

## **Sailing Instructions Notice of Race**

**The Organizing Authority is the Genesee Yacht Club (GYC)**



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1. Rules
  - 1.1. Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply and Appendix U (Audible Signal Racing System) may apply.
  - 1.2. The Class Rules PHRF-LO (Lake Ontario) shall apply.
2. Entries
  - 2.1. Members of Genesee Yacht Club, in good standing, will be eligible to enter a boat in any club race and a member of the club must be aboard during the race. Other boats may enter with prior approval of the Rear Commodore or his/her delegate on a race-by-race basis.
  - 2.2. Competitors enter by completing an [Intention to Race form](#) located on the Genesee Yacht Club racing website.
  - 2.3. The competitor shall have a valid PHRF Lake Ontario rating certificate prior to the race(s) to be scored.
  - 2.4. Requirements 2.2 and 2.3 are waived for "Pizza" and "Fun" races.
  - 2.5. Boats are required to carry all relevant safety equipment as required by USCG/US Sailing for all passengers aboard including lifejackets, fire extinguisher, sound making device, flares, throw line, throwable device, VHF, compass, anchor ect.
3. Notice to Competitors
  - 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official racing notice board located in the GYC clubhouse.
4. Race Cancellation
  - 4.1. A race will be abandoned if the combined sustained wind and waves exceeds 23 (for example, 20 kt winds plus 3 ft waves) as measured by the PRO or Rear Commodore one-hour prior to the scheduled starting sequence. The PRO or Rear Commodore may also cancel a race if conditions are not safe.
  - 4.2. Failure of the Race Committee, PRO or Rear Commodore to abandon a race shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.
5. Changes to the Sailing Instructions
  - 5.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the GYC clubhouse official racing notice board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it takes effect.
  - 5.2. The Race Committee may make changes to a sailing instruction on the water by announcing the change on VHF radio. Race signal L will be made no less than 1 minute prior to announcing the change.
6. Signals made Ashore
  - 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the GYC flagpole.
  - 6.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
7. Schedule of Races
  - 7.1. The schedule of races is listed in Appendix C.

- 8. Class Flags**
  - 8.1.** Class flags will be the numeral signal pennant corresponding to a boat's division number.
- 9. Racing Area**
  - 9.1.** The starting line will be approximately 1 nm 0 deg from the Rochester west pier light.
- 10. The Courses**
  - 10.1.** The day's race course shall be determined by the Race Committee and will be displayed on the RC boat on a white board, along with the approximate distance and bearing to the first mark.
  - 10.2.** The courses are shown in Appendix A.
- 11. Rules**
  - 11.1.** GYC races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing.
  - 11.2.** Marks will be inflatable tetrahedrons, buoy balls, or cylinders based on conditions and equipment available.
- 12. Start**
  - 12.1.** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and an inflatable mark at the port end.
  - 12.2.** Races will be started by using RRS 26. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class.
  - 12.3.** The Race Committee will make an "Alert" signal of 4-5 repetitive sound signals roughly one minute prior to the first division warning signal.
  - 12.4.** Boats that are not racing shall not interfere with boats that are racing (RRS 23.1) and must not enter the pre-start area, which is defined as an imaginary box bounded by the starting line and three boat lengths on the pre start side of the starting line.
  - 12.5.** The race committee will attempt to announce, by VHF radio, sail numbers or boat names observed to be OCS (prematurely starting race) at the starting signal. Failure of the race committee to make such announcements, or of a boat to hear it, the timing or sequence will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 13. Change of Course**
  - 13.1.** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
  - 13.2.** The Race Committee may apply Appendix U to signal course changes.
- 14. Finish**
  - 14.1.** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a nearby inflatable mark.
  - 14.2.** All boats shall take their GPS time at the finish line for verification of general position. A discrepancy between RC time and boats time will not be grounds for redress.

## **15. Time Limits and Target Times**

- 15.1.** Each boat's finishing window will be 2 hours corrected, with the exception of long-distance series races. Time limits for long distance series races is at the discretion of the race committee.
- 15.2.** If no boat reaches the first mark within 1 hour, the race shall be abandoned, with the exception of long-distance series races.
- 15.3.** Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

## **16. Radio Communication**

- 16.1.** All boats must carry a working VHF radio tuned to channel 71. Further, a functioning hand-held backup radio or functioning cell phone is required.
- 16.2.** All Race committee "hails" and announcements will be made on VHF channel 71. Failure of a boat to hear hails shall not be grounds for redress.

## **17. Prizes**

- 17.1.** Prizes are described in Appendix B.

## **18. Disclaimer of Liability**

- 18.1.** Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 any GYC racing.

## **19. Protests**

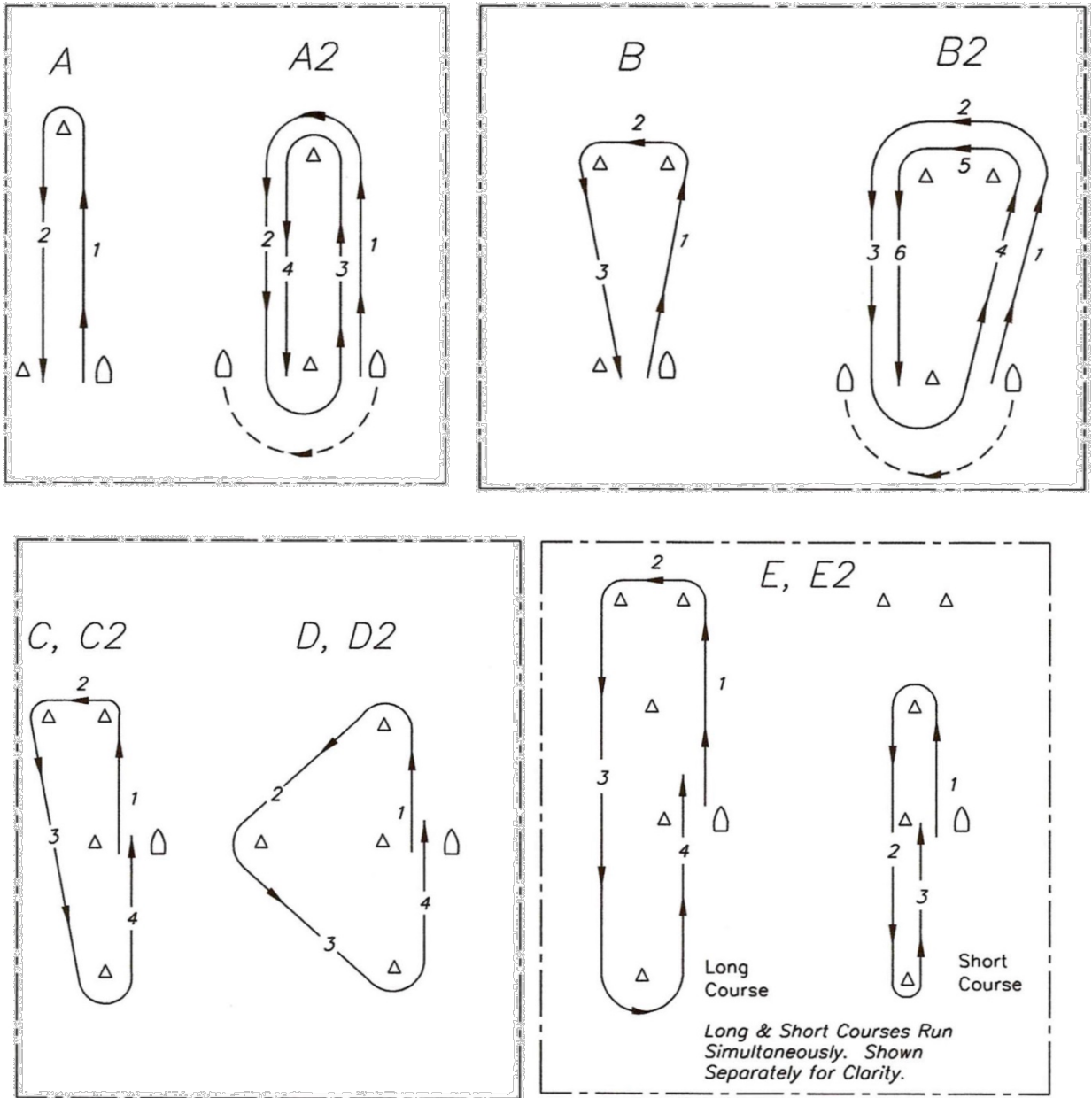
- 19.1.** The Race Committee shall be notified, while on station at the finish line, of a boat's intention to file a protest except, when the boat intending to protest is unable to complete the race, she shall notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible.
- 19.2.** Protests shall be filed in writing with the Rear Commodore or placed in the envelope on the racing notice board within 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. This changes RRS 61.3. Forms are available on the clubhouse racing notice board and on the racing Page of the GYC website.

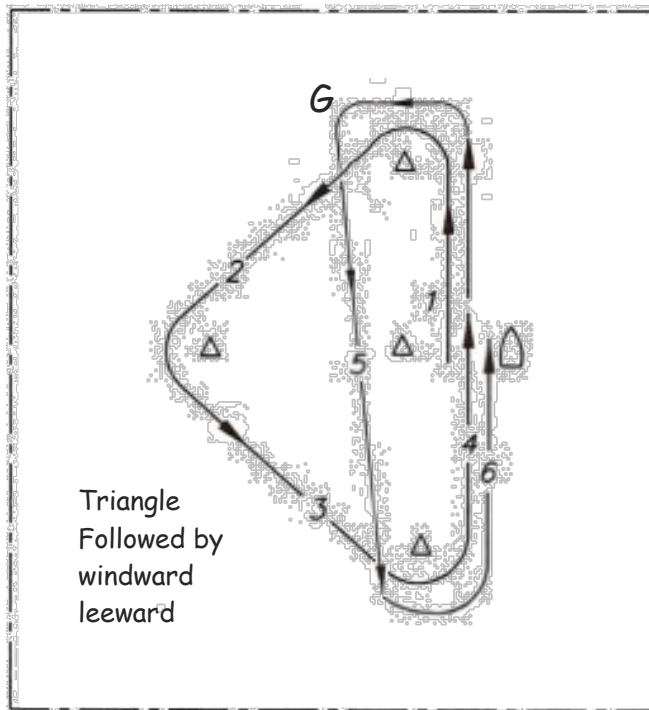
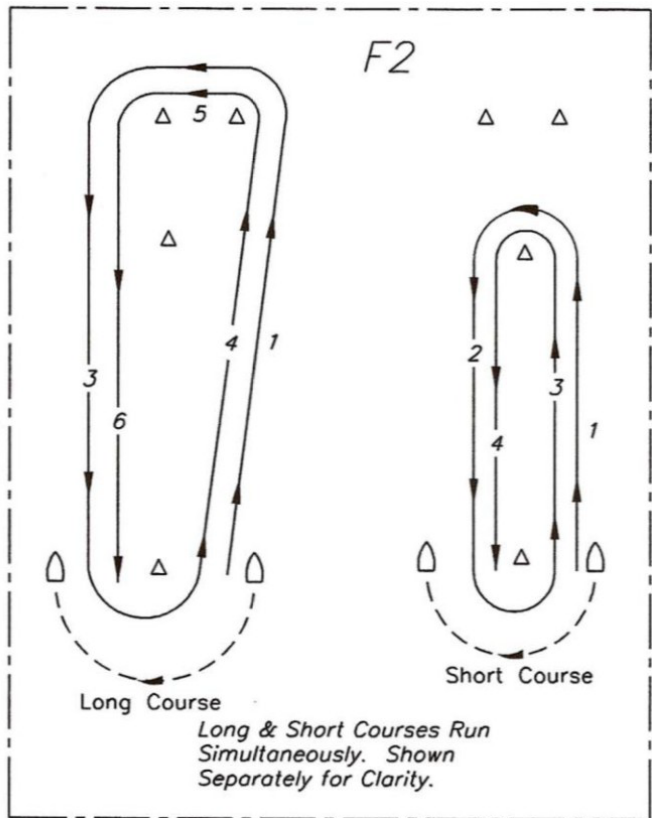
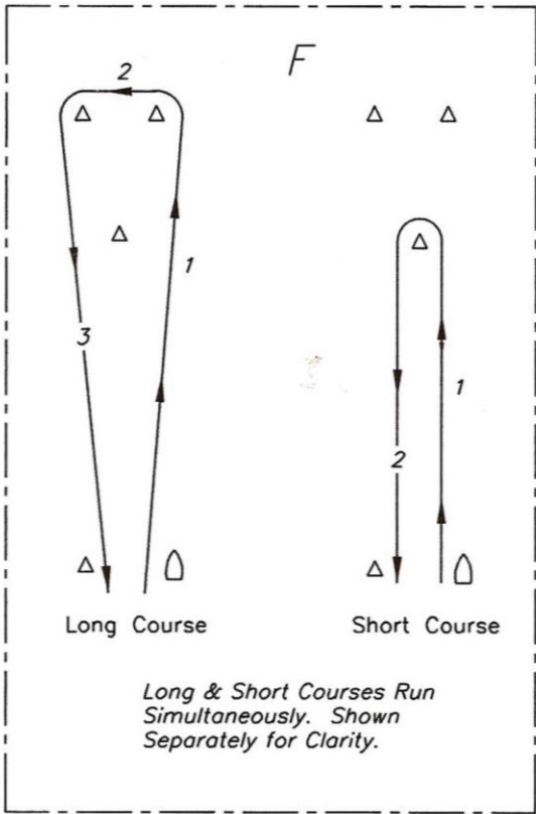
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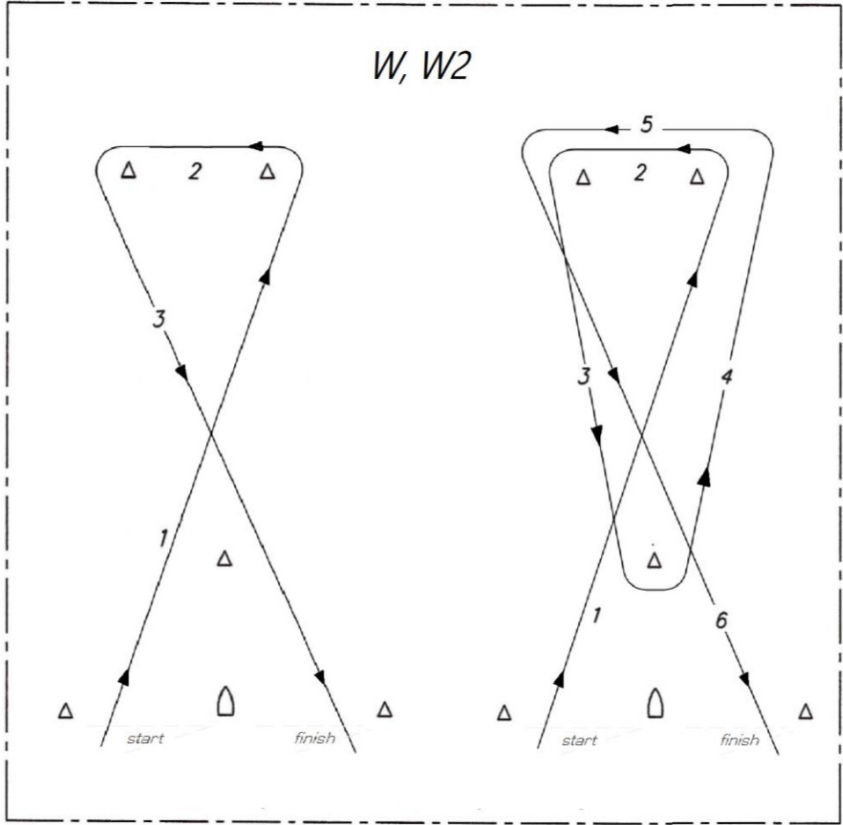
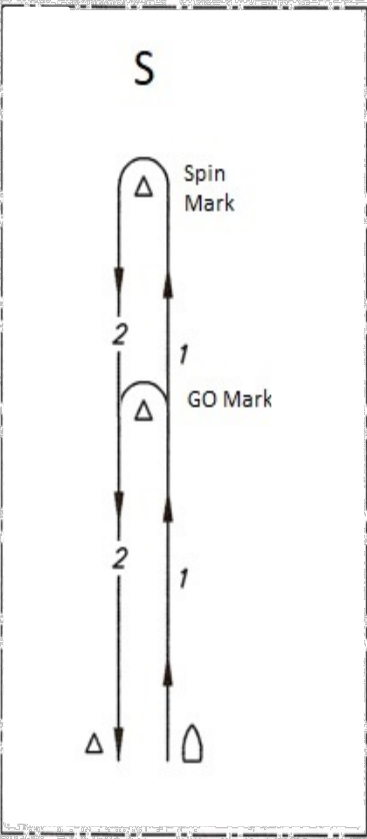
- 20.1.** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 USD per incident.

## APPENDIX A – RACE COURSES

Note: New G Course has been added starting in the 2023 season







## Appendix B – Prizes

### Series Championship

Flags will be awarded to the top 3 places in each division. Only the scores for non-excluded races will be used.

### Tuesday Series Division Championship

Trophies will be based on all Tuesday races for the year as a series, Tuesday division championship trophies will be awarded to the first-place boat. Only the scores for non-excluded races will be used.

### Tuesday Night Overall Championship

The trophy will be based on all Tuesday races for the year as a series, the overall Tuesday Club Championship Trophy will be awarded to the first-place spinnaker boat scoring all spinnaker divisions together as one division on corrected times. Only the scores for non-excluded races will be used.

### High Point Bob Macintyre Trophy

The division trophies will be calculated on all races within the following series with no exclusions:

- Spring Tuesday Series
- Summer Tuesday Series
- Fall Tuesday Series
  
- Spring Weekend Series
- Fall Weekend Series
  
- Double Handed Series
- Single Handed Race
  
- Long Distance Series
- Fall Regatta

The trophies will be based on each Tuesday night division. The score for each boat will be a summation of the modified high point score as defined in 4.5 for all races within each qualifying series. Boats in the Tuesday spinnaker divisions will receive zero points toward the division championship award for non-Tuesday races if they sail in a genoa division when there is a spinnaker division available with the exception of single or double handed races. They will receive calculated points for racing in a genoa division if there is no spinnaker division available. Boats in the Tuesday genoa divisions will receive calculated points if they elect to sail in a spinnaker division in non-Tuesday races. Boats who elect to change Tuesday division during the season will not be eligible for a division championship award.

Race Scores for the high point trophies will be determined as follows:



Define 'N' to be the number of boats competing in a particular race including boats receiving zero points.

Define P as the place assigned by low point scoring. Each boat who comes to the starting line will be scored using the following formula rounded to 2 decimal places:  $(N+1-P)/N$

Example scores:

boats (N) = 3	
Place Finish	High Point Score
1	1.00
2	0.67
3	0.33

boats (N) = 5	
Place Finish	High Point Score
1	1.00
2	0.80
3	0.60
4	0.40
5	0.20

boats (N) = 7	
Place Finish	High Point Score
1	1.00
2	0.86
3	0.71
4	0.57
5	0.43
6	0.29
7	0.14

boats (N) = 9	
Place Finish	High Point Score
1	1.00
2	0.89
3	0.78
4	0.67
5	0.56
6	0.44
7	0.33
8	0.22
9	0.11

## BOAT OF THE YEAR

The trophy will be awarded to the GYC spinnaker boat with the most first places in all GYC sponsored events excluding Pizza or "Fun" races.

The Races included in this determination are:

- Spring Tuesday Series
- Summer Tuesday Series
- Fall Tuesday Series
- Spring Weekend Series
- Double Handed Series
- Fall Weekend Series
- Single Handed Race
- Long Distance Series
- Fall Weekend Regatta

## Double Handed Series Trophy

Based on all Double-Handed races for the year as a series, the Double-Handed Series Championship Trophies will be awarded to the first-place boats scoring each division separately on corrected time. Only the scores for non-excluded races will be used.

## Singled Handed Place Trophy

The overall Single-Handed Race Championship Trophy will be awarded to the first-place boat scoring all divisions together as one division on corrected times.

## EXCLUSION TABLE

Unless otherwise noted in Appendix C, Series exclusions will be based on the following table:

Races Completed in the Series	Excluded Races
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	1
5	2
6	2
7	2
8	2
9	2
10	3
11	3
12	3
More than 12	4

## Appendix C – Schedule of Races

### Tuesday Races

- VHF radio competitor’s announcement approximately 5 minutes before the first scheduled start
- At least one completed race will constitute each series
- All starts will be 5-minute rolling starts
- First start time: 1830
- First start September races: 1800
- Time Limit Expired: A boat scored TLE shall be given 2 greater than the number of boats that finish in their division. A boat in the division must have properly finished the race. A boat shall be scored TLE if she fails to finish 45 minutes after the first boat in her division to finish. If in the judgement of the Race Committee there is no reasonable chance of her finishing within her time limit. A boat fails to finish 1/2 hour before sunset.

### Spring Tuesday Series

Six scheduled dates:

- 5/28/24
- 6/04/24
- 6/11/24
- 6/18/24
- 6/25/24
- 7/02/24

### Summer Tuesday Series

Six scheduled dates:

- 7/09/24
- 7/16/24
- 7/23/24
- 7/30/24
- 8/06/24
- 8/13/24

### Fall Tuesday Series

Five scheduled dates:

- 8/20/24
- 8/27/24
- 9/03/24
- 9/10/24
- 9/17/24

## Weekend Series Races

Skippers meeting 0900

Start: 1000

One completed race shall constitute a series.

Spring Weekend Series: Six scheduled races (2 Races Scheduled Per Day)

Dates:

- 5/25/24
- 6/01/24
- 6/08/24

Double Handed Series Six scheduled races (2 Races Scheduled Per Day)

Number of crew: boats less than 30': 2, boats 30' or greater may have 2 or 3 crew.

Dates

- 6/22/24
- 7/13/24
- 7/27/24

Fall Weekend Series (2 Races Scheduled Per Day)

Dates

- 9/21/24
- 9/28/24

Single Handed Race One scheduled date

Date

- 8/31/24

Long Distance Series

One Race is scheduled per day.

One completed race shall constitute a series.

Dates:

- 6/15/24
- 8/10/24
- 9/14/24

Catchup Pursuit Race

One race scheduled on

- 9/07/24

Boats will start at their pre-determined start time based PHRF on time on distance pre calculated course distances

Fall Weekend Regatta

Three races on one date:

- 10/5/2024

All races scored with no exclusions

Last warning signal 1300