



STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 RVYC racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Notice of Race will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITIONS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the centre of the verandah area.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Each competitor must sign sign-in or register at least 15 minutes before the warning signal of the first race of the day. Any applicable race fee must be paid at time of entry.
- 4.2 Incomplete or inaccurate entry information may result in disqualification during or following the regatta.
- 4.3 A minimum of three boats in the open or five boats in a class are required to rank as starters to constitute a valid race.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole in front of the RVYC Beach Bar.
- 5.2 When Code flag "AP" is displayed ashore with a committee boat start, "1 minute" is replaced with not less than "30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The racing schedule, the schedule time of the warning signal(s) for the first race of each day, and the latest time for a warning signal on last day will be as announced in the event Notice of Race.
- 6.2 Races around the buoys each day will be held back-to-back from the first race of the day unless modified by signals made by the Race Officer.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Monohull Class flag will be "J". The Multi-hull Class flag will be "K".
- 7.2 Other class flags will be announced in the Notice of Race or on the Official Notice Board.

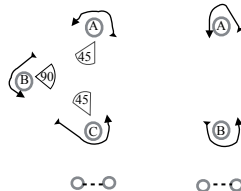
8. COURSE

- 8.1 For flag pole starts, the course(s) are displayed on the Official Notice Board. A Red or Green flag is displayed before the warning signal, this indicates the direction of passing the marks, Red -> Port, Green -> Starboard. If the wind changes direction, the flag displayed before the warning signal may change meaning boat must round the marks in opposite direction. The course angles will remain the same.

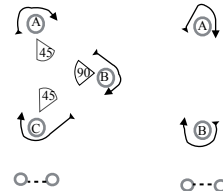
Example:



Red flag
Round marks to port



Green flag
Round marks to starboard



8.3 For committee boat starts the course(s) is displayed in the Notice of Race or on the Official Notice Board.

9. DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

9.1 The marks of the course will be orange, red, blue or black inflatable cylindrical marks or islands or such other marks as mentioned in the Notice of Race or as posted on the Official Notice Board.

9.2 Starting and finishing marks will be poles displaying an orange flag or orange/red teardrop buoys.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started as laid down in rule 26, with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the start.

10.2 For committee boat starts, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at one end and an outer distance mark displaying an orange flag at the other end.

10.3 In the case of a Flagpole start, the starting line will be between the Flagpole on shore and an outer distance mark displaying an orange flag.

10.4 For a Flagpole start an inner distance mark displaying an orange flag will be placed on or near the starting line towards the Flagpole. Boats must start by passing between the inner distance mark and the outer distance mark.

10.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.6 Boats starting later than 4 minutes after her warning signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

10.7 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 For Flagpole finishes, the Finish Line will be between the RVCYC Flagpole at one end and the Orange Finish Line Mark at the other end. An Inner Distance Mark will be placed on or near the finishing line towards the Flagpole. Boats must finish by passing between the Inner Distance Mark and the Outer Finish Line Mark.

12.2 For Committee Boat Finishes the Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a red/orange teardrop buoy or a mark displaying an orange flag.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 For multihull class(es) rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 TIME LIMIT

14.1 Time limits will be as stated in the Notice of Race.

14.2 Appendix P will apply.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the event race office or in the RVYC office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, location and time of hearing is displayed on the Official Notice Board.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.2, have been penalised for breaking rule 42 will be posted.

15.6 Breaches of instructions 4, 10.5, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16. SCORING

16.1 The number of races that constitute a series will be stated in the Notice of Race.

16.2 The discard policy is stated in the Notice of Race.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. EVENT ADVERTISING

19.1 Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organising authority, if applicable.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

20.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

21.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.