



July 26 - 27, 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation DP in a rule of these Sailing Instructions means that a penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and by the current rules of the H Class Association: <https://herreshoff12.org/h-class-rules/>

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board at Regatta Network: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29918>
- 2.2 Supplementary sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

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. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 The Race Committee may make oral changes to the sailing instructions on the water, in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Any oral change in the sailing instructions will be communicated by the Race Committee to competitors via VHF radio.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 No Signals will be made ashore.

5 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be an approximation of the class insignia on a plain background.

6 THE COURSES

- 6.1 The courses will be windward-leeward. The number of legs to be sailed will be displayed by the Race Committee signal boat no later than the warning signal (5 minutes before the start.) A "4" course would be sailed windward-leeward-windward- and finish to leeward.
- 6.2 In a course with an odd number of legs, i.e. "3" or "5", the boats shall sail windward-leeward and finish the final leg to windward.
- 6.3 No later than the warning signal the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance to the windward mark.
- 6.4 Marks, including the windward offset mark (if used) shall be rounded in order and with the exception of a gate (if used) shall be left to port.
- 6.5 In the absence of a leeward gate, the leeward mark shall be left to port.
- 6.6 Course diagrams will be posted in the supplement to the Sailing Instructions.

Diagrams show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 The windward and leeward marks will be inflatable marks.
- 7.2 Any new marks will be inflatable marks.
- 7.3 A standoff buoy may be set off the stern of the Race Committee signal boat. This buoy shall be regarded as a part of the signal boat.

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started using a five minute sequence in accordance with RRS 26.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag flown on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable buoy.
- 8.3 A boat starting more than five minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 8.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal, the Race Committee may attempt to broadcast its number on VHF channel 78. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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 mark as soon as is reasonably practicable. When in subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

10 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag flown on the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby mark which may be a rounding mark of the course. The mark will be on the same side of the Race Committee Boat as the staff displaying the blue flag. When the course has been changed by moving the finish line, the finish will be between a mark of the course and a Race Committee signal or mark boat displaying the S flag.

11 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is one hour. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE). A TLE score is not subject to redress. This changes RRS 35, 62.1(a), A4, and A5.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired shall report their action to the Race Committee immediately upon finishing or retiring.
- 12.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.3 The post race penalty option RRS Appendix V2 will be in effect. The Scoring Penalty shall be two places, or 30 percent of the score for Did Not Finish, whichever is greater, but no worse than the score for Did Not Finish. This modifies V2(b).

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Boats intending to protest an incident occurring in the racing area are requested to notify the Race Committee finishing vessel immediately after finishing or retiring.
- 13.2 Hearing forms are available online. Completed protest and request for redress forms shall be delivered to protest judges within the appropriate time limit.

- 13.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat returns to the dock. The time of docking will be noted on the Official Notice Board.
- 13.4 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 13.5 Breaches of SI 8.4, 12.1, 14, and 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalty for these breaches may be less than disqualification, if the Protest Committee so decides.

14 SAFETY

- 14.1 [DP] Each boat shall verbally check in with the Race Committee signal boat at the starting area by passing astern of the signal boat on starboard tack. Each boat shall state its class, sail number, and number of souls aboard. The Race Committee will acknowledge by responding with the sail number recorded.
- 14.2 [DP] RRS 40.1 applies and is amended as follows: Coast Guard approved PFDs shall be worn by every sailor at all times while on the water (except when actively adding or removing clothing). PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing.
- 14.3 All keelboats must carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on all US VHF channels. The frequency for the regatta will be channel 78.
- 14.4 Support vessels or competitors experiencing or observing any on the water incident requiring an emergency response shall immediately report the incident to the race committee. The race committee will coordinate operations with emergency services. Support vessels may be tasked by the race committee.
- 14.5 The operation of drones by support persons in the vicinity of the race course is prohibited.

15 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

After Race 1 of the Regatta, substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Requests shall be submitted to the Race Committee for verification of eligibility and crew weight of the substitute crew.

16 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 17.1 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. Competitors shall monitor VHF Channel 78 for instructions from the Race Committee.
- 17.2 The use of any electronic devices shall be in accordance with class rules.

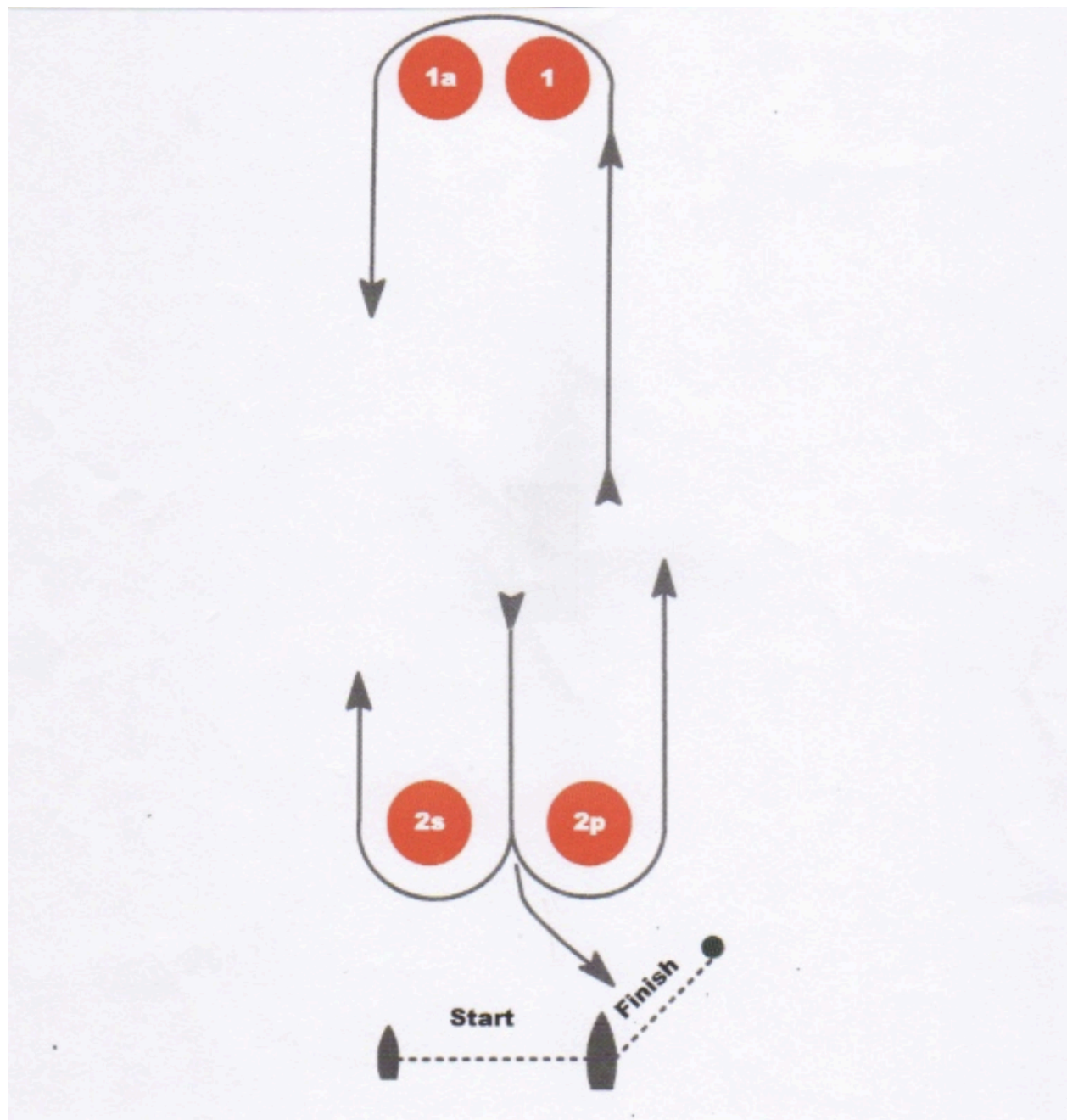
18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race, which states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. 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.

19 COURSE CHART

Windward/Leeward course with offset, leeward gate, and reaching finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W3	1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish at 1
W4	1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish
W5	1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish at 1



20 FURTHER INFORMATION

Information about The Buzzards Yacht Club is available online at
<https://buzzardsyc.org>

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