



Sailing Instructions

44th Commodore's Cup

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The notation *[NP]* in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaching that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. Any questions regarding these SI's must be submitted in writing to the race committee prior to 0900 hrs on September 2, 2023. Answers will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible following submission.

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0930 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect, except in event of an AP displayed ashore, the SIs may be changed 15 minutes prior to removal of the AP signal.
- 2.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by the Race Committee Signal vessel displaying Flag "L" with one sound signal and announcing the change. Boats shall sail astern of the signal vessel on starboard tack to receive the change and acknowledge their understanding of the change. The announcement will be made on the Race Committee VHF Channel and with a loud hailer. This change is made in accordance with rule 90.2(c).

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the northwest corner of the PYC pavilion.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located outside the PYC pavilion.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Number of Races	Time of 1 st Warning Signal
8/30/2025	Up to 5	1130 hrs
8/31/2025	Up to 3	1030 hrs
On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430 hrs.		

- 6.1. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sound signals five minutes before a warning signal is made for the first starting group each day.
- 6.2. In accordance with US Sailing prescription 32.2 when flag A is displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing, or after a group has finished, this means "No more racing today."

7. STARTING GROUP FLAGS

- 7.1. A boat's starting Group flag will be the numerical signal pennant corresponding to the number of the starting Group to which the boat is assigned. Starting Group assignments will be announced at the Competitors' Meeting. Starting Groups may be composed of more than one fleet.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. If one of the gate marks is missing, the mark in position shall be rounded to port.
- 8.3. If the windward offset mark is missing, the windward mark shall be rounded to port.

- 8.4 A longer "cruising fleet" course will be set up, and boats taking this course will not be in competition for the overall championship to win the Commodores Cup, but will receive trophies according to the number of boats in that fleet.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The Windward Mark will be a red cylinder and the leeward gate will be red cylinders.
- 9.2. The windward offset mark will be a red ball.
- 9.3. The starting/finish pin will be a orange ball.

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. The line created by the adjacent white caution buoys and the nearest shore at Grabber's Point is to be considered an obstruction.
- 10.2. [NP] While racing no boat shall cross a line created by adjacent white caution buoys and the nearest shore at Grabber's Point.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end of and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2. [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.4. The race committee may combine two or more Fleets in a starting Group
- 11.5 Unless starting or finishing, the start/finish line is CLOSED.
- 11.6. RRS Appendix J2.1 (2) is changed to read "the schedule of races, the Groups to race and the times of the warning signals for each Group."
- 11.7. RRS Appendix J2.1 (5) is changed to read "descriptions of the starting and finishing lines, Group flags and any special signals to be used."

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change the change mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

- 12.2. Offset marks will not be set on a changed leg of the course. This changes RRS 33(c).
- 12.3. The RC may make minor changes to the orientation of the course, approximately 5 degrees or less, without signal a change of course. This changes RRS 33(a).

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an Orange flag on the signal vessel and an orange ball.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. The Race Time Limit (See RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below,

Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
120 minutes	40 minutes

- 14.2. The Finishing Window is the time for boats within a class to finish after the first boat within a class sails the course and finishes. Boats within a class failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat, that is still racing, scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished, in her class, within the finishing Window, not to exceed the number that started the race in the class. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 14.3. Boats that have not finished a race and are delaying the start of the next race may be asked to accept being scored in place at the time of the notification.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.2. Protest forms are available at the race office located at the PYC Pavilion. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a location near the PYC Pavilion.

- 15.4. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16. [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. Prior to the warning of the first start of the first race of each day, each boat shall check-in with and be recognized by the signal vessel displaying Code Flag L by passing close astern on starboard tack and hailing her sail number. When a boat has been recognized, the signal vessel will hail the boat's sail number.
- 16.2. [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1. Substitution of competitors is allowed.
- 17.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is allowed.

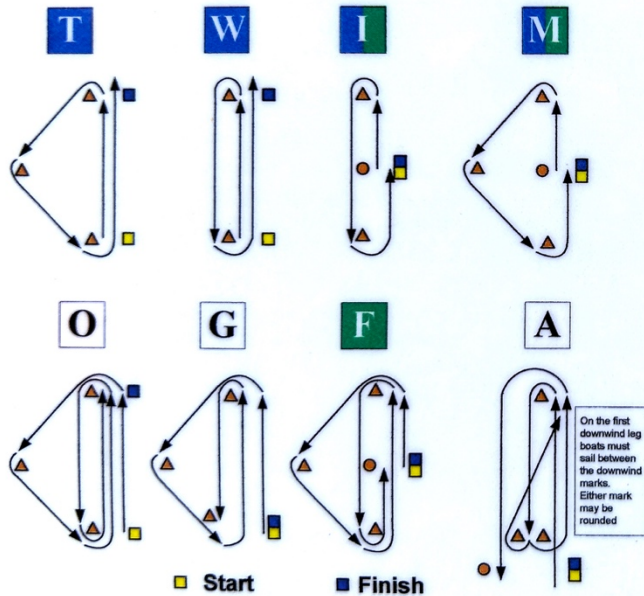
18. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 18.1. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against the Perry Yacht Club and its officers, directors, members, committees, and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.

29. **ADDENDUM A**



For Courses T, W, I & M
Sail the number of laps indicated on the Course Board. Assume 1 lap if number of laps are not indicated.

For Courses I, M & F
The line between the Committee Boat and the Starting Pin is closed except when starting or finishing.
Note: An I course may also include gates, which allow the skipper to select the most advantages mark to round.