



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2025 GRSA Invitational September 13-14, 2025

Hosted by Greater Richmond Sailing Association
4301 Woolridge Rd. Moseley, VA 23120

1. RULES

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

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted immediately following the competitors' meeting, except for any change to the schedule of races which will be posted by 1800 on the day before it takes effect.

2.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. The Signal Vessel will signal come within hail by displaying Signal Flag L with one sound. Each boat will receive and acknowledge the oral change. (DP)

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the main pavilion.

3.2 Race Committee will use VHF Channel 72, the hailing channel, to communicate with competitors.

3.3 [DP] Competitors may contact the Race Committee on the water in the event of emergencies, safety issues or to inform race committee that they are no longer racing.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located in the middle of the driveway circle outside of the main pavilion.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes to Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday, September 13th

1030- Competitors' Meeting.

1200- Warning signal for first race. Additional races follow.

Sunday, September 14

1000 - Warning signal for the first race of the day. Additional races follow. No race will start after 1300.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flags will be announced at the Competitors' Meeting and posted to the Official Notice Board immediately following the Competitors' Meeting.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be approximately three quarters of a mile southeast of the club in Swift Creek Reservoir.

8. COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 The course will be displayed from the Race Committee Signal Vessel.

9. MARKS

9.1 The starting marks will be an orange ball with a staff displaying an orange flag and the RC Signal Vessel.

9.2 The windward mark and gate marks will be orange balls.

9.3 The offset mark will be a white ball.

9.4 The finishing marks will be a white ball.

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.

10.2 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

10.3 Race Committee may attempt to broadcast OCS sail numbers on the hailing channel. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel at the starboard end of the and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

12. Time Limits and Target Times

12.1 The time limit for the first boat in each race to sail the course is 60 minutes.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF without hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM 13.1

Appendix V1 and V2.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Vessel docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

14.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the Official Notice Board.

14.3 Hearing Schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board 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 begin in the pavilion.

15. SCORING

15.1 Will be according to RRS A4. Each boat's score shall be the total of her race scores with no race excluded. This modifies RRS A2.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

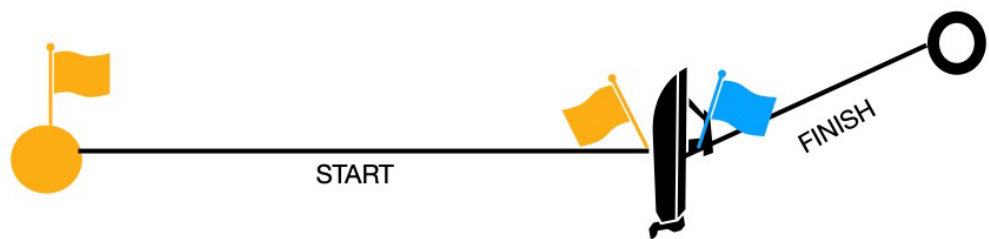
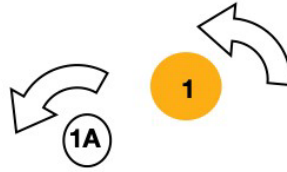
16.1 [DP] Prior to the first warning signal of each day, each boat shall check in by sailing by the Race Committee Signal Vessel and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

16.2 [DP] A boat that retires from or stops racing during a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be awarded based upon the number of entrants signed up by Monday, September 8.

Attachment 1-Courses



WINDWARD / LEEWARD COURSES

Course	Mark Order
1	START-1-1A-2A/2B-1-1A-2B-FINISH
2	START-1-1A-2A/2B-1-1A-2A/2B-1-1A-2B-FINISH