



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sept 13-14, 2025; 59th PA Governor's Cup Regatta

Susquehanna Y.C. & Lightning Fleet 253
1730 Long Level Rd., Wrightsville, PA

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 These instructions apply for regattas hosted by Susquehanna Yacht Club (SYC) unless a separate notice of race and/or sailing instructions are published.
- 1.3 A boat may take a one turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she has broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark, other than the starting mark, and her spinnaker is not drawing at the time of the infringement; the penalty is a two turns penalty.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 All competitors must register and pay the entry fee at: [Pennsylvania Governor Cup. : Susquehanna Yacht Club](#)
- 2.2 Entry fees are as stated on the Entry Form.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse.
- 3.2 A competitors' meeting may be held at 11:00 AM on the first day of a regatta.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the sailing instructions made on the first day of the series will be posted within 15 minutes after the end of the competitors' meeting.
- 4.2 When there is no competitors' meeting, changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0930 except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the committee boat.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in RRS "Race Signals".

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The number of races will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 12:00 Noon and on Sunday 10 AM.
- 6.2 On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will display the class insignia.

8 RACING AREAS

Racing will take place on Lake Clarke, outside designated harbors

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment 2 show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The offset mark will be placed at approximately a right angle to the weather leg and about 6-10 boat lengths to port of mark 1. There may not be an offset if the mark is changed.
- 9.3 A leeward gate may be used, with marks set approximately 8-10 boat lengths apart. When a gate is set, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

10 COURSE

- 10.1 The committee boat will display the course heading, the course designation and the number of legs in that order.
- 10.2 The rounding marks will be orange cylinders, except that an offset mark may be either a cylinder or sphere.
The leeward mark may be a gate.
- 10.3 New marks, as provided in instructions will be Yellow cylinders.

11 CHECK IN

- 11.1 Each boat shall sail by the race committee signal boat, hail her sail number and be acknowledged by the race committee with a return hail of her sail number. This shall be done before a boat starts the first race in which she competes.
- 11.2 A boat failing to comply with the check-in procedure shall receive, without a hearing, a 20% scoring penalty in the first race in which the boat competes, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). This changes rule 63.1 and A4.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the pin end mark. The pin end mark will either be mark 3 or an orange cylinder set to leeward of mark 3.
- 12.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 12.4 When rule 29.1 applies, the race committee intends to hail premature starters. The following will not be grounds for redress: failure of the race committee to hail any sail or hull numbers; failure of a boat to hear a hail; a boat's position in the sequence of hails; promptness of the hail. This changes rule 62.1(a). The hail may be by VHF.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF A COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark, signal in accordance with rule 33, and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 For course W the finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee finish boat and the course side of mark 1.
- 14.2 For course G the finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the starting mark.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Time limit is 2 hours for the first boat to finish.
- 15.2 Boats that have not finished and are still racing 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored as 'Time Limit Expired' (TLE) and will be scored two points more than number of finishers, however no boat will receive a score worse than the number of points awarded a DNF. This changes rule 35 and Appendix A.
- 15.3 The race committee may abandon a race when it is unlikely that all boats will be able to finish and return to the harbor before sunset.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms aren't available.
- 16.2 Verbally log your intention to protest with the Race Committee PRO within 30 minutes of his arrival back to the dock at the end of racing each day. A hearing will be schedule and each skipper involved with each incident can state their case.

16.3

Rule 44.1 is changed by adding: "A boat breaking a rule of Part 2 of the RRS may take a penalty any time after the incident and before the start of a protest hearing by taking a 40% Scoring Penalty as calculated in rule 44.3(c)."

17 SCORING

Regattas will be scored in accordance with the Low Point System of Appendix A. If at least 6 races are completed, each boat's worst score will be excluded from her series score."

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area prior to the end of racing shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable. The Race Committee can be notified by contacting any race committee boat verbally, or by VHF channel 69.
- 18.2 A boat shall carry all equipment required by her class rules. If not so specified, she shall also carry one USCG approved PFD, of the appropriate class, for each person on board.
- 18.3 All boats shall have available an appropriate line, not less than 50 feet long, which can be used for towing.
- 18.4 The race committee may carry out checks of safety equipment required in instruction 18 or class rules.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

VHF RADIOS:

The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio channel 69 to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress. Other use of any communication devise is prohibited and such use shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency purposes.

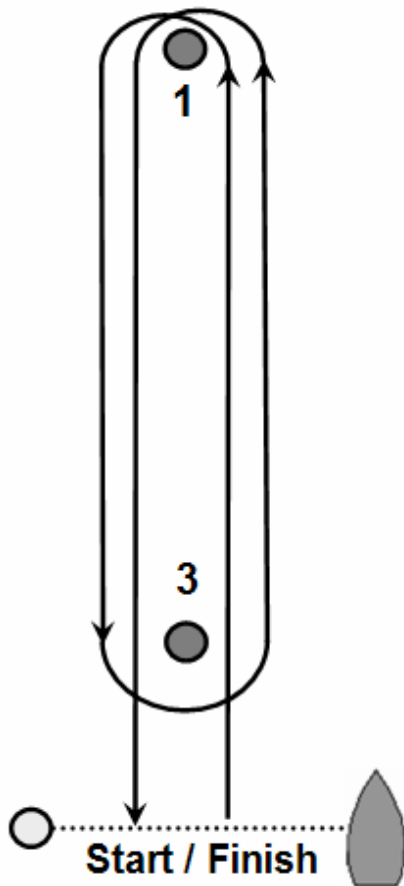
20 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews to the top finishers.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

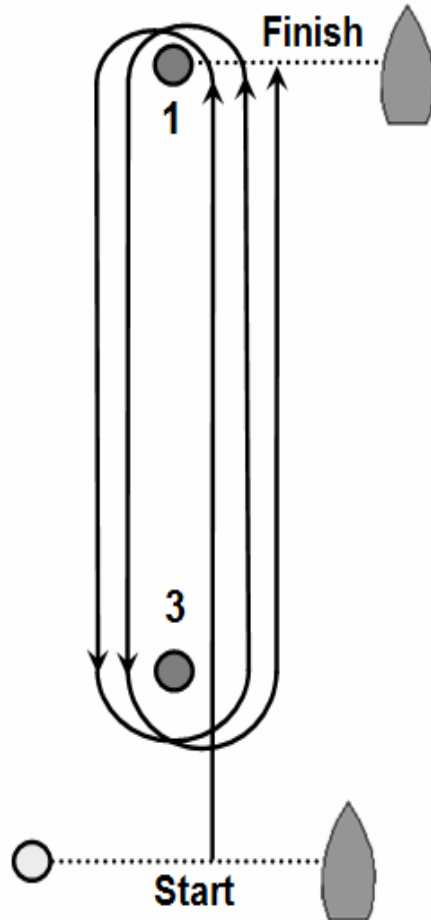
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

COURSE "G"



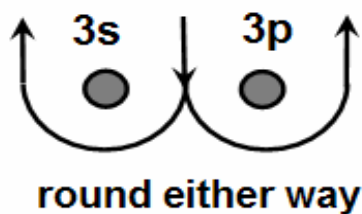
Typically 4 legs, the actual number of legs will be posted on the committee boat

COURSE "W"



Typically 5 legs, the actual number of legs will be posted on the committee boat

Leeward gate



If no gate is used leave mark to Port

Offset at Windward mark

