



**HALLOWEEN REGATTA
KEELBOAT REGATTA
COMMODORE'S CUP**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Drop Mark Course

Updated 1/2/2026

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

1 RULES

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](#)).

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 71 to communicate with boats on the water.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted prior to 0930 on the day it will take effect. 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 Race*** and the NoR for the regatta.

6 COURSES

- 6.1 Courses are described in Attachment A.
- 6.2 Prior to the warning signal course identifier ("4" or "G") will be displayed. The approximate magnetic bearing and distance to the first mark will also be displayed.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 7.2 The starting mark will be a green tetrahedron.
- 7.3 Mark 1a and the finishing mark will be small orange balls.
- 7.4 New marks, as used in SI 9.2 and 10 will be orange tetrahedrons.

8 CLASS FLAGS, FIRST WARNING TIMES

Event	Divisions	Class Flag	Warning	Comm Cup Sunday
All Events	Spinnaker A	Red flag with "S"	1200	1100
All Events	Melges-24	Melges-24 flag	to follow	to follow
All Events	Spinnaker B	Yellow flag with "C"	to follow	to follow

The race committee may combine Divisions into a start by displaying multiple class flags.

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 The race committee may signal a change of the first leg of the course by displaying flag C, with repetitive sound signals at the warning signal. Mark 1 will then be a new mark.
- 9.3 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 16.2.
- 9.4 Boats may not start more than 10 minutes after their starting signal.
- 9.5 Divisions may be combined for starts.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) 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.
- 10.2 The race committee may move a mark up to ten degrees of bearing or up to +/- 0.1 NM without signaling if no boats are on that leg of the course. This changes RRS 33.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 11.2 If flag A is displayed (with no sound) at the finish it means that no more races will be sailed today.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.
- 12.2 Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat in their Division finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13 SCORING AND PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 All Divisions except Melges-24 will use the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.
- 13.2 Melges-24 will use RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 13.3 For all Divisions a minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 13.4 For all Divisions, when 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Hearing request forms are available from the Fleet Captain's office.
- 14.2 The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the race committee finish vessel docks.

15 SAFETY

- 15.1 [DP] A boat that retires from the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as

possible.

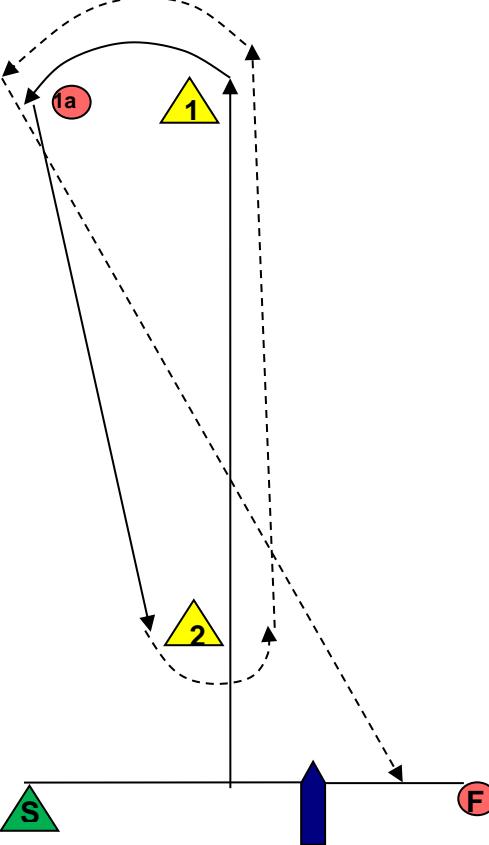
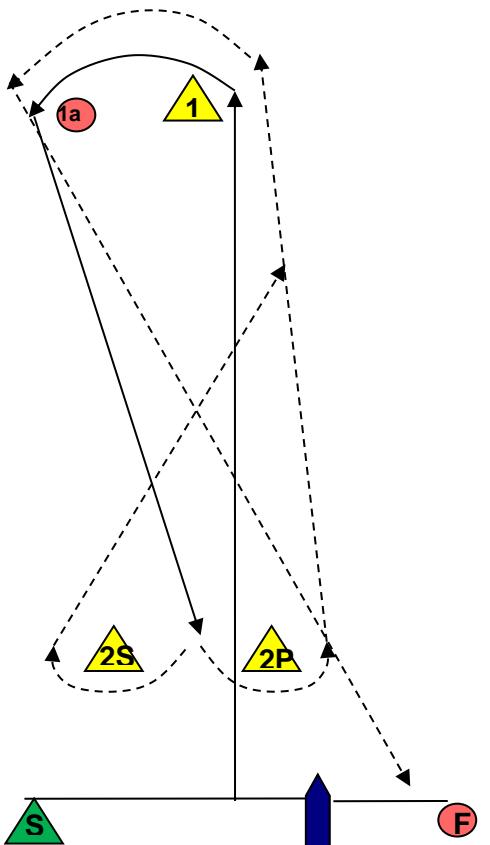
15.2 [DP] The COLREGs always apply between boats racing and vessels not racing. A boat shall not obstruct a commercial vessel.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

16.1 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall neither make nor receive voice or data transmissions not available to all boats.

16.2 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 62.1(a).

Attachment A – Drop Mark Courses

Course 4	Course G
	
Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), 2 (port), 1(port), 1a (port), finish	Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, 1(port), 1a (port), finish