



2026 DIYC Thursday Night Series

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Registration online only; racing all Thursdays from April 16th through October 8th

Practice racing March 26th, April 2nd, Kickoff Party April 9th

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#), including Appendix V2 (Post-Race Penalties), the [WFPHRF Class Rules](#), and [the Portsmouth Yardstick](#). This event is classified as Category 5 and will use RLC ratings, except Portsmouth which will use the Yardstick under a Beaufort 2-3 scale and One-Design. The US Sailing prescriptions to the preamble to Part 5, Section B, and 63/1(b) do not apply to this series.
- 1.2 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, **and** did not see, the incident, or
- 1.3 Failure to notify the race committee that you are not completing the race after having signed in, or failure to report any significant contact between boats, will result in a score of “DNE” Disqualified Not Excludable without a hearing.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Divisions will include One-Design, Portsmouth, Spinnaker A (RLC<92) (except when a one-design fleet has been established) & B (all others), Racer-Cruiser, Non-Spinnaker A (RLC<209), Non-Spinnaker B (all others), and Multihull.
- 2.2 This event is open to all boats meeting each of the following criteria:
 - a) A valid WFPHRF rating certificate or a temporary rating assigned by DIYC Club Measurer or Fleet Captain (except a One-Design Division or Portsmouth)
Boats whose valid rating certificates expire during the Series will not be required to renew to continue racing. This changes RRS 78.1.
 - b) Skippered/crewed by a member of DIYC (or a reciprocal Club)
 - c) Scheduled owner / skipper's volunteer RC duties; *see Section 3*
 - d) A working engine (except Portsmouth) and a working VHF radio
 - e) Meeting all USCG and Class (if applicable) requirements for the size of boat and number of persons aboard, including functioning

navigation lights

- f) A completed online entry (link on DIYC Home Page) and waiver before 1800 on the first day the boat races: [Thursday Night Series](#)
- 2.3 Boats not meeting ALL of Section 2.2's requirements are not eligible to race and will not be scored.
- 2.4 Entry also registers boats for the Full Moon Series.
- 2.5 Boats must sign in in person no later than 1800 before EACH race in which the boat will compete. Boats not based at DIYC may check-in with the race committee on VHF 72 prior to the starting sequence. Failure to comply will result in **20% penalty** (not less than 1 point) without a hearing.
- 2.6 Boats may only register and compete in one Division during a Series. Boats may switch Divisions before the start of a new Series.

3 RACE COMMITTEE DUTIES

- 3.1 Each registered boat (owner or skipper) is required to sign up for one date of Thursday Night race committee duty. This can be completed via the link below or on the DIYC Thursday Night Racing page. [RC Signup](#)
- 3.2 Pursuant to 2.2c, each owner / skipper must bring with them one crew to assist on the race committee boat and at least one crew member to be posted at the finishing line to record finish times on the Thursday they are scheduled.
- 3.3 Volunteers must report to Check In desk by 1730.
- 3.4 The owner / skipper is expected to remain onsite until results are announced.
- 3.5 Each skipper and Co-Captain (if primary skipper) will have the option of electing average points or, if the boat sails, her actual result if skippered by another for that day's race.
- 3.6 A boat whose owner / skipper fails to meet the requirements of this section for RC service will be scored **DNE** for that day's race without a hearing.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices will be posted on the notice board on DIYC's west wall downstairs. All notices will be posted by the later of 1 ½ hours before the first warning signal, or the lowering of an onshore postponement.

- 4.2 The race committee will use VHF channel 72 to communicate with competitors on the water.
- 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** will be flown either from the flagpole or on the West side of the porch railing. If a postponement is signaled ashore, '1 minute' is changed to '45 minutes' in race signal AP. Display and removal of signals ashore will be announced upstairs at the Clubhouse and on VHF 72.

6 SCHEDULE of RACES and STARTING CLASSES

- 6.1 One race is scheduled on each Thursday. Four series are scheduled as follows: Spring Series (April 16 – May 28 – 7 races), Summer-A Series (June 4 – July 16 – 7 races), Summer-B (July 23 – August 27 – 6 races), and Fall Series (September 3 – October 8 – 6 races).
- 6.2 Practice racing will be held on March 26 and April 2. There will be a Kickoff Party on April 9.
- 6.3 Races not sailed will not be rescheduled.
- 6.4 Lima flag will be displayed on the signal vessel with no sound to alert boats that the courses have been posted. Lima flag will be removed with one sound signal at 1829 as a notice to clear the starting area.
- 6.5 Anticipated order of classes, their flags, and times:

Class	Class Flag	Warning
Portsmouth, One-Design, Multihulls	Purple with letter "P"	1830
Spin A	Red with letter "S"	1835
Spin B	Yellow with letter "C"	1840
Racer-Cruiser	Green with letter "R"	1845
Non-Spinnaker	Blue with letter "N"	1850

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The course marks and required roundings will be posted on the course board on the signal vessel. The lower (yellow) portion for Non-Spin; all other Divisions will be posted in upper (white) portion of the course board on the signal boat.
- 7.2 RC may announce the course as courtesy over VHF.
- 7.3 If the course will change prior to a start, Lima flag will be displayed, and a new course will be posted. Lima's will be removed 1 minute prior to the next class flag.

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal and in the order shown in SI 6.5.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between the staff of an orange flag on the signal boat and the starting mark (either a nearby orange buoy, Alpha, or Echo).
- 8.3 RC will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF 72 however the failure, timeliness, or sequence of hails shall not be grounds for redress changing RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 8.4 Recalled classes will start after other scheduled starts and in their originally scheduled order.
- 8.5 A boat starting more than 5 minutes after the final starting signal of the day will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 8.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes. Boats observed by the race committee violating this rule may be assessed a **30% scoring penalty** (not less than 1 point) without a hearing.

9 MARKS and RACING AREA, which will be Hillsborough Bay from the club south to G "21" Cut C channel.

Mark Letter	Approximate Position Description	Always Rounding Mark?	Approximate Lat./Lon.
Alpha	Yellow Buoy 200°T, 0.29 nm from entrance to Basin	No	27°54.22' N 82°27.28' W
Bravo	Tall Range	Yes	27°53.86' N 82°26.63' W
Charlie	Yellow Buoy 268°T, 0.15nm from G "25" Cut C channel	Yes	27°52.83' N 82°26.68' W
Echo	Yellow Buoy 094°T, 1.39nm from Ballast Point Breakwater	Yes	27°53.29' N 82°27.17' W
Foxtrot	Yellow Buoy 005°T, 0.2nm from Long Shoal mark G"1"	Yes	27°52.67' N 82°27.58' W
Golf	Yellow Buoy 129°T, 0.5nm from Ballast Point Pier	Yes	27°52.98' N 82°28.32' W
Hotel	Yellow Buoy 069°T, 0.9nm from Ballast Point Pier. <i>Note: On legs using both "A" and "G" as the ends, this mark must be passed on the East side. Otherwise, it is a rounding mark.</i>	See Note	27°53.60' N 82°27.80' W
India	Yellow Buoy, proximity of Bayshore Blvd, 2 miles North of Ballast Point due east of the Academy of the Holy Names.	Yes	27°54.72' N 82°29.10' W
Juliet	Alafia Range Mark – QR 18ft	Yes	27°50.67' N 82°26.87' W

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.
- 10.2 The areas between the pilings and the shore on both sides are defined as obstructions, and RRS 19 applies.
- 10.3 Boats are requested to hail (VHF preferred) their sail number and boat name as they approach the finish.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Portsmouth and One-Design Divisions will use RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 11.2 All others will use 44.3 for infractions under Part 2, "When Boats Meet" or RRS 31, "touching a mark."
- 11.3 A boat that finishes displaying a yellow flag and calls the race committee's attention to the yellow flag at the finish will receive a **scoring penalty of 20%** (not less than 1 point).
- 11.4 A boat taking a Post-Race Penalty will receive a **scoring penalty of 30%** (not less than 1 point).

- 12 TIME LIMIT** - The time limit for the first boat in each starting class to sail the course and finish is 2100. If at least one boat in a starting class finishes by 2100, all boats in that starting class finishing after 2100 shall take their own finishing time and report it to the race committee within one hour of finishing. If starts are postponed (up to 30 minutes), the length of the postponement will be added to the 2100 time limit.

13 HEARING REQUESTS

- 13.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race committee within 60 minutes after the protesting boat finishes or retires.
- 13.2 A hearing will be scheduled and all parties will be notified as to the date and time.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 To be scored in a series a boat must sail at least one race. This changes RRS A2.2.
- 14.2 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 14.3 Average points, if elected under Section 3.4, will use all other races started by the boat in the series.
- 14.4 To qualify for a series, a boat must sail **50%** of races.
- 14.5 The Season will be scored using a boat's best 3 individual series results. Boats must qualify in at least 2 individual series to qualify for the Season Series.
- 14.6 Breaking season ties: RRS A8 is changed so that "series" will read "season" and "race" will read "series."

- 14.7 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, including A5.3.

- 14.8 Time on Distance scoring of WFPHRF RLC ratings will be used.

15 SAFETY

- 15.1 It is the absolute responsibility of every skipper to report any significant contact involving his/her boat by the end of the protest time limit by delivering a completed Hearing Request Form or Incident Report Form to the RC. Failure to report will be penalized as specified in Section 1.3.
- 15.2 If a protest committee deems that the damage to the boats involved in a collision is significant then the committee may score either or both boats as "**DNE**" even if the boats have properly reported the incident.

16 ENVIRONMENTAL

- 16.1 Any competitor registered in any DIYC organized event who throws any refuse overboard, including but not limited to aluminum cans, plastic items, bottles, etc., is subject to being disqualified by the race committee or protest committee, without a hearing.
- 16.2 DIYC asks all boats to recycle and consider use of reusable bottles or paper alternatives rather than single use plastics.

- 17 TROPHIES** – Series and Season trophies will be awarded based on the number of qualifiers: 2-3 boats=1 trophy, 4-5 boats=2 trophies, 6-9=3, 10-14=4 & 15=5

- 18** Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, disease, illness, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to or during or after the event.