

YYC Tuesday Night 2025 Sailing Instructions

Preamble – The Tuesday Night Series is intended to be a competitive but more relaxed form of racing. We hope to encourage new racers, families, cruising sailors, and potential new crew to enjoy, and/or be introduced to the sport. This is not to say that the racing rules (particularly those addressing good manners and sportsmanship) are to be ignored; indeed the series offers an opportunity to learn the rules from the more experienced skippers and crew members. Tuesday racing is meant to strike a balance of enjoyment, learning and competition across all participating fleets. The Race Committee requests everyone's cooperation in the spirit of what is intended.

1. Rules - Races will be governed by the RULES as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”), except as any of these are modified by these sailing instructions. All participants are encouraged to exercise good manners and sportsmanship as provided in the RRS.

2. Eligibility:

- (a) Any sailboat may compete, provided that at least one owner of such boat is a current member of the Youngstown Yacht Club, the Niagara-On-The-Lake Sailing Club, Smuggler's Cove Boat Club, or of a yacht/boat club with which the Youngstown Yacht Club maintains a reciprocal relationship.
- (b) Only non-flying sails may be deployed unless otherwise indicated in these instructions.
- (c) A yacht must pay an annual entry fee of **US \$40** or **CAN \$55**. Payment may be made either in the form of a check payable to Thomas Murphy, 400 Oak Street, Youngstown, NY 14174, or by cash given to the Tuesday Race Committee.

Note: Boats home-ported in the United States shall pay their entry fee in U.S. funds only.

- (d) Fleet 1 and 2 competitors must provide their current PHRF-LO Certificate to the R.C. by email at tcmsiva@gmail.com no later than the Warning Signal of the June 3, 20205 race.

3. Notices to Competitors - Notices to competitors will be posted near the YYC launch service building and/or announced by the Race Committee (“R.C.”) over VHF Channel 68.

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions - Changes to these sailing instructions will be broadcast by flag signal and/or on VHF Channel 68 by the R.C. prior to the first warning signal.

5. Signals Made Ashore - Signals made ashore will be displayed at the YYC flag pole or on the signal boat if that boat is moored at a YYC dock. Signals made ashore may also be made on VHF Channel 68, either in conjunction with or in lieu of visual signals.

6. Schedule of Races - All are Tuesdays; Warning Signal times are for Fleet 1 Warning Signal

Louis Mies Series (Best 4 of 5)	May 27, 2025	Warning Signal - 1845 Hrs
	June 3	Warning Signal - 1845 Hrs
	June 10	Warning Signal - 1845 Hrs
	June 17	Warning Signal - 1845 Hrs
	June 24	Warning Signal - 1845 Hrs
Edmund Rogers Series (Best 4 of 5)	July 1	Warning Signal - 1845 Hrs
	July 8	Warning Signal - 1845 Hrs
	July 15	Warning Signal - 1845 Hrs
	July 22	Warning Signal - 1845 Hrs
	July 29	Warning Signal - 1845 Hrs
Don Kress Series (Best 4 of 5)	August 5	Warning Signal - 1845 Hrs
	August 12	Warning Signal - 1845 Hrs
	August 19	Warning Signal - 1845 Hrs
	August 26	Warning Signal - 1845 Hrs
	September 2	Warning Signal - 1845 Hrs
Doug Hooper Series	September 9	Warning Signal - 1830 Hrs *
	September 16	Warning Signal - 1830 Hrs *
	September 23	Warning Signal - 1830 Hrs *
	September 30	Warning Signal - 1830 Hrs (<u>the Sept. 30 race may be canceled if all missed races have been made up previously</u>)

* Note earlier start time for Doug Hooper Series Races.

Makeup Races: Cancelled races in a series will be made up in the beginning of the next series. For example, if the first and fourth races of the Louis Mies series were cancelled, then the first two races of the Edmund Rogers series would be counted both as themselves and also as makeup races for the two cancelled Louis Mies series races.

If a scheduled makeup race is not completed it will be rescheduled until completed, provided makeup dates remain. All Doug Hooper Series races will be counted as a series separate from the Season Championship. September races will be scheduled or cancelled at R.C. discretion. Verify with R.C. or YYC launch.

7. Racing Area - The racing area will be the fixed marks of the YYC/NOLSC Olympic Circle as shown in Illustration A, attached, or as designated by the R.C. The R.C. intends to monitor Channel 68. Individual races in any Series may be started and finished in the Niagara River. Watch the R.C. boat and listen on VHF Channel 68 for instructions.

8. The Course - The diagram in Illustration B shows the race marks to be used. Where practicable the R.C. will display the mark numbers indicating the order in which each mark is to be rounded (corresponding to the chart on Illustration B – YYC/NOLSC Olympic Circle). All marks shall be left to **port, including River races, unless otherwise indicated by the R.C.**

Note: For races with River Starts and/or Finishes, race marks may include marks not in the YYC/NOLSC Olympic Circle, including, without limitation, as described in the “Table of Additional Race Marks” following Illustration B.

9. The Start - Races for Fleet 1 and Fleet 2 will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. Races for the J/70 Fleet may be started using the three (3)-minute Audible Signal start sequence per RRS Appendix U.

The starting line for Lake Races, all Fleets, will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the closest race mark. Unless otherwise designated by the R.C., the starting line for River Races will be between the orange flag on the R.C. boat and a landmark on NOLSC grounds to be designated by the R.C. prior to the Warning Signal for the first Fleet.

Note: All boats should check in with the R.C. by sail-past or VHF Channel 68 prior to the first warning signal. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

9-A. Multiple Starts – Unless the R.C. directs otherwise, **Fleets 1 and 2 will each have its own start.** In the event that only one combined start will be held for Fleets 1 and 2, the R.C. intends to make the appropriate announcement on VHF Ch. 68 and/or by means of such verbal and visual indications as are practicable under the circumstances. See, **Rule 9 Note**, above. All competitors are encouraged to be present in the starting area, and to check in with the R.C., at a reasonable interval prior to their Fleet’s first warning signal to facilitate communications concerning the race course and the number of starts.

The Start for Fleet 1 will precede the Start of Fleet 2. **NOTE: There will be a delay of at least one (1) minute between the start of Fleet 1 and the warning signal for Fleet 2.**

The Class flag for Fleet 1 will be the numeral pennant One (1).

The Class flag for Fleet 2 will be the numeral pennant Two (2).

Note: All boats should notify the R.C. of which Fleet they will start in. A boat unsure as to in which Fleet to start may contact the R.C. for a Fleet assignment prior to the first scheduled warning signal.

Note: In the event of only one start, the warning signal for all boats will be numeral pennants One and Two hoisted simultaneously. The R.C. intends to announce the number of starts as soon as practicable prior to the first warning signal.

Note: The R.C. may elect to assign a shorter course to competitors in Fleet 1, with the intention of finishing all boats closer in time. For example, where wind and daylight conditions are appropriate, if Fleet 2 is assigned a triangle-windward-leeward course, Fleet 1 might be assigned only the triangle portion of that course. Announcements in this regard will be made as soon as practicable prior to the first Warning signal of Fleet 1. Competitors should monitor VHF 68.

9-B. Fleet Assignment – As a general guideline, Fleet 1 shall consist of boats, other than J/70 Class boats, with PHRF-LO non-flying sails ratings of 150 or above. Fleet 2 shall consist of boats, other than J-70 Class boats, with PHRF-LO non-flying sails ratings below 150.

9-C. J/70 Class Fleet – There may be an additional Fleet on the course week-to-week, comprised of J/70 Class boats. Competitors in this Fleet will be racing with flying sails, and may or may not race on the same race course as Fleets 1 and 2.

Note: In the event that a separate J/70 Fleet is starting, the Start for that Fleet may be the first **OR** last Start to be signaled, before or after the Starts for Fleets 1 and 2.

Note: In the event that the J/70 is starting first, that is, before the Starts of Fleets 1 and 2, the R.C. may if practicable begin the Start sequence for the J/70 Fleet prior to the scheduled first warning signal provided in **Section 6** above.

For example, on a night during the Louis Mies Series where the J/70 Fleet is starting first, the Warning Signal for that Fleet may be given at 18:35 or earlier. All practicable efforts will be made by the R.C. to prevent confusion in this regard, and all competitors are asked to pay close attention to flag signals and monitor VHF Channel 68 for instructions.

Note: If the J/70 Fleet is competing on a given night, there may be more than one Start for that Fleet on a given evening. To avoid confusion, Fleet 1 and 2 competitors are reminded that they may during their races hear sound signals pertaining to the second or third Start of the J/70 Fleet.

Note: The J/70 Fleet will likely not be using all of the same marks as assigned to Fleets 1 and 2. Competitors in Fleets 1 and 2 are encouraged **not** to follow J/70s around marks unless those marks are announced as part of the Fleet 1 and 2 racecourse.

Note and Request for Towing Assistance: In the event that a J/70 Fleet is competing on a given night, competitors in Fleets 1 and 2 who have finished their races are asked and encouraged, if in position to do so, to offer towing assistance to the Sport boats which may not have engines. The Race Committee and the J/70 Fleet thank the Fleet 1 and 2 competitors in advance for their kind assistance in this regard.

10. The Finish – The finishing line for Lake Races will be between the orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the nearby mark. The Race Committee boat may be on either side of the finish mark. The finish line for River Races will be between the orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a landmark on the NOLSC grounds to be designated by the R.C., or as otherwise designated by the R.C.

Note: Any boat which retires from a race which it has started shall inform the R.C. on VHF Ch. 68.

11. Time Limit - The time limit for a boat in any race shall be one hour and forty-five minutes (1.75 hrs.) after the Start signal of the Fleet in which the boat Started in that race. Boats failing to properly finish (as defined per RRS 28) within the Time Limit will be scored **Did Not Finish (DNF)** (receives +1 of yachts started). This modifies RRS 35.

12. Protests / Penalties – Protests are not encouraged but will be received. Protests shall be delivered in writing to the R.C. within one hour and thirty minutes (1.5 hrs.) after the time of the last boat's finish. Protests will also be received by e-mail at tcmsiva@gmail.com within the above noted time limit. This modifies RRS 61.2, 61.3 and 63. Protests shall be decided informally by the Race Committee for educational purposes and, where necessary, to preserve a record for insurance reference purposes. This modifies RRS 61 and 63. Requests for redress will not be entertained under any circumstances. This modifies RRS Part 5, including without limitation RRS 63.

Alternative Scoring Penalty. A boat which commits an infraction otherwise calling for a two-turn Penalty may elect to take a 20% Scoring Penalty in lieu of taking the two-turn Penalty. Every boat electing to

take a 20% Scoring Penalty must so advise the Race Committee at or prior to the time that such boat Finishes the race in which the infraction occurred. This modifies RRS 44.

13. Scoring and Handicap – Fleets 1 and 2 Only:

Every boat competing in Fleet 1 and Fleet 2 must have a PHRF – LO non-flying sails rating.

- (a) A boat's handicap will be determined by
 - (i) its PHRF – LO NFS rating on its PHRF Certificate or
 - (ii) the PHRF – LO NFS rating for that boat type, or
 - (iii) if a boat type is not registered with PHRF – LO, handicapping of such boat type shall be determined by and at the discretion of the R.C., with the understanding that the owner must apply for and obtain a valid PHRF – LO rating before the first race of the Edmund Rogers Series.
 - (iv) Boat owners are asked to advise the R.C. in the event of changes in their boats' ratings.
- (b) The PHRF - LO "Time On Time" calculating method will be used.
- (c) The Low Point scoring system (RRS Appendix A) basics will apply. One race must be completed to constitute a series. If four (4) or five (5) races are completed, a boat's worst score for that series will be excluded.

Boats scored **DNC (Did not come to the starting area)** or **DNS (Did not start)** will receive +2 of the number of boats which started the best-attended race of that series. This modifies RRS A5.2. For purposes of this definition, the best-attended race in a series refers to the race in a series in which the highest number of boats started.

Fleets 1 and 2 will be scored separately each week. Race results will be announced in the YYC Clubhouse after each week's race when practicable. The two Fleets will be scored separately for each Series and for the Overall Season Championship.

14. Season Championship Scoring– Fleets 1 and 2 Only: Two (2) Season Championship Awards will be presented, provided the below conditions are met, one for Fleet 1 and another for Fleet 2.

A separate Season Championship Award will be presented in the J/70 Fleet.

The score for the season championship will be determined by the best nine (9) finishes (as defined in the RRS) from the Mies, Rogers, and Kress Series (meaning that a DNF, DNC, DSQ, *etc.* will NOT be considered as a finish).

A tie for season championship shall be resolved if possible according to RRS A8. In the event application of such rule fails to resolved the tie, RRS A8.2 shall apply, with the following modification: If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race in which all tied boats raced and finished, even though such race may not be within the nine (9) best races of a tied boat. This modifies RRS A8.2.

15. Unsafe/Reckless Conduct

The safety of persons participating in Tuesday racing in any capacity is of paramount importance. A boat which, at any time before or after the Start, is operated in a manner which unreasonably or recklessly in-

creates the risk of impact with a stationary Race Committee vessel shall be disqualified on such terms as the R.C. deems necessary under the specific circumstances, which may include being scored **DNE** as defined in RRS A.10. The determination of such infraction, and the terms of such disqualification, will not be appealable. Should the contents of this Section 15 conflict with any provision of the RRS or any Class Rule, the language of this Section 15 shall govern.

16. Disclaimers:

Competitors participate in races conducted under the governance of these instructions participate entirely at their own risk. *See, RRS 4, Decision to Race.* By participating in these races, all race participants shall be deemed to recognize, understand, and knowingly and voluntarily accept and assume, all risks arising out of such activity. The organizing authority, the Race Committee, Niagara-On-The-Lake Sailing Club (“NOLSC”) and the Youngstown Yacht Club (“YYC”) do not accept, and affirmatively disclaim, any and all liability for property damage or personal injury or death sustained in, arising from or in connection with, or prior to, during, or after the races, howsoever caused.

Competitors are advised that races as described herein are held in waters near the international border between the United States and Canada. The organizing authority, the Race Committee, NOLSC and YYC shall in no way be responsible for marking or otherwise announcing, identifying or delineating the location of the international boundary. Each competitor agrees to be and remain solely responsible for his or her own compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the United States and Canada.

17. Insurance: Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

Illustration "A"

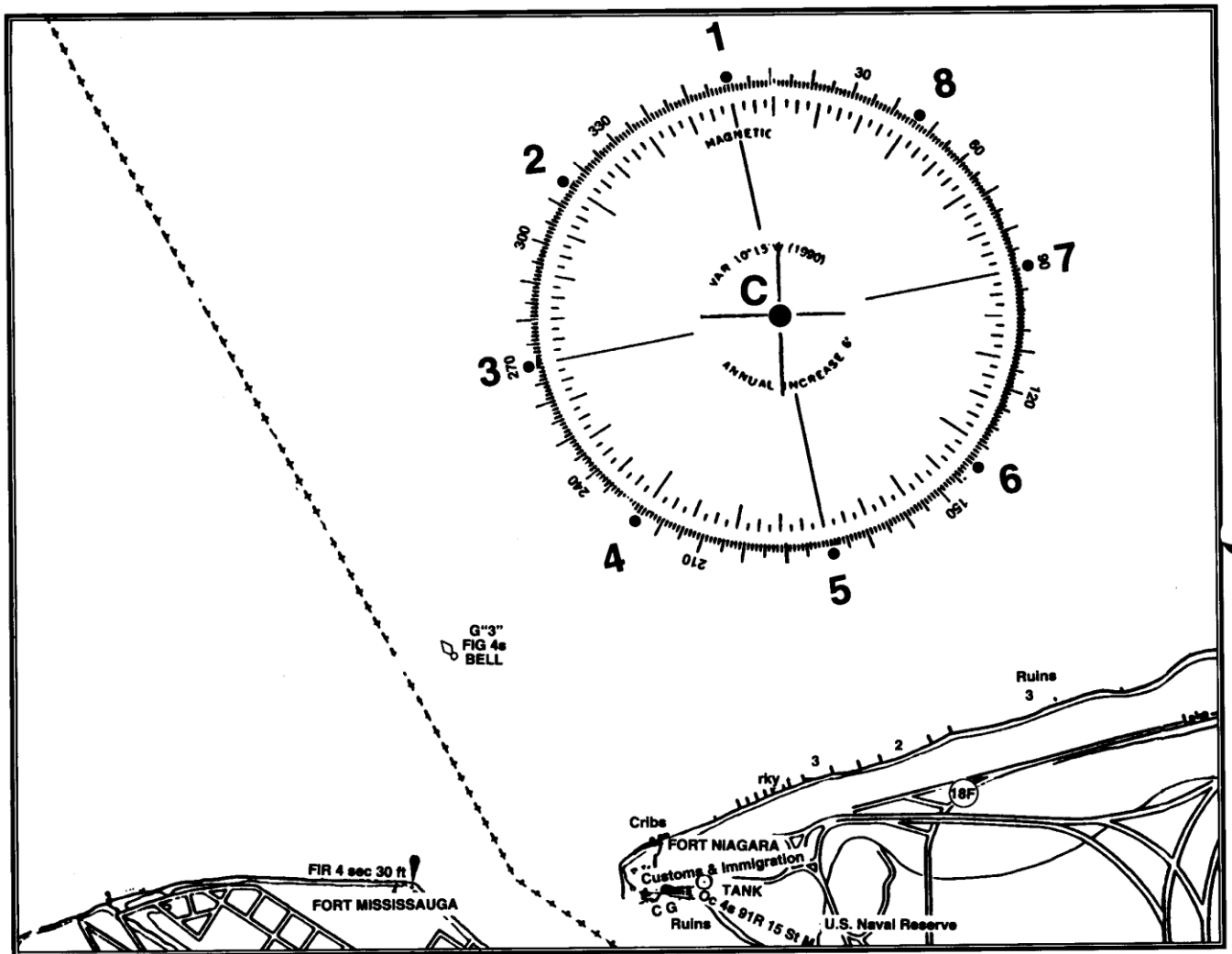


Illustration “B”

YYC-NOLSC OLYMPIC CIRCLE COURSE CHART

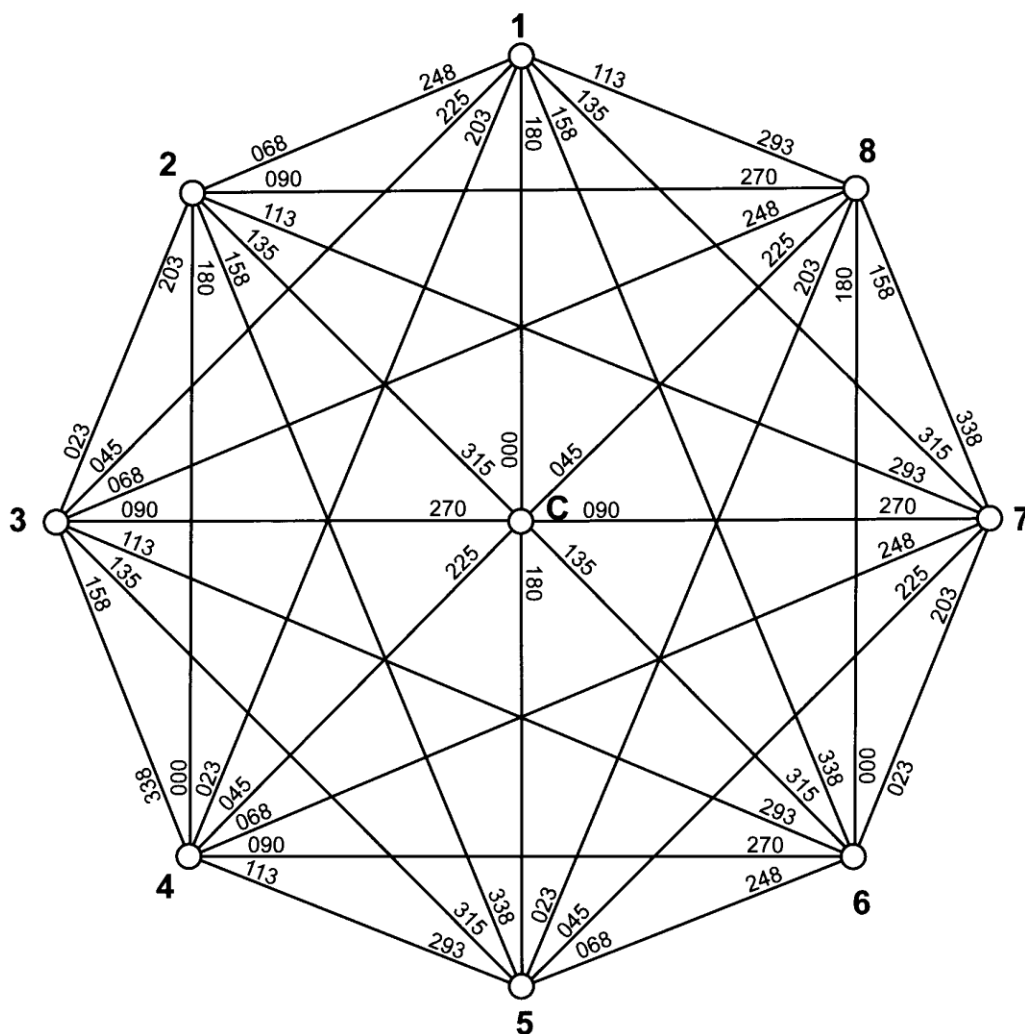


Table of Additional Race Marks

Mark Name per USCG Light List

R.C. Designation

“Fort Niagara Lighted Bell Buoy #3,” Fl. G 4s, Green bell buoy

“G 3”

“Youngstown Safe Boating Zone Lighted Float A” (northernmost of three) **

“Float A”

“Youngstown Safe Boating Zone Lighted Float B” (middle of three) **

“Float B”

“Youngstown Safe Boating Zone Lighted Float C” (southernmost of three) **

“Float C”

** If present, these three marks are yellow floats, dimensions 4’ x 8’, displaying two 34” x 12” sign boards and each equipped with a quick-flashing yellow light.



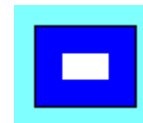
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General Recall



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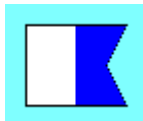


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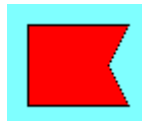
Unless otherwise indicated for Fleet C, Races will be started using RRS 26:

Time before start	Signal	Flag	Sound
5 minutes	Warning	Class - #1 Flag, #2 Flag or both	1 horn
4 minutes	Preparatory	Preparatory Flag displayed	1 horn
1 minute	One-minute	Preparatory Flag removed	1 horn
0 minutes	Start	Class Flag(s) removed	1 horn

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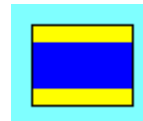
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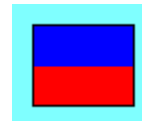
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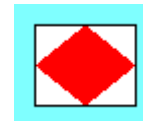
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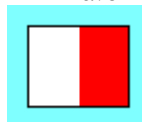
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F-Foxtrot



G-golf



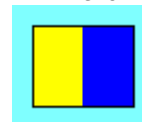
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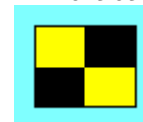
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K-Kilo



L-Lima



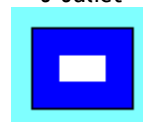
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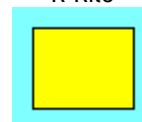
N-November



O-Oscar



P-Papa



Q-Quebec



R-Romeo



S-Sierra



T-Tango



U-Uniform



V-Victor



W-Whisky



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Y-Yankee



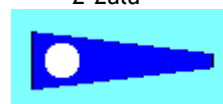
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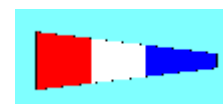
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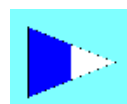
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substitute 1



substitute 2



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