



2026 Bay Yacht Club Rum Race Series

Sailing Instructions Race 1

Corpus Christi Bay Yacht Club

Corpus Christi, Texas

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1. RULES

1.1. These races will be governed by the rules as defined in the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028 including US Sailing Prescriptions, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2. RRS changes.

1.2.1. Rule 26 STARTING RACES is modified per section 8 of these Instructions to allow for pursuit starts for all competitive classes. Non-competitive classes will start at a time designated by the PRO, after the start of all boats in competitive classes.

1.2.2. Rules A2-3; A5 pertaining to SERIES SCORING are changed per section 10 of these Instructions. Only competitive classes will be scored.

1.2.3. The intent of this series is fun, informal racing. Formal provision for processing protests has not been established. Skippers are requested to self-police any infractions and resolve them in the best Corinthian fashion. The Two-Turns Penalty (Rule 44) is in effect for infractions of RRS Part 2 WHEN BOATS MEET and a One-Turn Penalty for infractions of RRS Rule 31 TOUCHING A MARK.

1.2.4. Although non-competitive classes will not be scored, all registered boats are still governed by these rules and the RRS (with any exceptions being noted in this SI).

2. ENTRIES

2.1. A yacht shall be considered entered if all registration is complete and entry fees paid by 1000 hours of registration on race day. All yachts being scored must hold a current and valid South Texas PHRF rating or temporary rating and will be scored according to that rating. Yachts without a current PHRF rating shall apply with local PHRF Committee for temporary rating. Alternatively, the Principal Race Officer (PRO) retains the right, at its sole discretion, to assign a temporary PHRF rating for the sole purpose of the regatta. Non-competitive class yachts are not required to hold a PHRF rating and will not be scored.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be provided at the skippers' meeting or by text or e-mail in advance of the race to all registered boat skippers. Official notices will also be posted on Regatta Network.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted by 1000 hours on the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted at the earliest time that is reasonably possible given the circumstances under which they were changed. Necessary changes may also be communicated on the water.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Dates of Racing (one race per day):

Race #1 Saturday February 14th, 2026
Race #2 Saturday March 7th, 2026
Race #3 Saturday April 11th, 2026
Race #4 Saturday May 2nd, 2026
Race #5 Saturday June 20th, 2026
Race #6 Saturday July 11th, 2026
Race #7 Saturday August 15th, 2026
Race #8 Saturday September 12th, 2026

5.2. Race Day Schedule of Events

5.2.1. 1000 hours: Skippers' meeting aboard the BYC's Bay Star berthed at E Dock, CC Marina

5.2.2. 1100 hours: Unless modified by announcement at skippers' meeting, the start time for the first boat in each competitive class.

5.2.3. Awards aboard Bay Star approximately 45 minutes after the last boat finishes.

5.3. Schedule subject to change at the discretion of the race chair. Advance notice will be given to series participants.

6. CLASSES

6.1. Racing classes will be divided into the following classes based on participation:

PHRF All Sails, PHRF 150/Non-Spin, PHRF Multihulls.

6.2. Cruising class will consist of non-racing (non-competitive) yachts sailing the course as prescribed for recreational purposes.

6.3. The Race Chair may combine, add, or eliminate classes based on participation and PHRF Rating diversity.

7. RACING AREA, RACE MARKS, and COURSE TO BE SAILED

7.1. The racing area will be Corpus Christi Bay.

7.2. Course marks will be fixed well heads and aids to navigation shown on the current version of the MORF Corpus Christi Bay Race Marks Chart.

<https://ccmorf.org/cc-bay-race-marks/>

7.3. The two green buoys "1A" and "3" located at the breakwater entrance are considered marks and shall be taken on the channel side (i.e., leave both cans to starboard).

7.4. Starting and Finishing Marks: Starting and finishing marks will be the vertical orange stripe on the MORF gear box on the Lawrence Street T head and the PVC pipe on the breakwater directly across from the gear box.

- 7.5. The letters "p" or "s" following a mark designate to which side the mark is to be left ("p" for port and "s" for starboard)
- 7.6. The course(s) to be sailed will be announced at the skippers' meeting.

8. THE START

- 8.1. The starting line will be between the vertical orange stripe on the port end of the line and the starboard-end starting mark (PVC pipe).
- 8.2. In each racing class, the boat with the highest handicap starts first followed by the boat with the next highest handicap, and so on. The boat with the lowest handicap starts last. Time differentials between the start for the first boat and all pursuing boats are based on each boat's handicap and the length of the course. The start time for each boat will be announced at the skippers' meeting.
- 8.3. As regards the RRS definition of RACING and Rule 42 PROPULSION, a boat's preparatory signal is considered to be four (4) minutes before the designated start time. A boat may not use engine for propulsion during this four-minute preparatory period. Boats under power shall remain clear of the start area and yield right-of-way to boats under sail.

9. THE FINISH

- 9.1. The finishing line will be between the vertical orange stripe on the starboard end of the line and the port-end finishing mark (PVC pipe).
- 9.2. The first boat to finish in each racing class is the class winner.

In the absence of a race committee observer at the finish line, the first finisher in each racing class shall note their own finish time/position and the finisher in their class next behind them. Second place and subsequent finishers shall note their own finishing time and the boats in their class finishing immediately AHEAD and BEHIND. Please convey this information to the PRO by texting to (502) 851-6250 and/or verbally after the race.

- 9.3. If no yacht finishes within five (5) hours of the first start, the race shall be abandoned. Any racing yacht may be scored DNF if time against the last finisher in the assigned class eligible for a prize (based upon the number of prizes authorized under Section 12 below) plus forty-five minutes has elapsed, and the yacht has not yet finished.

10. SERIES SCORING

- 10.1. The series consists of eight scheduled individual races, three of which must be completed to constitute the series. A race not held may be rescheduled.
- 10.2. To qualify for inclusion in the series results, a boat must compete (i.e., come to the starting area) in three races.
- 10.3. A boat that does not come to the starting area shall be scored finishing points equal to the total number of boats in the class that came to the starting area plus two (2). A boat that comes to the starting area but does not start, does not finish, retires or is disqualified shall be scored finishing points equal to the total number of boats in the class that came to the starting area plus one (1).

10.4. When a boat has competed in six races, the series score will be the sum of the race scores excluding the worst score. If a boat has two or more equal worst scores, the score for the race sailed earliest in the series shall be excluded. An excluded race counts as a race to qualify a boat for inclusion in the series results but not as one of the scored races.

10.5. The boat with the lowest series score is the winner of the class and others in the class are ranked accordingly.

10.6. Cruising class boats will not be scored.

11. SAFETY and COMMUNICATIONS

11.1. The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 68.

11.2. Each boat shall check in with the Race Committee via VHF Channel 68 prior to their assigned race start time. Failure to check in may result in a score of DSQ, at the discretion of the PRO.

11.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first opportunity.

11.4. Each boat shall be equipped with safety and life-saving equipment conforming to federal and state regulations. Every crew member must be made aware of the locations and methods for use. This is a responsibility of the skipper.

11.5. A scheduled race will be postponed if winds are forecast to exceed 25 knots or if foul weather, such as thunderstorms or lightning, is predicted. Postponement will be announced at the skippers' meeting or by text or e-mail to known competitors in advance of a race.

11.6. A yacht shall not receive special radio or telephone transmissions not available to all yachts from 30 min. prior to the first warning until the last yacht has finished.

11.7. Cruising class boats are not required to check in via VHF prior to their assigned start time, but are STRONGLY encouraged to have a fully operational VHF on board their vessel, tuned to channel 68, with volume up to monitor communications throughout the race.

12. PRIZES

12.1. After each race, prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in class.

12.2. For the series, prizes will be awarded for 1st through 3rd place in class for boats that qualify for inclusion in the series results.

12.3. Cruising class boats are not eligible for prizes.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4 "Decision to Race". The race organizers (Bay Yacht Club, its officers, directors, trustees, committee members, measurers, judges, agents and representatives) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. Every skipper and crewperson of boats participating in races of this series agrees, as consideration for being allowed to participate, to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event.

14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

14.1. All Piers, L-Head and T-Heads are considered Public Parks and are run and patrolled by the City of Corpus Christi. No open containers are allowed in the city's Public Parks.

14.2. Please note that pets are not allowed on BYC club property.

14.3. Contact Information for Race Committee.

BYC Race Chair: Brooke Friley

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14.4. Corpus Christi Marina Office

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Corpus Christi, Texas 78401 Phone: (361) 826-3908

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