

Anchorage Cup 2026

Sailing Instructions

September 12, 2026

Anchorage Marina



1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 9:30 AM on the day it will take effect and announced at the skippers meeting.
- 2.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by announcement on VHF radio channel 72.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Club Spot on Anchorage Marina Event Site: <https://anchagemarine.com/regatta/Nu0GdulZJb>
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.3. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The first warning for Jib and Main will be at 11:30 AM.
- 5.2. The Spinnaker divisions will follow per the published schedule available at Race Check-In.

6. CLASS FLAGS

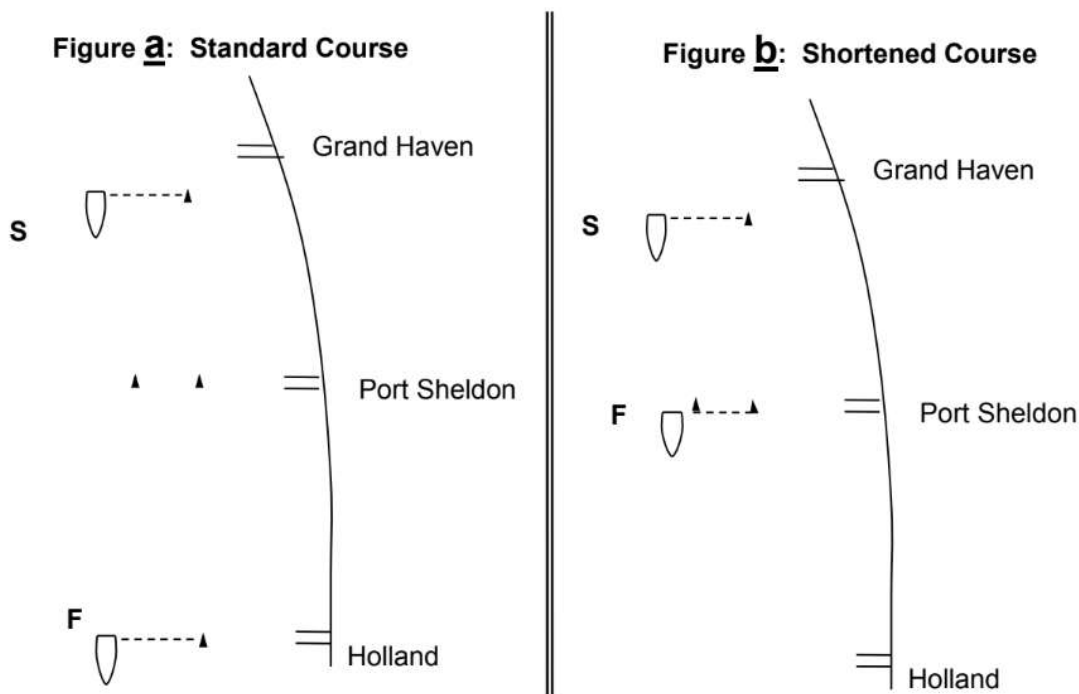
- 6.1. Class Flags are assigned by the Race Committee and distributed at Race Check-In.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The course for all divisions will start along an east-west line approximately 1.0 nautical mile west of the Grand Haven Channel south pier head and finish at an east-west line approximately 1.0 nautical mile west of the north Holland channel pier head. If the course needs to be shortened due to weather, the Port Sheldon Gate will be the finish line.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams below shows the course(s). The approximate course length is 15 nautical miles.
- 8.2. A gate will be located approximately 1.0 nautical mile west of the Port Sheldon Channel.
- 8.3. If the gate has not been removed due to weather, all boats must pass between the two gate marks.



9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks are orange inflatables.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.2. Races will be started as indicated on the Starting Sequence provided at Race Check-In and at the Skippers Meeting.
- 10.3. General Recall: when at the starting signal, the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on course side of the starting line or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall (display the First Substitute with two sounds). The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made after the last normally scheduled class and proceed as described above. This changes RRS 29.2.
- 10.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.5. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the TWO MINUTES before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. A boat may not request redress based on the race committee's failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 10.6. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee shall attempt to hail her sail number. A boat may not request redress based on failure of the race committee to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 10.7. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag and the finishing mark for the Holland course. For a shortened course, ending at the Port Sheldon Gate, the finishing line is between the two marks.
- 12.2. All boats finishing shall submit the Finish Report provided at Race Check In and text it to: 616-329-5486 within 30 minutes of your finish time.
- 12.3. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. RRS Appendix V shall apply.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Port Sheldon Mark Time Limit	Race Time Limit
4 hours	5 hours

- 14.1. Boats starting but failing to sail the course within the Target Time, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.
- 14.2. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1. For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the race.
- 15.2. Hearing request forms are available from the [2026 Anchorage Cup Event Page Race Documents](#) on and submitted via email at AnchorageCupChair@gmail.com. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 60 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, located at Anchorage Marina Yacht Club Office, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4. RRS 61.2(b)(2) and 63.7(b)(2) do not apply.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The scoring will be as described in the NOR.
- 16.2. Time On Distance PHRF will be used.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place finishers from each division.
- 18.2. The Spinnaker Fleet Anchorage Cup will bear the name of the overall winner of the Spinnaker fleet and will be displayed permanently at Anchorage Marina Yacht Club.

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1. 30.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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. Each venue jurisdiction may need a different or modified version of this risk statement.

20. INSURANCE

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