



Norfolk Yacht & Country Club Dink Vail Memorial Regatta
July 19, 2025
Sailing Instructions

RULES: The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028.

ENTRIES: Competitors must register and pay their entry fee by the end of the Skippers' Meeting on Friday, July 18th at NYCC. Online registration is available at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29911>. Payments must be made online.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the NYCC Web Site <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29911>.

RADIO: All competitors should monitor VHF Radio Channel 69 during the race.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE: No signals will be made ashore.

SCHEDULE: A **mandatory** Skippers' Meeting will be held at 1830 hours on Friday, July 18th in the NYCC Elizabeth Room. Fleet splits, if any, will be announced at that meeting.

Please contact Duffy for the ZOOM link to Skipper's Meeting at ddanish@norfolkyacht.com

The first class flag will be at **1000 hours** on Saturday, July 19th. Shoreside activities start at 1730 hours Saturday in the NYCC Lafayette room with the Awards Ceremony at 1830 hours.

CLASSES: PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker and ORC Cruiser, and Cruising (non-spinnaker). Non-spinnaker and Cruising boats may be split into fleets based on number of entries and PHRF ratings. Single headsails only for Cruising classes. ORC Cruiser division entries are required to declare whether they will be using their ORC Standard (Spinnaker) rating or their ORC Non-Spinnaker rating prior to the conclusion of the Skipper's Meeting. If the boat has NOT declared the rating they will use, it will be assumed to use their ORC Standard (Spinnaker) rating.

CLASS FLAGS: All competing classes will display their proper class flags from the backstay of their boats. All PHRF Spinnaker classes will have one general start and will display yellow flags or yellow ribbons. PHRF Non-Spinnaker (NS) class will display Code Flags "5" unless that class is split. If the NS class is split, the first starting fleet will display Code Flags "5" and the second fleet will display blue flags or blue ribbons. Cruising class will display white flags or white ribbons, unless that class is split. If the Cruising class is split, the first starting fleet will display white flags or white ribbons and the second fleet will display green flags or green ribbons. ORC Cruiser Class will fly green class flags. Class ribbons will be available at the Skippers' Meeting.

STARTS: Start order will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting.








RACING AREA: The racing area will be within the Hampton Roads Harbor, bounded on the north by the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, on the west by the Monitor Merrimac Bridge Tunnel, and on the south of Craney Island.

COURSE MARKS: The regatta will be a middle-distance race. Individual mark designations will conform to the CCV Harbor Marks for Hampton Roads Harbor as published in the current CCV Racing Guide, as follows:



Hampton Roads Harbor Race Marks

CCV Racing - Hampton Roads Harbor Marks	Mark	Description	Location	Latitude, ° N	Longitude, ° W
	A	Day Beacon R "4"	Hampton Flats	37.003000	76.338000
	B	Day Beacon G "7"	Hampton Bar	37.003512	76.325517
	C	R N "14"	Hampton Bar	36.996167	76.323333
	D	 Drop Mark	Anywhere	-----	-----
	E	FL R 2.5s 15ft 4M "2"	Hampton Bar	36.983833	76.356167
	F	 HYC Pier Head	HYC Pier Head	37.020000	76.343167
	G	Hampton Flats	CCVR Marker "G"	36.981667	76.381667
	H	R N "20"	Hampton Flats	36.968833	76.367167
	I	Day Beacon G "1"	Hampton Flats	36.985333	76.360000
	J	FL R 2.5s R "2NN"	Newport News	36.967533	76.343747
	K	Q R R "4"	Newport News	36.961797	76.352008
	L	FL R 4s R "6"	Newport News	36.959975	76.357117
	M	FL R 2.5s R "8"	Newport News	36.958403	76.372711
	N	R N "22"	Newport News	36.966167	76.376167
	O	FL R 4s R "10"	Newport News	36.956336	76.398225
	P	Day Beacon G "5"	Hampton River	37.001667	76.323167
	Q	Y N "J"	Shallow Draft Fairway	36.949500	76.373333
	R	FL G 2.5s G "9"	Newport News	36.953906	76.391208
	S	 Drop Mark	Anywhere	-----	-----
	T	Day Beacon R "18"	Hampton Bar	36.979667	76.351167
	U	Q G G "5"	Newport News	36.958167	76.352267
	V	Q G 15ft 3M "11"	Hampton River Tripod	37.007333	76.338667
	W	ISO 6s 52ft R "12"	Middle Ground Light	36.945167	76.391333
	X	FL R 6s R "12"	Norfolk Harbor Reach	36.930000	76.341000
	Y	Y N "H"	Shallow Draft Fairway	36.945833	76.360167
	Z	FL R 2.5s R "8"	Norfolk Harbor Reach	36.950500	76.339500
	 HYC Pier Head - Any race which enters or leaves Hampton River, yachts shall pass between day markers "13" and "14"				
	 Drop Mark - Mark "D" & "S" are drop marks that race committee may use. They will not be moved after the race has started. Mark "D" May be a windward mark or any other mark of the course. Its range a bearing from the start location will be displayed by the RC on the course board or a chalk board. Mark "S", if used, will be the starting mark adjacent to the RC boat.				
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COURSES TO BE SAILED: Courses will be posted on the Committee Boat's Course Board prior to the start for each class. Courses sailed in a clockwise direction shall have starboard mark roundings. Courses sailed in a counter clockwise direction, and designated by the Code "R" Flag and/or on the letter "R" on the Course Board, shall have port mark roundings. Courses are (See Appendix "A"):



Course A

Start(Y) - W - N - C - X – Finish (11.4 nm)

Course B

Start(Y) - W - O - I - X – Finish (9.3 nm)

Course C

Start(Y) - W - O - J - X – Finish (8.3 nm)

Course D

Start(Y) - W - L - Z - X – Finish (6.2 nm)

Course E

Start(Y) - W - O - Z – Finish (5.8 nm)

Course F

Start(Y) - N - H - Z – Finish (4.7 nm)

STARTING AND FINISHING LINES: The starting and finishing line will be bounded by an orange flag on the Committee Boat and CCV mark Y (shallow draft fairway mark YN “H”). The Committee Boat will be located in the vicinity of CCV Y. The race will be started using Rule 26. A series of three long sounds will announce one minute until the warning signal. This changes Rule 26. The warning signal for the race will sound at 0930 hours on Saturday, July 19th, 2025

RECALLS: Recalls will be in accordance with Rule 29.1 and Rule 29.2. The Committee Boat may, at its discretion, notify boats over early via hail or VHF radio channel 69.

SHORTENED COURSE: If the Race Committee shortens the course after the race begins, racers will be informed by VHF radio on channel 69 and by chase boat. This changes Rule 32. Shortened courses for Spinnaker and NS will not be less than 5 miles.

TIME LIMITS: Boats not finished by 1500 hours will be scored DNF.

PROTESTS: A boat intending to protest shall abide by Rule 61, including informing the other boat and displaying a red flag. Protests must then be delivered in writing, using RRS format, to the Race Committee Boat within 30 minutes of the Race Committee Boat's return to dock. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing.

HANDICAPS:

Spinnaker and NS Class: A valid PHRF handicap must be stated on the registration form, or else stated to the race committee no later than the end of the Skippers' Meeting on Friday, July 18th at NYCC. The racing committee may, at its discretion, require proof of the stated handicap. Boats with a Circular Random handicap must submit that rating no later than the Skippers' meeting on July 18th.



ORC Class: Boats entering in the ORC Cruiser Division must meet the eligibility and configuration requirements identified in <https://orcches.org/orc-cruiser-requirements.html> (including having a valid ORC rating, and meeting requirements for Dynamic Allowance, spinnaker maximum girth and sail inventory). The ORC Cruiser results will be calculated using the Triple Number All Purpose, Time on Time (ToT) ratings shown on each competitor's Rating Certificate. Decisions regarding wind ranges and course configuration are at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and not subject to redress. ORC Cruiser division entries are required to declare whether they will be using their ORC Standard (Spinnaker) rating or their ORC Non-spinnaker rating before the conclusion of the Skipper's Meeting on July 18, 2025. If a boat has not declared which rating they will use, it will be assumed to use their ORC Standard (Spinnaker) rating.

ORC Performance Cruiser (Spinnaker) - with valid ORC certificate and meeting the ORC Performance Cruiser Class rules specified at <http://www.orcches.org>.

ORC rating Certificates should be issued not later than 5 days before the race.

ORC standard ratings will be used for scoring. The ORC 5-Band, Time on Time (ToT) rating system will be used. If the Race Officer cannot identify an appropriate 5-Band rating, he may choose to use the ORC Single Number All-Purpose Handicap (APH) (ToT).

Cruising Class: The Cruising class is open to all boats, including those that do not have a valid PHRF rating and/or skippers who race only occasionally. A courtesy rating shall be assigned by the race committee, if needed, and shall not be subject to redress.

AWARDS AND TROPHIES: Awards/prizes will be announced at the awards ceremony at 1730 hours at the NYCC Awards Ceremony on Saturday, July 19th.

SAFETY/COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS: Boats racing in or near a shipping channel must give way to commercial and/or military vessels operating in the channel and are required to keep clear of those vessels. Competitors must take evasive action well in advance of any potentially dangerous situation. Communication directly with those vessels via VHF-16 is advised. As per 42.3(i), if a dangerous situation develops, a boat may use her engine to avoid that situation. No penalty will be assessed, provided she does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in a race entirely at their own risk. 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 any race. The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the boat is sound, seaworthy, and manned by a competent crew of appropriate number for the boat.

Appendix "A": Appendix "A" contains charts and other information for each racecourse. Appendix "A" will also be available at the Skippers' Meeting.