DAVIS ISLAND
Yacht Club
The Sailingest Club in the South

LABOR DAY NIGHT RACE
HALLOWEEN REGATTA
KEELBOAT REGATTA
COMMODORE'S CUP
AROUND THE POINT RACE
HILLSBOROUGH BAY DISTANCE RACE
HOSPICE CUP

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Distance Course

Updated 10/20/2025

The notation '[DP]' in a sailing instruction is defined in the RRS Introduction.

1   RULES

1.1   The races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix V2 (Post-race Penalties), and the DIYC 2025-2026 Boat of the Year Notice of Series (2025-2026_DIYC_BOTY_NoSeries).

1.2   Hospice Cup Just For Fun class will have separate SI which replace the RRS and this SI.

2   NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1   Notices will be posted on the official notice board on the lower level on the western wall.

2.2   The race committee will use VHF channel 72 to communicate with boats on the water.

3   CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 90 minutes before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except Labor Day Night Race by 1800. When flag AP is displayed ashore, changes may be posted before flag AP is removed.

4   SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1   Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located west of the clubhouse.

4.2   When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP.

5   SCHEDULE OF RACES

Scheduled race dates are listed in the *DIYC Boat of the Year Notice of Series* and the NoR for the regatta.

6   COURSES

6.1   Courses are described in Attachment B.

6.2   Prior to the warning signal course identifiers will be displayed.

6.3   Courses may be distributed with scratch sheets for some events.

7   MARKS

Marks are described in Attachment A.

8   CLASS FLAGS AND FIRST WARNING TIMES

Event	Divisions	Class Flag	Warning
Halloween, Keelboat, Commodore's Cup, Around The Point, Hillsborough Bay	Racer-Cruiser, Multihull	Green flag with "R"	1100
Halloween, Keelboat, Commodore's Cup, Around The Point, Hillsborough Bay	Cruising	Blue flag with "N"	to follow
Labor Day Night	All, Pursuit Race	none	1900
Hospice Cup	All, Pursuit Race	none	1000

9   THE START

9.1   The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

9.2   For the Labor Day Night Race and Hospice Cup, individual starting times for each boat will be posted, and listed on the scratch sheet.

9.3   Should the wind conditions necessitate a postponement prior to the start, the race committee may move the starting area farther up the course by displaying code flag "L" and motoring towards the next mark. In this case, the starting mark will be either a mark of the course, a nearby government aid, or a drop-mark. Should the race committee pass a mark of the course, that mark is then eliminated from the course.

9.4   When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of the boats that are OCS. See also SI 15.2.

9.5   Boats may not start more than 10 minutes after their starting signal or, for a Pursuit Race, their scheduled starting time.

9.6   Divisions may be combined for starts, even if sailing different courses.

10   THE FINISH

10.1   The finishing line will be at the mouth of the Seaplane Basin west of the DIYC clubhouse, between the two pilings located on the east and west side of the basin. The areas between the pilings and the shore on both sides are defined as obstructions, and RRS 19 applies.

10.2   Should a race be shortened, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying flag-S on a race committee vessel and the course side of the nearby mark. Should a race be shortened at or near a channel buoy, the finish line will be set up on the side opposite the channel. When the course is shortened at a rounding mark, the mark is no longer a rounding mark and becomes a finishing mark.

11   TIME LIMIT

11.1   There is no time limit.

11.2   The finishing line will be staffed by the race committee at least 5 hours from the starting

time. After that time boats may take their own finish time and report it to the race committee.

12 SCORING AND PENALTY SYSTEM
12.1 Races will be scored using the WFPHRF RLC ratings.
12.2 All Divisions will use the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.
12.3 In a one-race regatta, the penalties as calculated and rounded in RRS 44.3(c) shall be increased by ½-point.
12.4 One race is scheduled on each race day.
12.5 For all Divisions one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
12.6 For all Divisions no races will be excluded from a boat's regatta score.
12.7 For Labor Day Night Race and Hospice Cup, if the course is shortened, each boat's corrected time will be calculated from her scheduled starting time and the actual course length.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS
13.1 Hearing request forms are available from the Fleet Captain's office.
13.2 The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat finishes, except for Labor Day Night Race which will be 1100 on Saturday.
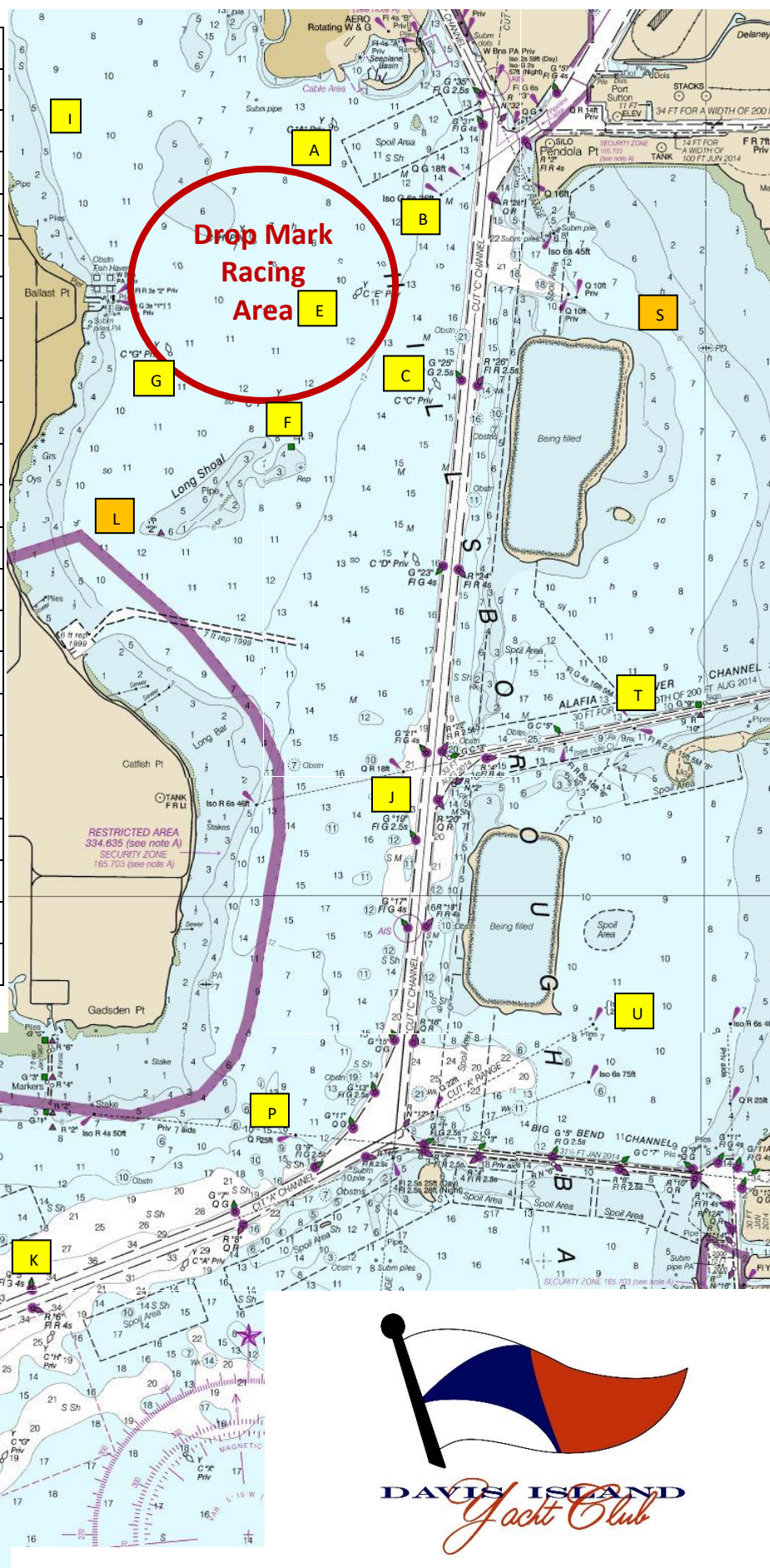
14 SAFETY
14.1 [DP] A boat that retires from the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
14.2 [DP] The COLREGs always apply between boats racing and vessels not racing. A boat shall not obstruct a commercial vessel.
14.3 RRS 42.3(i) applies, such that a boat aground may use engine propulsion or any other method to get ungrounded, provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS
15.1 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall neither make nor receive voice or data transmissions not available to all boats.
15.2 Race committee broadcasts concerning its intention, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, recalls, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast will not be considered an improper action or omission under RRS 61.4(b)(1).

Attachment A - DIYC Racing Area and Distance Course Marks

Mark	Description	Approx lat / long
A	C "A" Priv	27 54.22 / 82 27.28
B	Iso 6s 36ft	27 53.86 / 82 26.63
C	C "C" Priv	27 52.83 / 82 26.68
E	C "E" Priv	27 53.29 / 82 27.17
F	C "F" Priv	27 52.67 / 82 27.58
G	C "G" Priv	27 52.98 / 82 28.32
H	C "H" Priv	27 53.60 / 82 27.80
I	C "I" Priv	27 54.72 / 82 29.10
J	Q R 18ft	27 50.67 / 82 26.87
K	G"5" FL G 4s	27 47.84 / 82 29.16
L	Orange Tet	27 52.00 / 82 28.57
M	G"3" Fl G 2.5s	27 47.51 / 82 30.15
N	Iso G 6s 59ft	27 48.47 / 82 31.40
P	Q R 25ft	27 48.70 / 82 27.63
Q	Q 17ft	27 47.73 / 82 31.39
R	Iso 6s 52ft	27 46.41 / 82 31.01
S	Spoil Island	~27 53.07 / 82 25.38
T	Fl 4s 16ft "7"	27 50.97 / 82 25.46
U	Iso 6s 50ft	27 49.29 / 82 25.69
FIN		27 54.50 / 82 27.18

Attachment B – Distance Courses

Course	Course Description including side to leave each rounding mark	Distance
1	Start at A – F (P) – C (S) – J (P) – C (P) – FIN	8.42
2	Start at E – B (S) – S (S) – T (S) – J (S) – L (S) – G (S) – H (P*) - A (P) - FIN	10.32
3	Start at A – I (P) – G (S) – L (P) – J (P) – B (P) – A (S) – FIN	10.72
4	Start at A – B (S) – J (S) – L (S) – G (P) – I (S) – A (P) – FIN	10.72
5	Start at A – F (P) – B (S) – S (S) – T (S) – J (S) – FIN	11.59
6	Start at E – G (P) – L (P) – J (P) – T (P) – S (P) – B (P) – F (S) – A (S) - FIN	12.13
7	Start at A – I (P) – G (S) – L (P) – J (P) – T (P) – S (P) – A (S) – FIN	12.27
8	Start at A – S (S) – T (S) – J (S) – L (S) – G (P) – I (S) – A (P) – FIN	12.27
9	Start at E – B (S) – S (S) – T (S) – J (S) – L (S) – G (P) – I (S) – A (P) - FIN	12.33
10	Start at A – H (S*) - G (P) – L (P) – J (S) – P (S) – B (P) – A (S) – FIN	12.82
11	Start at A – I (P) – G (P) – B (S) – J (S) – L (S) – FIN	13.24
12	Start at A – F (S) – G (S) – I (S) – B (S) – J (S) – A (S) - FIN	13.53
13	Start at A – I (P) – G (P) – F (P) – A (S) – J (P) – B (P) – A (S) - FIN	13.55
14	Start at E – B (S) – P (P) – J (P) – L (S) – G (S) – B (P) – A (S) - FIN	13.76
15	Start at E – A (P) – I (P) – G (S) – L (P) – J (P) – T (P) – S (P) – B (P) – E (S) – A (S) - FIN	14.19
16	Start at A – H (S*) - G (S) – I (S) – B (S) – L (P) – J (P) – FIN	14.10
17	Start at A – I (P) – G (P) – B (S) – S (S) – T (S) – J (S) - B (P) – A (S) – FIN	14.17
18	Start at A – B (S) – P (P) – J (P) – L (S) – G (P) – I (S) – A (P) – FIN	14.83
19	Start at A – I (P) – G (S) – L (P) – J (S) – P (S) – B (P) – A (S) –FIN	14.83
20	Start at E – A (S) – S (S) – T (S) – J (S) – L (S) – G (P) – I (S) – A (S) – E (P) - FIN	15.04
21	Start at A – F (P) – C (S) – P (S) – K (P) – P (P) – C (P) – FIN	15.73
22	Start at A – L (P) – J (S) – P (P) – U (P) – P (S) – C (P) – A (S) – FIN	16.20
23	Start at A – S (S) – T (S) – J (P) – P (P) – J (P) – L (S) – G (P) – I (S) – A (P) – FIN	16.43
24	Start at A – I (P) – G (S) – L (P) – J (S) – P (P) – J (S) – T (P) – S (P) – A (S) – FIN	16.43
25	Start at E – B (S) – F (P) – C (S) – P (P) – U (P) – P (S) – C (P) – A (S) - FIN	16.84
26	Start at A – F (P) – B (S) – P (P) – C (P) – G (S) – I (S) – A (P) - FIN	17.75
27	Start at E – B (S) – P (S) – R (P) – P (P) – B (P) – A (S) - FIN	19.68
28	Start at E – G (S) – I (S) – A (S) – P (P) – U (P) – P (S) – C (P) – A (S) - FIN	19.74
29	Start at A – I (P) – S (S) – T (S) – J (P) – P (S) – K (P) – P (P) – C (P) - FIN	19.97
30	Start at A – H (S*) - G (P) – C (S) – P (S) – Q (P) – P (P) – C (P) – FIN	20.06
31	Start at A – H (S*) - G (P) – F (P) – C (S) – P (S) – Q (P) – P (P) – C (P) – FIN	20.14
32	Start at A – F (P) – J (S) – P (S) – R (S) – N (S) – K (P) – P (P) – C (P) – FIN	21.19
33	Start at A – P (S) – R (S) – N (P) – Q (P) – P (P) – FIN	21.35
34	Start at A – C (S) – P (S) – M (S) – N (P) – R (P) – P (P) – C (P) – FIN	21.44
35	Start at A – L (P) – J (S) – P (S) – N (P) – R (P) – P (P) – FIN	21.56
36	Start at A – I (P) – G (S) – L (P) – J (S) – P (S) – M (S) – N (S) – P (P) – C (P) - FIN	21.90
37	Start at A – S (S) – T (S) – J (P) – P (S) – Q (P) – P (P) – C (P) – G (S) – FIN	21.91
38	Start at A – I (P) – G (P) – F (S) – J (S) – P (S) – R (S) – N (S) – K (P) – P (P) – C (P) - FIN	23.89
39	Start at A – B (S) – P (S) – R (P) – P (P) – B (P) – A (S) - FIN	19.62
	*NOTE: For legs bounded by mark-A and mark-G, mark-H is a PASSING MARK to be passed on the EAST side.	

Warning – north of the buoy, G "3" Fl G 2.5s Gadsden Pt Cut, there is a day marker, "*WR*".
There is shallow water as well as underwater debris all around this structure.

Note – Some of the towers South of MacDill are damaged and not at the prescribed height.