<http://raceqs.com/>) to track their boat in the races. This free application will allow competitors to replay the race, with an opportunity to see where they may have performed well, or poorly, with respect to the other boats in the fleet. In addition, since the application uses GPS time to report position and location it can serve as a verification of events on the water, possibly to verify the reported finish time, or interactions between boats in the event of a protest.

## **14 SCORING**

- 14.1** Scoring shall be the low point system for the regatta. There are two races scheduled. There are no dropped scores. Ties will be broken using the Total Elapsed Time provided by the Regatta Network scoring page. This changes the RRS. Completion of a single race shall constitute a regatta.
- 14.2** Additional scoring points:
- DNF (Did Not Finish) # of contestants +1
  - DSQ (DiSQualified) # of entrants +2
  - DNS (Did not Start) # of entrants +1

- 14.2** All boats shall be scored using their FCSA PHRF rating and corrected *time on time*.

## **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1** Check-in: Boats shall sail within hailing distance of the Committee Boat, and state their boat name, sail number and fleet.
- 15.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on channel 72 or by texting/calling 407-687-7524 and 386-547-3555.
- 15.3** All boats shall carry all the necessary safety equipment required by law, regulation, or class rules.
- 15.4** All boats competing in the HRYC Junior Challenge Race should comply with all ISAF Category 4 requirements.
- 15.5 Use of Autopilot**
- The use of an autopilot will not be allowed.

## **16 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 16.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

## **17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 17.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the FCSA Rating Policies and Rules, the Sailing Instructions and all other rules and policies that apply. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **18 OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 18.1** Official boats will be marked with a race committee flag.

## **19 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 19.1** All support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have started the race; the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1** A boat shall neither send nor receive any radio, mobile phone or WIFI network transmissions while racing that are not available to all boats.

## **21 PRIZES**

- 21.1** Prizes will be given as follows:
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in all classes with 5 or more boats competing
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in all classes with less than 5 boats competing
  - Awards will be given at the HRYC Sailing dinner to be held November 7, 2025 at the club.

## **22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 22.1** The Race Committee will be in charge of all scheduled races. The Race Chairman or his designate will have final decision over management issues of the race, including, but not limited to whether a boat will be allowed to compete, penalties (except protest – which will be overseen by the Protest Committee), scoring, eligibility of yachts to race and time limits.

Despite the schedule to race and despite the Race Committee's decision to race, it is ***ALWAYS*** the skipper's decision whether he, his vessel and/or his crew should participate in any race. The responsibility of the decision to race and any and all consequences lie ***SOLELY*** with the skipper, captain or owner/operator of the vessel. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF YOUR VESSEL AND ANYONE ABOARD! YOU ARE FURTHER RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS TAKEN BY YOUR CREW AND DAMAGE TO, OR CAUSED BY, YOUR VESSEL. THIS SHOULD ALWAYS GUIDE YOUR DECISION TO RACE AND YOUR ACTIONS WHILE RACING.** The Race Committee accepts ***NO*** responsibility for your decision to race and the consequences that accompany it.

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **23      INSURANCE**

- 23.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum of \$250,000.00 (USD) in coverage.