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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Club Races 2026

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Class Rules of PHRF-LO.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard in the GYC clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.3 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.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the GYC flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 RACE CANCELLATION

- 5.1 The PRO or Rear Commodore may cancel a race if conditions are not safe.
- 5.2 Failure of the Race Committee, PRO or Rear Commodore to abandon a race shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 61.2

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flags will be the numeral signal pennant corresponding to a boat's division number.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the course on the RC boat on a white board, along with the approximate distance and bearing to the first mark.
- 7.2 The courses are shown in Appendix A.

8 THE START

8.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

8.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for club races are in the following table:

Series	Warning signal
Tuesday series	First Warning 1825 After September 1 st First warning 1755
Saturday Series	First Warning 955
Fall Weekend Regatta	First Warning 955 No warning after 1300

8.3 The Race Committee will make an “Alert” signal of 4-5 repetitive sound signals roughly one minute prior to the first division warning signal.

8.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

8.5 [DP] 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.

8.6 The race committee will attempt to announce, by VHF radio Channel 71 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 61.2.

9 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

9.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

10.2 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.

11 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

11.1 If no boat reaches the first mark within 1 hour, the race shall be abandoned, except for long-distance series races.

- 11.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course will be 2 hours, with the exception of long-distance series races. Time limits for long distance series races is at the discretion of the race committee.
- 11.3 Finish Window: If a boat does not finish within 45 minutes of the first boat in their division (except for long distance series) they shall be scored TLE. This changes RRS 35, A5.1.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 Protests shall be filed in writing with the Rear Commodore or designate within 60 minutes after the Committee Boat has docked. This changes RRS 60.3. Forms are available on the clubhouse racing notice board and on the racing Page of the GYC website. <https://geneseeyc.org/wp-content/uploads/Documents/Racing/US-Sailing-2017-2020-Protest-Form.pdf>
- 12.3 RRS Rule 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..."