

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - 2025 Galveston Bay Fall Dinghy Fest Regatta

I. RULES Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as amended by these instructions. These instructions may be modified at the competitor's meeting and posted in writing on the official notice board on the ground floor of the SSC clubhouse.

II. ENTRY Each participant who registers with the race committee or who starts a race will be considered an entry.

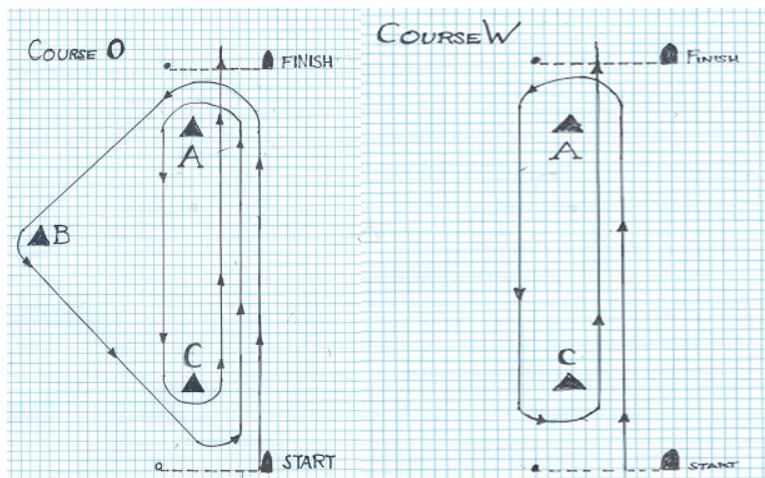
III. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS Notices to competitors will be posted on a board located on the ground floor of the SSC clubhouse.

IV. COMPETITORS' MEETING Competitors' meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on the day of the regatta.

V. RACING AREA The racing area for portsmouth and one design classes will lie to the north and east of the SSC clubhouse and will not interfere with the Clear Creek Channel. Non Portsmouth fleets may be sent on longer courses.

VI. COURSES The following courses may be sailed for one design and portsmouth. Should there be multiple class starts, the principle race officer (PRO) may choose FORMAT A and place the starting line downwind of the leeward mark and have a separate finishing boat and finish line situated upwind of the windward mark. The PRO reserves the right to use government daymarkers and other fixed marks, if necessary, for non-Portsmouth and non-one design classes. Be sure to attend the competitor's meeting.

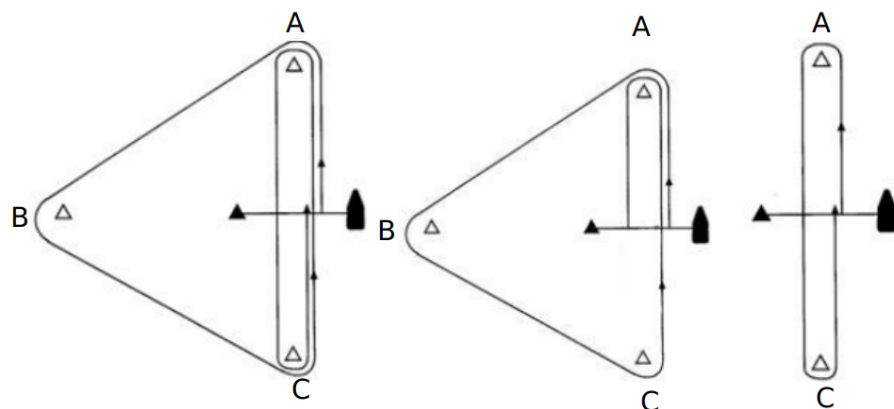
FORMAT A



Otherwise the PRO may select FORMAT B courses. Under this scheme O, G, and W courses will locate the Start/Finish line in the center of the Windward-Leeward leg, as follows.

FORMAT B

O Course is A-B-C-A-C-finish **G Course** is A-B-C-A-finish. **W Course** is A-C-finish



Marks should be left to port. In the course overview the marks are labeled with letters corresponding to first mark you would pass if you were sailing one direction from start to finish. A - is windward, B - reaching mark, and so on.

The course for each start shall be displayed by the race committee boat immediately after the preparatory signal for each start. The top letter indicates the course and the bottom number designates the course modifier. The course modifier will indicate the number of back to back Windward-Leeward legs to be sailed on that course. The Windward-Leewards will follow the Windward-Leeward legs of the original course.

For example:

O2 - Start, A, B, C, A, C, *A, *C, Finish.

G2 - Start, A, B, C, A, *C, *A, Finish.

W2 - Start, A, C, *A, *C, Finish.

Except when starting and finishing, the Start/Finish line is closed and considered an obstruction while racing, under both format options.

VII. CLASS FLAGS Official Class flags will be used for each fleet unless otherwise designated at the competitors' meeting. The Portsmouth fleet flag will be a red P on a blue background

VIII. MARKS The starting line will be between the orange course/start stanchion on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a buoy at the port end. A mark of the course may be used as a starting mark. For courses O, G, W, the finish line will be between the finishing boat flag and the most leeward edge of the port side of the finishing buoy (Format A) or between course/start stanchion on the race committee boat and the most leeward edge of the port side starting buoy. Normal marks for the course will be orange cylinders. Pink, red, orange, white or blue spheres may be used as temporary marks or as course gates.

IX. STARTING SIGNALS STARTING SEQUENCE:

- 3 minute Warning - Class flag up with 1 sound.
- 2 minute Preparatory - Preparatory flag up with 1 sound.
- 1 minute Preparatory flag removed with 1 long sound
- Start - Class flag removed with 1 sound

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

X. TIME LIMITS A race may be abandoned or shortened if the lead boat has not rounded the first mark in 1 hour or finished in 2 hours. Races may be re-sailed, time permitting. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their Class will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

XI. - SHORTENING COURSE Code flag S with the appropriate horns shall be used to indicate a shortened course. If a class flag is also flying with code flag S, it will indicate the finish line only for that fleet. The finish line in this situation will not be considered an obstruction for other classes proceeding on their assigned course. If no course flag is flown, then all classes will be finished at that mark.

XII. SAFETY A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the race course area, or, if that is not possible, notify the regatta committee immediately after arriving ashore. All competitors must wear an inherently buoyant, U.S. Coast Guard Approved Personal Flotation Device (Type III PFD) while on the water.

XIII. PROTESTS Protests shall be on written forms available at the club house from the race committee and lodged there within the protest time that will begin at the sound signal when the race committee boat enters the harbor and end one hour later.

XIV. SCORING The low-point system will be used for scoring (1 for first, 2 points for second, 3 for third, etc.). A boat that Did Not Finish (DNF), Did Not Start (DNS), Started/On Course Side (OCS), Disqualified (DSQ) will receive one more point than the number of entered boats. If a boat is unreasonably delaying the completion of a race, the race committee may, at its discretion, score the boat with points equal to the last place and continue with the races as though all had finished.