

2021 General Sailing Instructions



These Sailing Instructions, unless otherwise noted, apply to all the events for which Race Circulars appear in this book. Races shall be under the control of the Organizing Yacht Club (OA), but any portion of these General Sailing Instructions (GSI) not specifically changed by the OA will apply.

Racing Rules: All events shall be governed by the rules as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-2024*.

Entries: Entries shall be according to the procedures and deadlines set forth by the OA for each event. It is the sole responsibility of the entrant to see that the entry is on time and complete. Unless entries are done electronically, a CBYRA Standard Entry Form is recommended. A copy of that form is located in the back of this book. Fleet change policies are at the discretion of the OA. The CBYRA Schedule of Events as well as circulars for many individual races are contained in this book.

Ratings: Except for Cruising Class, all boats must have a current, valid PHRF rating certificate. Cruising Class boats will be given a courtesy rating by the host club for that event. This courtesy rating is not subject to challenge or appeal. Cruising Class boats may not use spinnakers or double-headsail rigs. For each event, the OA will determine which PHRF rating is appropriate. Unless otherwise specified in the individual Race Circular, the "Nearshore" Safety Standards will apply.

Sail Numbers: Except for Cruising Class, all boats shall display CBYRA issued sail numbers, in conformance with RRS 77, except that a boat belonging to a One-Design class may alternately use the sail marking of her class. A boat shall not display conflicting or obscured sail numbers without prior approval of the race committee for that race. Only a race committee may protest a boat for violating this rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

Class Flags and Splits: All competing boats must clearly display their Class Code Flag from the backstay or, if no backstay, from the stern pulpit.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Rating Range</u>	<u>Code Flag</u>
PHRF A	Up to 99	9
PHRF B/C	100-151	6
PHRF NS (2 HS)	All ratings	5
Cruising (1HS)	All ratings	White
CRCA	All ratings	Green

** Races having additional fleets must designate those class flags in the S.I.s for that event.

Racing Area: The Race Circular shall identify the racing area. By displaying Code Flag "L", the RC may move the starting line to a new location. For those events designating a fixed government mark as the starting mark, the RC may position the starting line within up to 1.5 nm of the designated mark without making a signal.

Severe Weather: Weather conditions may require cancellation of an event, relocation of the racing area, or adjustment of the scheduled starting time. In such case, the RC will make a radio announcement on VHF-72 approximately 90 minutes prior to scheduled warning and continue that radio announcement periodically for as long as they deem necessary.

Courses: The course to be sailed will be designated in the Race Circular or by using letters and numbers on a Course Board displayed on the RC Signal Boat prior to Warning. The final letter of the course indicates the finish. If the course consists of multiple marks, marks shall be rounded in the sequence in which they are displayed (reading left to right or top to bottom). Marks designated in RED shall be left to PORT. Marks designated in BLACK shall be left to STARBOARD. In addition, there is a separate section in this Guide that explains the procedure for designation of Drop Mark or Combo Courses. Good practice for competitors is to take a picture of the course board to reduce the chance of transcription error when copying down the course.

If a course is modified after being posted, the RC shall display Code Flag “L” with one sound signal and leave it up for as long as they deem necessary for all boats to note the change. Best practice, is for the RC to also alert racers to the change via VHF-72.

Best practice is for RCs to announce simple windward/leeward courses on the radio, giving the course to be sailed as well as the bearing and distance to the first mark. However, RCs are cautioned about using radio announcements involving other types of courses, given the chance of error in transmission or reception. The RC is never required to announce courses on the radio and should always back it up with a Course Board.

Marks: Marks shall correspond to the CCV Mark List elsewhere in this book unless otherwise specified in the Race Circular and/or S.I.s for the event. There is a separate list of CCVR Bay Marks and Harbor Marks. listed position of marks is approximate and not intended to be used for navigation. In the event that a designated government mark is missing, boats shall round the nearest charted aid to navigation.

Start: Races will be started using RRS 26 unless an alternate starting system is specified. The RC may attempt to alert competitors that a sequence is about to start with an Attention Signal. This shall be a series of short sounds made approx. one (1) minute prior to Warning. This is not a timed signal.

Unless otherwise noted, the starting line will be between an Orange Flag on the RC Signal Boat and the adjacent fixed or drop mark. The RC may set a “Stand-Off Buoy” from its stern. This buoy is considered to be part of the starting mark.

Boats are urged to remain clear of the starting area when other boats are starting. Boats not racing must keep clear of boats that are racing.

Recalls: Individual Recalls will be as per RRS 29.1. In addition to displaying Code Flag “X” and making a sound signal, the RC will attempt to notify premature starters via VHF-72. Neither the failure of this transmission to be made or heard, the promptness of a notification, nor a boat’s position in the sequence of notifications shall be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

Finish: Unless otherwise specified, the Finish Line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Finish Boat and the designated fixed or drop mark.

The RC may signal “Another Race to Follow” by displaying Code Flag “R” with no sound as boats are finishing.

Each boat is responsible for recording its own finish time as well as listing the boats finishing directly ahead of and behind them. This information shall be provided to the RC upon request.

A boat approaching a finish line at night shall show a white light when ¼ mile away to call attention to her presence and, when crossing the line, illuminate her sail numbers.

Calling Boats In: In the interest of starting another race or to complete the regatta scoring in a timely manner, the RC may assign a finish position to the final finisher(s) in a class, provided that position can be determined to a reasonable certainty. Such boats will be scored as finished and, if another race is to be sailed, should return to the starting area as quickly as possible. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2, and A5.

Scoring: The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A shall be used unless modified in the Race Circular. One race is required to constitute a series. A boat’s score for a series shall be the sum of all her scores in that series unless otherwise indicated. This changes RRS A2.

Protests: Unless otherwise specified, protests must be in writing and delivered to the PRO within one (1) hour of the RC docking. A boat intending to protest an incident in the racing area must so inform the RC immediately upon finishing or retiring. This notification must be continued until acknowledged by the RC. This changes RRS 61.1.

Boats are reminded that, to properly file a protest, a boat MUST:

1. Display a red protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity.
2. Hail the protested boat immediately...using the word “protest”. If beyond hailing distance, the protesting boat need not hail but must inform her of the protest at the first reasonable opportunity.
3. Notify the RC of her intent to protest immediately upon finishing or retiring.
4. File a written protest within the time limit.

Penalties: RRS 31 (Touching A Mark), RRS 44.1 (Taking a Penalty) and 44.2 (One-Turn and Two-Turn Penalties) are in effect. However, RRS 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) is not in effect.

Boats are reminded of the wording of RRS 44.1(b) that says, “If a boat caused injury or serious damage...her penalty shall be to retire”. This rule includes collisions with an RC vessel.

Radios: All boats shall have aboard a working VHF radio. The RC may broadcast its intentions, reasons for and possible duration of postponements, courses to be sailed, timing information, safety considerations, etc. Such broadcasts are as a courtesy only and do not relieve boats of their responsibility to observe and respond appropriately to RC flags and signals.

Retirement: Any boat retiring from a race and/or not intending to start a subsequent race shall promptly report this to the RC via hail or radio transmission and continue doing so until

acknowledged by the RC. This is extremely important so that the RC may fulfill their responsibility to account for all boats at the conclusion of the race. Boats failing to make this notification may be protested by the Race Committee and/or Protest Committee and penalized under Rule 2 (Fair Sailing).

Commercial Traffic: A boat shall not exercise right of way over, cross in close proximity to, or interfere in any way with commercial or military vessels or with tugs and tows that are unable to respond easily. Any boat protested under this rule will have the burden of proof that she did not interfere with the restricted vessel. Boats are encouraged to contact commercial traffic on VHF-13 if they are uncomfortable with their proximity to such ships.

Such protest may be filed by any competitor or RC person who observed the incident. In addition, the Race Committee, Protest Committee, or Organizing Authority may file a protest based on a report received from the offended vessel or from local military and/or civilian port authority. The penalty for breaking this rule shall be Disqualification under Rule 2 (Fair Sailing). Such protest must be filed within 24 hours of its receipt.

If a boat without way in a deep ship channel must use her engine to clear the channel, she shall not improve her position in the race, but may continue racing. Immediately upon finishing, she must report the incident to the RC and request redress for breaking RRS 42.1 (Propulsion).

Equipment: Unless otherwise specified, US Sailing "Nearshore" Safety Standards apply.

It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy as conditions warrant.

Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing 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.

It is the sole responsibility of the Skipper to ensure the boat complies with all class rules and that the boat is sound, seaworthy, and manned by a competent crew of appropriate number.

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Drop Mark Courses

For drop mark courses, the starting line will be located approximately 0.1nm to leeward of the leeward mark or gate. The leeward mark or gate is not a mark of the course on the first leg of the course.

For courses finishing to leeward, the finish line will be located approximately 0.1nm to leeward of the leeward mark or gate. In this case, the leeward mark or gate is not a mark of the course on the final leg unless the course is shortened at that mark.

For courses finishing to windward, the finish line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the windward mark.

When drop mark courses are used, the class flags on the course board will be followed by a red letter (and possibly a number) indicating which of the following courses is to be sailed. The Race Committee shall also display the approximate length and magnetic bearing of the first windward leg.

To change the position of a mark, the Race Committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. The new mark will be of a different shape and/or color. If a subsequent change is necessary, the new mark will be replaced by the original mark.

When a mark is changed, the Race Committee shall signal the change course by displaying Code Flag "C" with repetitive sound signals and indicating the magnetic bearing to the new mark or displaying a red flag (the change is to port) or a green pennant (the change is to starboard). A change in the distance to the new mark shall be shown by displaying a minus sign if the leg will be shortened or a plus sign if the leg will be lengthened.

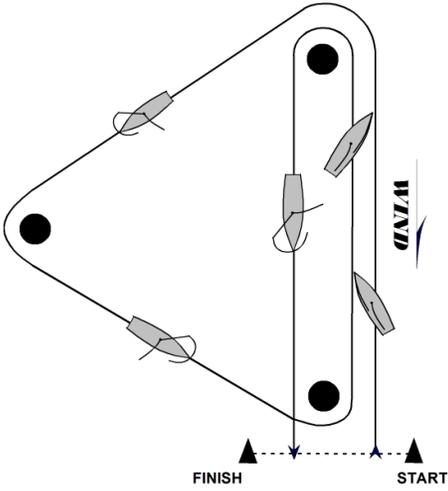
When Code Flag "Q" is displayed with Code Flag "C", the course change will apply only to the final weather leg for each fleet.

As per RRS 32, a course may be shortened at any turning mark.

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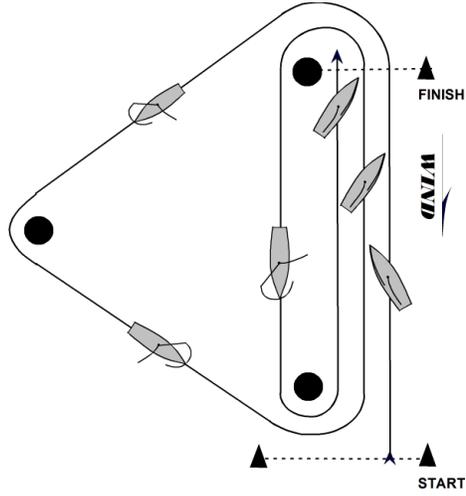
Drop Mark Course Diagrams

Course “T L”
(Triangle/ Windward/Leeward)



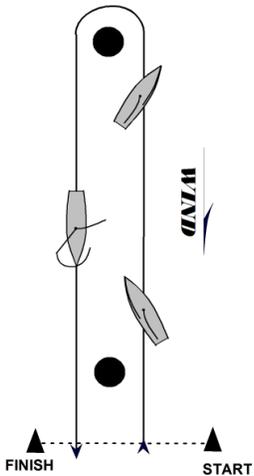
Course “TL” finishes downwind.
A number following “TL” on the course board indicates the number of windward / leeward laps to be sailed **after** doing the initial (and only) triangle. If no such number appears, sail the course as per the diagram.

Course “T W”
(Triangle/Windward/Leeward/Windward)



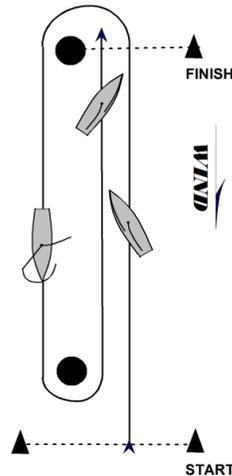
Course “TW” finishes upwind.
A number following “TW” on the course board indicates the number of windward / leeward laps to be sailed **after** doing the initial (and only) triangle and **before** the final windward leg. If no such number appears, sail the course as per the diagram

Course “L”
(Windward / Leeward)



Course “L” finishes downwind.
A number following the “L” on the course board indicates the number of complete windward / leeward laps to be sailed. If no such number appears, sail the course as per the diagram.

Course “W”
(Windward/Leeward/Windward)



Course “W” finishes upwind.
A number following the “W” on the course board indicates the number of complete windward / leeward laps to be sailed **before** the final upwind leg. If no such number appears, sail the course as per the diagram.

CCVR COMBO COURSE

The Combo Course will be a windward/leeward course consisting of a fixed weather mark plus drop marks for the leeward mark and start/finish pin.



W = Fixed Weather Mark. L = Leeward Drop Mark. S/F = Start/Finish Pin

- **The Windward and Leeward Marks shall be rounded to PORT**
 - **All fleets shall start and finish between S/F and RC Signal Boat**
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The Course Board will signal the course to be sailed:

- **The Weather Mark will be a fixed CCV mark designated by a **RED LETTER**.**
- **The Leeward Mark will be a drop mark set approx. 500' above the start/finish line.**
- **The Start/Finish Pin will be set approx. 500' to the left of the RC Signal Boat.**
- **The BLACK NUMBERS will designate the total number of laps each fleet shall sail.**
- **The Weather and Leeward Marks shall be rounded to PORT.**

CCVR Race Instructions

These instructions pertain to CCVR races only.

All CCVR races will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-2024*. In addition, CCVR races are governed by:

- The CCVR General Sailing Instructions
- The CCVR Race Instructions
- The Race Circular for that race

Any issues not covered by these documents will be decided by a Rules Committee appointed by the CCVR Commodore.

Conduct of CCVR Races

Checking In - Before the Attention Signal for the first race of the day, each boat shall pass by the transom of the RC Signal Boat and hail her boat name and/or sail number until acknowledged by the RC.

Class Flags - Each boat shall fly her class flag from the backstay while racing. See CCVR General Sailing Instructions for Class Splits and descriptions of Class Flags.

Changing Fleets - Boats may not change fleets on the day of the race unless there are fewer than two boats present to race in that fleet. Other fleet changes must be done prior to the race entry deadline shown on the Race Circular. Boats may only race in a PHRF fleet if they have a current PHRF rating.

Viper 640 - For Spring & Fall Series, if two or more Vipers are present, they will be given a separate start immediately following A Fleet (as shown on the Race Circular). If there are fewer than two Vipers present, the RC will notify the fleet via VHF Channel 72 and the Viper start will be eliminated from the sequence.

Radios - All boats shall have a working VHF radio aboard and should monitor it prior to the race. The RC will make courtesy announcements via VHF-72 regarding timing, postponements, safety information, etc. In addition, they will attempt to hail premature starters.

Time Limits - Time limits for individual races are shown in the Race Circular for that race. If no boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit, the race is abandoned for that fleet. Boats still racing but not finished within the Finish Window stated in the Race Circular (if any) will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and scored one (1) point more than the number of boats in that fleet to sail the course and finish within the Finish Window. In no case, may the TLE score be more than the number of starters in that fleet. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A11.

Retirement - Any boat retiring from a race and/or leaving the racing area after having checked-in are requested to so inform the Race Committee and to continue the attempt until acknowledged. Such notification is extremely helpful to the RC as it attempts to account for all boats at the end of racing.

Contact with RC vessel - If any vessel causes contact with a Race Committee vessel causing injury or serious damage, her penalty shall be to retire from the race.

Course Change After Start - A course change at the leeward mark may be signaled either from a drifting mark boat or from the RC Signal Boat still anchored in its original position on the starting line.

Scoring

All CCVR events will be scored using the Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A, except:

- All boats scored DNC, DNS, OCS, NSC, DNF, RET, DSQ, or DNE will be scored points for the finishing place one point more than the number of boats who came to the starting area.
- Southern Bay Race Week
 - For purposes of CCVR High Point Scoring, any boat competing in a One-Design Fleet on Sunday (Viper, J-24, etc.), will be given a score equal to her average points for all other CCVR High Point Races in which she competed and was scored for the season.

- For purposes of CCVR High Point Scoring, any boat competing in a sub-divided fleet on Sunday (A1/A2, B1/B2, etc.), will be given the score she received in the sub-divided fleet. So, for final CCVR High Point Scoring, two boats in the same fleet could receive the same score for the event.
- RC Duty - Any boat required to serve RC duty for a day of a series, will receive a High Point score for that day equal to her average score for all other days of that series.
- Spring & Fall Series Scoring
 - Spring & Fall Series scores will include all races sailed and scored during the series.
 - The number of boats entered for purposes of A11 is the number of boats who came to the starting area for any race in that series.

CCVR High Point Policies and Scoring

CCVR High Point Awards will be presented to each class at the end of the season. To be eligible for these awards, a boat must enter, start, and be scored in that class in a minimum number of events. (See chart)

For purposes of CCVR High Point Scoring:

- The boat owner must be a current, paid member of CCVR on the date of the event.
- Each scheduled CCVR race day is considered to be one event and all races scored that day will be combined into a single score for both daily trophies and CCVR High Point scoring.
- If no races are completed on a scheduled race day, the day will not be made up.
- The number of boats entered for purposes of A11 is the number of boats who came to the starting area that day.

The chart below shows the minimum number of events in which a boat must enter, race, and be scored in order to qualify for the CCVR High Point Championship in that fleet:

Number of CCVR Events Completed in 2021	Number of Events needed to qualify
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9	7
8	6
7	5
6	4
5	3

CCVR Awards

Number of Awards in Each Fleet

1st if 2 boats 2nd if 3-5 boats 3rd if 6-8 boats 4th if 9 or more boats

Perpetual Awards

Trophy	Race	Fleet
Euclid Hanbury	Founders Race	PHRF A
Rudy Lotz	Founders Race	PHRF B
William R Bruce	Founders Race	PHRF C
Benjamin Owens	Founders Race	PHRF NS
North Sailmakers	Fall Series	All

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