

2025-2028 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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The notation "[DP]" in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS] 2025-2028.
- 1.2 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

2 COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located under the SSA deck in the Snack Bar area and on the Digital Notice Board accessed through the specific event page of the SSA Event Calendar <https://club.severnsailing.org/event/calendar>.
- 2.2 During the event, all event documents, notices and amendments to the NOR and SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board and may be posted electronically in the Event Information section of the Digital Notice Board. In the event of a conflict, the Official Notice Board takes precedence.
- 2.3 A competitors' meeting may be held at 0930 on the first day of a regatta.
- 2.4 All boats may carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 65A and 16. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy and safety broadcasts to boats on VHF channel 65A.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the NOR or SIs will be posted no later than 0930 on the day they take effect with the following exceptions.
- 3.2 Changes that affect the schedule will be posted no later than 1900 on the day before they take effect.
- 3.3 On the first day of a regatta, changes may be posted after 0930 if within 15 minutes after the competitors' meeting.
- 3.4 If racing is postponed ashore, changes may be posted no later than 90 minutes prior to the revised schedule for the first warning signal.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the SSA Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in RRS "Race Signals."

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1100 hours.
- 5.2 A minimum of three (3) races are scheduled for a 1-day regatta and five (5) races for a 2-day regatta. Additional

races may be added per SI 2.1, 2.2 and 3.2.

- 5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

- 5.4 One race constitutes a regatta.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Each class flag will be the class insignia on a plain background.

7 RACING AREAS AND COURSES

- 7.1 A chart of the racing areas and the course diagrams are shown on the pages following SI 19.1. The intended racing area will be announced at the competitor's meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal the race committee will: 1) Designate the course and display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg; 2) Post the order of starts; and 3) May display flag "C" with several sound signals to indicate that mark 1 will be a new mark as described in SI 8.4.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2, 3s, 3p and 3 will be orange cylinders/spheres.
- 8.2 Marks S and SF may be yellow cylinders/spheres or an orange flag on an RC boat.
- 8.3 Marks F and RF will be orange cylinders/ spheres.
- 8.4 New marks, as provided in SI 11.1, will be orange tetrahedrons.

9 CHECK IN

- 9.1 [DP][NP] Each boat shall sail by the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number before a boat starts the first race in which she competes each day.
- 9.2 A boat failing to comply with the check in procedure shall receive, without a hearing, a 20% scoring penalty in the first race in which the boat competes, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26. Appendix U Audible-Signal Racing System may be used if announced at the competitor's meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board. Appendix U1 is amended to state that class flags shall be displayed prior to the warning signal of each class. Appendix U4 is amended to state that Rule 29 Recalls shall apply.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark (SI 8.2).
- 10.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored did not start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

10.5 The race committee intends to hail boats on the course side (OCS). A boat may not base a request for redress on failure of the race committee to hail any sail or hull numbers; failure of a boat to hear a hail; a boat's position in the sequence of hails; promptness of this hail. The changes RRS 61.4(b).

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 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.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 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.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit is 2 hours for the first boat to finish in each class.

13.2 Boats which have not finished and are still racing 30 minutes after the first boat in their class finishes will be recorded as "Time Limit Expired" (TLE) and will receive a score 2 points more than the number of finishers. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS Appendix V applies.

14.2 Acceptance of Post-Race Penalties (Appendix V2). Submit Penalty Acceptance form available on the digital notice board or the paper form.

15 HEARING AND REVIEW REQUESTS

15.1 Digital Request Forms are available in the Event Information section (SI 2.1). Paper copies of these forms are available in the SE corner of the second floor of the clubhouse.

15.2 The time limit to file a Hearing Request Form is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks, which will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.3 Within the appropriate time limit: 1) Digital forms shall be submitted to the RC by pressing the Submit button at the bottom of the form; or 2) Completed paper forms shall be delivered to the RC in the race office or other designated location or by emailing to ssa.race.office@gmail.com

15.4 Notice of hearings will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. The hearings may be held at a later time or date, including during the week following the event.

15.5 Scoring reviews will be completed as soon as practicable after filing.

16 SCORING

16.1 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 [DP] Appropriate protective clothing shall be worn by competitors from 15 November through 15 March and at all other times that the water temperature is below 60 F. Wetsuits or dry suits may be appropriate for this purpose, but skippers are solely responsible for the safety of their crew, their boat and themselves.

17.2 [DP] All boats shall have available an appropriate line, not less than 25 feet long, which can be used for towing.

17.3 The race committee may carry out checks of safety

equipment required in SI 17.1, 17.2 and class rules.

17.4 A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains and Bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe. The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for this infraction based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3 and 61.4(b)(3).

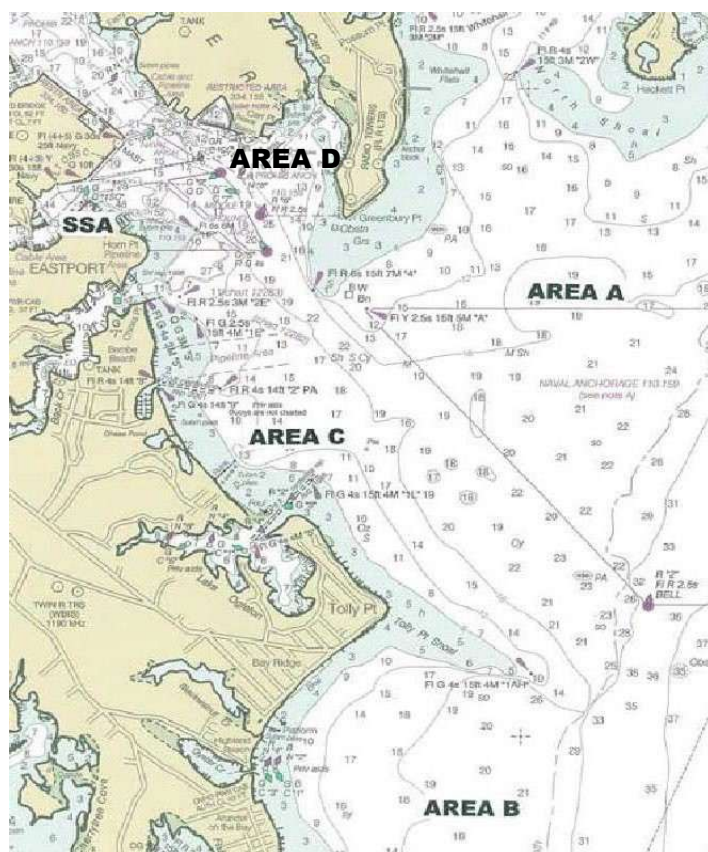
18 RISK

18.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

19 PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first, second and third in the regatta.

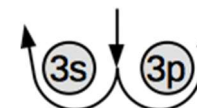
RACING AREAS



COURSES

The following diagrams indicate the order, rounding and direction of the marks of the courses that may be sailed. In the below table, the course designation is followed a colon and then the mark rounding order for that course. When the race committee displays **Flag G** prior to the warning signal, the leeward mark will be a gate., If only one mark is set at a gate, that mark shall be rounded to port. Boats rounding the leeward mark to go upwind shall round either leeward mark.

Flag G (Gate):



Downwind Finishes

Basic Finish

R Finish

S Finish

F Finish

L

Start/Finish Area

L2: Start/SF-1-3-1-Finish/SF

L3: Start/SF-1-3-1-3-1-Finish/SF

LR2: Start/S-1-3-1-S -Finish/RF

LR3: Start/S-1-3-1-3-1-S-Finish/RF

LS2: Start/3-1-3-1-Finish/3

LS3: Start/3-1-3-1-3-1-Finish/3

LF2: Start/S-1-3-1-Finish/F

LF3: Start/S-1-3-1-3-1-Finish/F

LA

Start/Finish Area

LA2: Start/SF-1-1a-3-1-1a-Finish/SF

LA3: Start/SF-1-1a-3-1-1a-3-1-1a-Finish/SF

LAR2: Start/S-1-1a-3-1-1a-S-Finish/RF

LAR3: Start/S-1-1a-3-1-1a-3-1-1a-S-Finish/RF

LAS2: Start/3-1-1a-3-1-1a-Finish/3

LAS3: Start/3-1-1a-3-1-1a-3-1-1a-Finish/3

LAF2: Start/S-1-1a-3-1-1a-Finish/F

LAF3: Start/S-1-1a-3-1-1a-3-1-1a-Finish/F

TL

Start/Finish Area

TL2: Start/SF-1-2-3-1-Finish/SF

TL3: Start/SF-1-2-3-1-3-1-Finish/SF

TLR2: Start/S-1-2-3-1-S-Finish/RF

TLR3: Start/S-1-2-3-1-3-1-S-Finish/RF

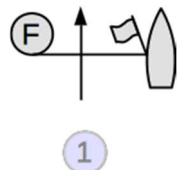
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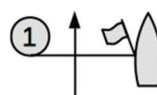
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Basic Finish

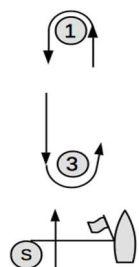


S Finish



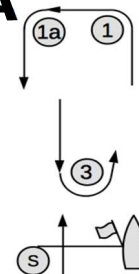
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Finish Area

**W2:** Start/S-1-3-Finish/F**W3:** Start/S-1-3-1-3-Finish/F**WS2:** Start/S-1-3-Finish/1**WS3:** Start/S-1-3-1-3-Finish/1

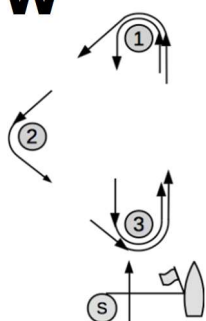
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Finish Area

**WA2:** Start/S-1-1a-3-Finish/F**WA3:** Start/S-1-1a-3-1-1a-3-Finish/F**WAS2:** Start/S-1-1a-3-Finish/1**WAS3:** Start/S-1-1a-3-1-1a-3-Finish/1

TW

Finish Area

**TW2:** Start/S-1-2-3-Finish/F**TW3:** Start/S-1-2-3-1-3-Finish/F**TWS2:** Start/S-1-2-3-Finish/1**TWS3:** Start/S-1-2-3-1-3-Finish/1

