



Comet Class Yacht Racing Association
International Championship Regatta
August 28-30, 2025
Organizing Authority: Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (<http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/index.php>), the by-laws and appendices of the Comet Class Yacht Racing Association (CCYRA) and the Sailing Instructions. When in conflict with the regatta NOR, the SI will take precedence.
2. **Eligibility:** This event is open to CCYRA members who have paid their 2025 dues. Boats failing to meet the CCYRA equipment requirements may be subject to protest. All boats shall be helmed by a CCYRA member in good standing.
3. **Alternations to the Racing Rules:**
 - RRS 32.2 will not apply. The course may not be shortened.
 - RRS 32.3 will apply. The race may be abandoned.
 - RRS 33a will be changed to provide a ‘-’ if changed to port or ‘+’ if changed to starboard, displayed by a “C” flag at the previous mark. The changed mark will be a yellow inflatable cylinder mark.
 - RRS 33b will not apply.
 - RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored “Did Not Finish” without a hearing and shall be scored by the number of boats in the starting area plus 1 point. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
 - RRS 60.3b1 and 60.3b2 will be changed to shorten the time for to 1 hour after the committee boat docks each day.
 - RRS 61.2b2 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress. Requests for redress must be filed with the race committee within 1 hour of the docking of the race committee at the end of each day, and will be heard by the protest committee at the end of racing each day, and prior to the award ceremony on the final day of racing.
 - Boats must check-in with the Race Committee prior to the starting the first race each day.
 - RRS A4 will be changed by a boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This also changes RRS A5.
 - Race Signal AP will be changed so that, when made ashore, it means; “The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than thirty (30) minutes after AP is lowered.”
 - RRS 5 will be strictly enforced.
 - Advertising will be restricted to Category A as stated in ISAF Regulation 20.
4. **Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the bulletin board at the clubhouse.
5. **Changes to the Sailing Instructions:** Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the club bulletin board by 9:00 AM each day.
6. **Signals Made Ashore:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the committee boat.
7. **Schedule of Races:** Note: Racing schedule is weather dependent and may vary based on conditions. Competitors are advised to closely follow signals on the committee boat, and be familiar with all code flags.

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

4:00 – 8:00 PM Check in, Registration

Thursday, August 28, 2025

8:00 – 10:00 AM Registration / Continental Breakfast/lunch pick up

10:00 AM Competitor's Meeting

11:30 AM Harbor Gun

12:00 PM Warning Signal

6:00 PM Annual meeting

Friday, August 29, 2025

9:00 – 11:00 AM Continental Breakfast / lunch pick up

11:30 AM Harbor Gun

12:00 PM Warning Signal

Saturday, August 30, 2025

9:00 – 11:00 AM Continental Breakfast / lunch pick up

11:30 AM Harbor Gun

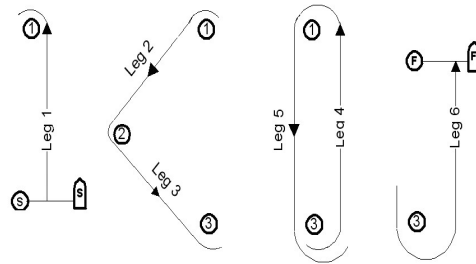
12:00 PM Warning Signal

No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.

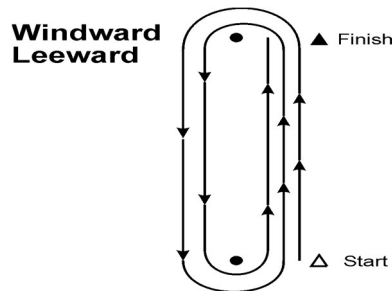
TBD Lunch after the racing

3:00 PM Awards Ceremony (approximately)

8. **Racing Area:** The racing area will be the Shrewsbury River in the vicinity of SSYC.
9. **Course & Procedure:** The primary race courses will be an Olympic or Windward Leeward
10. **Olympic Course: O**



11. **Windward Leeward Course: W** displayed with number of windward legs. This course will also include a windward orange offset mark (not shown in diagram)



12. **Marks:** Rounding marks will be large inflatable orange marks. The start/finish marks will be large green inflatable marks. If required, a change mark will be a yellow inflatable cylinder mark.
13. **The Start:** Races will be started in accordance with the standard procedures of Rule 26 with the addition of an attention signal (multiple horn blasts) will be given approximately one minute prior to the warning signal and class flag.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag from the committee boat and a large green inflatable mark at the port end of the line.

A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule RRS A4 and A5.

14. **Recalls:** The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats that have started on the course side, solely as a courtesy. It is the skipper's responsibility to recognize and correct his/her violation. Failure to hear one's sail number is not

grounds for redress. In the event of a General Recall, the Race Committee, with notification, may apply the Round-an-End Rule (I-Flag) on the next start.

15. **The Finish:** The finishing line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the committee boat and the large green inflatable mark at the port end of the line.
16. **Time Limit:** If no boat passes mark #1 within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned. If no boat finishes the race within two hours, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.
17. **Protests and Requests for Redress:** In addition to the requirements of 61.1, a boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line and receive acknowledgement or as soon as practical thereafter. Protest forms are available at the SSYC Club House. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 1 hour of the docking of the committee boat each day. This changes RRS 61.2b2.
18. **Scoring:** The Low Point Scoring System (RRS A4) will apply. Seven (7) races are scheduled of which any one (1) completed race shall constitute a series. If four (4) or more races are sailed, each yacht's poorest finish will be discarded.
19. **Sail Numbers and Measurement:** Each mainsail shall display the sail number as indicated on the submitted Entry Form. All sails may be subject to measurement and checking for CCYRA Sail Tax Labels.
20. **Crew and Boat:** The same crew and boat will be used throughout the regatta unless approval for a change is made and granted in writing by the VP Championship Regattas or CCYRA President. CCYRA rules require all boats to be equipped with 50 ft. of line, paddle, and two Coast Guard-approved wearable personal flotation devices (PFD).
21. **Launching and Overnight boat storage:** Boat lifts are available for launching and haul-out. A town boat ramp is also available.
22. **Prizes:** Prizes will be given as follows:
Regatta trophies: Awarded to top five (5) skippers and crew
Perpetual trophies:

President's Permanent Trophy	1st Overall
Jay Achenbach Trophy	2nd overall
Dave Rodgers Trophy	3rd Overall
C. Lowndes Johnson Trophy	1st in 1st race
Wilbur Hamilton-Haines Trophy	1st in last race
Eugene Barilla Trophy	Best finish from the sponsoring club
Herbert L. Stone Trophy	First time participant with best score
Dr. Allen Brown Memorial Trophy	Best score for Skipper 21 years old or under
23. **Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Each competitor is solely responsible for his/her own safety. 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. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee or patrol boat as soon as practical.