

2025 Harkers Island Regatta Sailing Instructions

RULES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association except as modified by these instructions. • The International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea, Inland Rules of the Road and all other governmental right of way and safety rules apply between a boat sailing under these rules and a vessel that is not, and replace the Racing Rules of Sailing where applicable. • All competitors must check in before the race start by calling out their sail number at the RC boat. • Racers should perform one turn per violation of the racing rules as soon as practicable (without affecting other boats) in order to exonerate themselves. • Racers may drag their boats (portage) if aground. • Please notify the race committee of early retirement. • These Sailing Instructions override any conflicting items in the Notice of Race. 	
CLASS/RACE:	The race is open to Sunfish and Sol class sailboats. One race is to be sailed, roughly 10-12 miles distance.	
START AREA:	Starting area will be within one-half mile south of Shell Point.	
START & COURSE:	Start between orange flag on the committee boat and the yellow tetrahedron pin mark. Any buoy trailing astern of the committee boat is to be considered part of the committee boat. Proceed to the upwind mark (one yellow tetrahedron), leave it to starboard and then circumnavigate Harkers Island in the direction announced at the Skipper's Meeting.	
FINISH:	The finish line will be between a yellow tetrahedron mark and the blue flag on the race committee boat.	
COUNTDOWN & STARTING SEQUENCE	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> T – 5 minutes: Warning Signal T – 4 minutes: Preparatory T – 1 minute: T: Start </div> <div> Class Flag raised & horn “P” Flag raised & horn “P” flag removed & horn Class Flag removed & horn </div> </div>	
RECALLS:	Individual: The race committee will make an attempt to notify individual vessels over the line early while flying the “X” signal with one sound.	General recall: Flying of the First Substitute signal along with two sounds.
TIME LIMIT:	Time limit to finish the race is 3½ hours after the start.	
ABANDON-MENT:	It is the racer's responsibility to decide whether to participate in the race or continue racing. In the event of race abandonment, an effort will be made to notify each vessel.	
SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:	Please wear shoes appropriate for stepping on rocks, oyster shells, broken glass and other debris both on land and in the water . No glass containers are allowed near the waterfront, parking lots or onboard. Sailors on the water are required at all times to wear a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions because safety boats may not be immediately available to assist. All boats should carry a tow line. Again, please notify the race committee of early retirement.	

