



2026 BELLPORT BAY YACHT CLUB SPRING, SUMMER & FALL SERIES

Sailing Instructions

Spring Series:	Thursday: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10	Warning Signal: 1900
Summer Series:	Thursday: July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28	Warning Signal: 1900 July/1830 Aug
Fall Series:	Saturday: Sept 6, 13, 27, Oct 4 - 2 races each day	Warning Signal: 1030
Long Distance Races:	Saturday: Sept 26 & 27	Warning Signal: 1100

Abandoned Spring & Summer Series Thursday races will be rescheduled for the immediate, following Saturday.

Abandoned Fall Series Saturday races will be rescheduled for the immediate, following Sunday.

Long Distance races will be scored independently from the Fall Series and if abandoned, will not be rescheduled.

Rescheduled races will be listed on Notice Board and all registered Competitors shall receive emailed notices.

Organizing Authority: Bellport Bay Yacht Club

- RULES:** The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, except as any of these are changed by the sailing instructions. All single-handed sailors shall wear a life jacket at all times. PHRF handicaps based upon handicaps determined by the BBYC Handicap Committee will be used.
- CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** shall be posted only by the Race Committee Chairperson or officer of the club on the Official Notice board located inside the yacht club. Any change will be posted 30 minutes before the start of the race in which it will take effect.
- SIGNALS** will be flown from the yacht club porch, crow's nest, or RC boat.
- COURSES ARE SIGNALLED FROM THE CROW'S NEST OF THE CLUB:** Letters A through F correspond to those on the Course Chart. The order of the Letters designate the course. The Marks shall be rounded in the order posted with the color of the Letter indicating the side on which the Marks are to be rounded.
- MARKS:** BBYC club Marks A, B, and H are Orange and White Barrels.
Mark C = R #6, Mark D = R #4, Mark E = R #2, and Mark F = FLG #1 are government marks.
- THE START** signals will be displayed per RRS 26. The distance races September 23 and 24 may use a different starting system.
 - The start and finish lines for all yachts will be between Club Mark A and the orange cylinder on the dock in front of the club. In this case the signals will be on the crow's nest.
 - Or the start line will be between the staff flying the RC flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and on the course side of the red ball at the port end. The RC boat may be a club boat.
- SHORTEN COURSE**
The shortened course shall be signaled before the first boat crosses the finish line. The course may be shortened at rounding Mark A and the orange cylinder on the dock.
- TIME LIMIT**
 - The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 1 3/4 hours. The Finishing Window is 30 minutes for boats after the first boat finishes. Boats scored as TLE (Time Limit Expired) will place one more place than the number of finishers. This changes RRS 35 and A2.1.
 - The time limit for all boats in the distance race is 5 hours. Boats scored as TLE (Time Limit Expired) will place one more place than the number of finishers. This changes RRS 35 and A2.1.
- WITHDRAWAL:** In order to account for all starters, a yacht withdrawing shall make every effort to report to the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS:**
 - Protests or Requests for Redress shall be written on forms available from the Race Committee and filed within the Protest Filing Time Period that ends at the Warning Signal of the Next Race in that Series.
 - Notice of Hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

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