



New Orleans Yacht Club

General Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1. All regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.
2. The US Sailing Prescriptions in the Preamble to Part 5, Section B, and RRS 63.1(b) are deleted.
3. When applicable, GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events shall be honored.

2. DECISION TO RACE

1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority, nor the host club, nor the race officials, shall accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Changes in the sailing instructions will be posted no later than one (1) hour before the scheduled start of the first affected class on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the race schedule will be posted by 2000 hours of the previous day.
2. On the water hailing – oral instructions may be given on the water per RRS 90.2(c).

4. ENTRIES - *(Changes Rule A5)*

1. Each entrant shall provide the following: event to be entered; skipper's name; contact info (phone or email) and yacht club; boat's make, sail number and name (if visible); and, as applicable, handicap rating and fleet to be entered.
2. Entry shall be made using one of the following methods: on the website at <https://noyc.org> via phone (504) 283-2581, or at the NOYC bar.

3. Entry will close 45 minutes prior to the first warning signal.
4. Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day, a boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. Failure to do so may result in a 20% penalty in the first race of the day. This modifies RRS A5.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://noyc.org> and the NOYC bulletin board located at the 2nd floor North side entrance.
2. The Race Office is located at [403 N Roadway St, New Orleans, LA 70124](#) phone number is (504) 283-2581, e-mail address is RaceCommittee@noyc.org.
3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69.

6. CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
2. Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on NOYC II at dock or the flagpole located in the dry storage area.
2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, races not started are postponed. If a numeral pennant is displayed ashore, it indicates in hours the minimum delay. Warning signals shall be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.

8. CLASS FLAGS

Handicap Class Flags are attached as Appendix SI-B. One design class flags will consist of the Class Burgee, or in the case of Capdevielle events a GYA burgee, or will otherwise be posted on the notice board.

9. **NON-SPINNAKER SAIL RESTRICTIONS** Boats in a non-spinnaker handicap class may not carry a spinnaker as defined by RRS 55.4 or in Appendix B of the GYA Handicap Bylaws. Whisker poles are to be no longer than the yacht's spinnaker pole length (SPL), which is usually equal to the "J" measurement and found on the handicap certificate. Whisker poles must follow RRS Rule 55.2. Staysails are allowed,

if tacked on centerline a minimum of 1/3 of the boat's "J" dimension aft of the headstay. Cutter Rig boats rated as such by the handicap rating system may set staysails to the tack point provided by the manufacturer.

10. **COURSE** - (*Changes Rule 27.1*)

1. Temporary mark courses shall use only temporary marks and shall be designated in accordance with Appendix SI-A.
2. Fixed mark courses shall use only fixed marks, except that a temporary mark may be used as a starting pin or a fixed mark which is off station.
3. No later than the preparatory signal for each class, the RC boat shall display the following: (*this changes Rule 27.1*)
 - a. The course designation for the starting class.
 - b. For courses using one or more temporary marks, the approximate compass bearing from the start to the first mark after the start.
 - c. For handicap temporary mark courses, the approximate distance, in tenths of nautical miles, from the start to Mark 1.
 - d. Note that different courses may be designated for different classes.
4. The Race Committee may hail course information using the methods provided in instruction "on the water hailing".

11. **MARKS**

1. Fixed marks designations, with heading and distance are found on <https://noyc.club/rc/chart.pdf> A missing fixed mark may be replaced with an orange cylinder, but its original fixed mark designation shall remain.
2. Temporary rounding marks used for one or all marks of a course shall be orange inflatable marks except for change marks which will be yellow.

12. **THE START**

1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
2. The start will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and at the starting mark.
3. Competitors shall stay clear of the starting area when not in sequence.
4. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5b(1), A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

5. 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 RC may broadcast her sail number on a VHF radio channel provided at the competitor's meeting. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, the order of the hail, or the failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

1. When using temporary marks, to change the next leg of the course the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat in a class being changed has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
2. When using fixed marks, to change the next leg of the course the RC shall display the letter designation of the new fixed mark in lieu of the compass bearing. *This alters rule 33.*
3. Boats shall round the mark beginning a changed leg in the same direction as it was to be rounded before the change.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM (*Changes Rule 44.1*)

1. Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.
2. Appendix V, (Alternative Penalties) shall apply. This changes RRS 44.1

14. TIME LIMIT - (*Changes Rule 35, 63.1, A4, A5.1 and A10*)

1. The time limit for each class is two and one-half (2½) hours. Boats which fail to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in her class finishes, or after the time limit, whichever is sooner, will be scored according to the following.
2. All boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored TLE. This changes Rule 35, 63.1, A4 A5.1 and A10.
3. Boats will be hailed after the time limit expires. If they do not respond to the hail they will be scored DNF.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

1. For each class, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks.
2. Protest and Redress Hearing forms are available by visiting <http://www.noyc.org/hearingform>

You can also submit a protest or request redress form from your iPhone or Android device using the NEW Racing Rules App available at <https://noyc.org/newapp>

3. The Race Committee dock time will be posted on the official notice board.

17. SCORING

1. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except that no score will be excluded unless four (4) or more races are held. One race constitutes a series.
2. For Capdevielle Class refer to GYA Sailing Regulations 5.3
3. Until June 30, 2025, PHRF Scoring will be time over distance with distance rounded to the nearest 0.01 nm. Portsmouth Yardstick will be scored using wind handicapping. Course distance is not subject to protest.
4. Starting July 1, 2025, the scoring systems shall be the Offshore Racing Association's (ORA) eZ certificate PHRF benchmark rating. ORA eZ certificates may be obtained by visiting EZ Racing Rule – Offshore Racing Association <https://ezracingrule.org/eZ/> Direct questions about the rating certificate process to info@regattaman.com.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS - *(Changes Rule 40, Flag Y)*

1. Capdevielle competitors shall comply with GYA Section D, Regulation 6.
2. All boats shall comply with USCG and State safety equipment regulations. It is the responsibility of each skipper to determine if they should start a race or continue racing. This does not supersede any class rules or regulations that may require wearing life jackets while on the water. A boat which retires from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, at the first reasonable opportunity.
3. If the race starts or finishes after dark, including all Wednesday night races, all boats shall have working running lights per USCG regulations.
4. A boat withdrawing must notify the race committee as soon as possible, and if unable to contact the race committee, then must inform the bar or club management. A boat failing to do so will be scored DSQ.
5. In the interest of safety or to avoid unreasonable delays, the RC, at its discretion and with the concurrence of the judges, may order a capsized boat rescued, scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5b(1), A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

COURSE OPTIONS (APPENDIX SI-A)

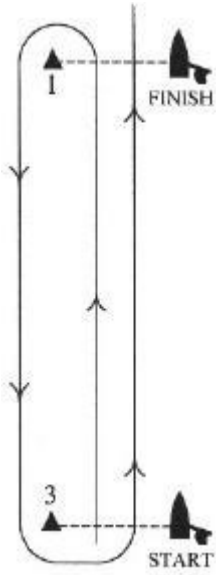
1. WEDNESDAY NIGHT COURSE

1. The course shall use fixed marks. The Race Committee will post the course on the Committee Boat. See <https://noyc.club/rc/chart.pdf> on the NOYC website for the fixed mark names, their position, bearing and distances. If the course includes "J-H-A" or "J-H-B", for that portion of the course, boats shall round the offset after rounding the "J" mark, and if the course is not shortened at "H", boats may pass "H" on either side. If the "J" mark is used in a different course, the offset is not part of the course. If "J" mark or its offset are missing, round the remaining mark.
2. If a course designation is followed by a numeral, the course shall be sailed as laps equal to the numeral. The course may be changed or shortened at any mark of the course. Distances are not subject to protest.
3. All mark rounding shall be to port. If the course to be sailed requires that the marks to be rounded to starboard, the Race Committee shall indicate such by displaying a green flag prior to the Warning Signal for each class to start.
4. When shortening the race course, race committee will attempt to notify competitors via VHF channel 69.

2. BIG WHEEL COURSE This course will only be sailed if the Notice of Regatta so states.

The Race Committee will post the course on the Committee Boat. The Committee Boat will be on station at the T mark. The course will round the marks A through H shown on the NOYC standard chart. For example, if the course is ET2, all boats shall, after starting between T and the Committee Boat, proceed to E and round to port, then proceed around the circle of marks in a counterclockwise direction two times. After two rounds, the initial mark will be passed to port again before proceeding to the finish line between T and the Committee Boat. The course will not be changed or shortened. All marks rounding's of the course shall be to port. Missing marks will be replaced with temporary RED marks.

3. WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSE "W1.5"



Options for this course may include:

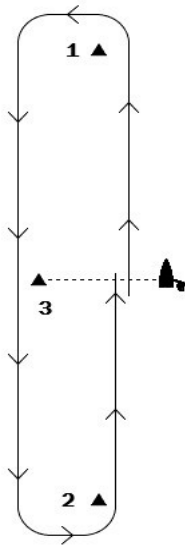
- a. increasing or decreasing the number of legs;
- b. sailing multiple rounds of the course;
- c. finishing at Mark 1 or 3;
- d. when present, the use of a separate Mark 3 set to windward of the start/finish line;
- e. finishing to port or starboard of the finishing mark depending on the location of the RC boat.

Temporary	Fixed	Description
W	m1 m3	1 round, 2 legs, start - 1 - finish
W1.5	m1 m3 1.5	1.5 rounds, 3 legs, start-1-3-finish
W 2	m1 m3 2	2 rounds, 4 legs, start-1-3-1-finish
W 2.5	m1 m3 2.5	2.5 rounds, 5 legs, start-1-3-1-3-finish
W 3	m1 m3 3	3 rounds, 6 legs, start-1-3-1-3-1-finish

4. WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSE "WINDWARD RETURN"

The Race Committee will post the distance to the windward and leeward marks relative to the Committee Boat. "W1L1 135" is a course which bears windward at 135

degrees for 1 mile, thence 2 miles at 315 degrees to leeward, thence 1 mile to the windward finish. Unless otherwise specified, boats may pass between Mark 3 and the Committee Boat on the leeward leg, but are not required to do so (the gate is Open). When the gate is Closed, boats must pass outside of the ends of the Start/Finish line on the leeward leg. When this course uses fixed marks, only the marks will be named and not the distances, e.g. "FBT", instead of "W0.6L0.6 045", starting at T

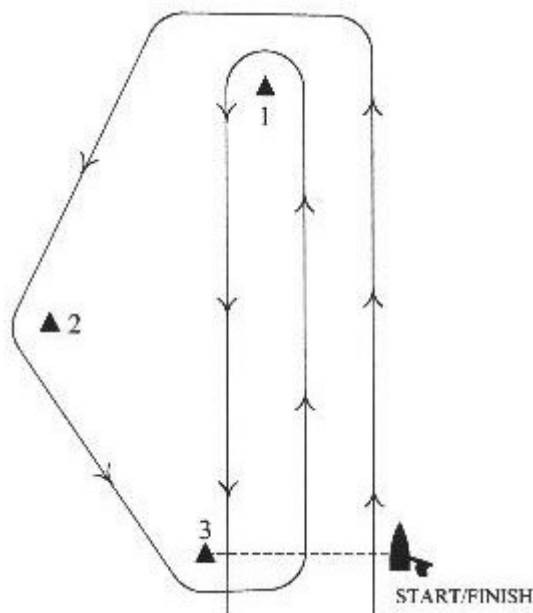


Options for this course may include:

- a. increasing or decreasing the number of legs;
- b. sailing multiple rounds of the course;
- c. finishing at Mark 1, 2 or 3;
- d. finishing to port or starboard of the finishing mark depending on the location of the RC boat.

Temporary	Fixed	Description
W	m1 m3	1 round, 2 legs, start - 1 - finish
W1.5	m1 m3 1.5	1.5 rounds, 3 legs, start-1-3-finish
W 2	m1 m3 2	2 rounds, 4 legs, start-1-3-1-finish
W 2.5	m1 m3 2.5	2.5 rounds, 5 legs, start-1-3-1-3-finish
W 3	m1 m3 3	3 rounds, 6 legs, start-1-3-1-3-1-finish

5. TRIANGLE COURSE "G"



Options for this course may include:

- a. . increasing or decreasing the number of legs;
- b. sailing multiple rounds of the course;
- c. finishing at Mark 1, 2 or 3;
- c. finishing to port or starboard of the finishing mark depending on the location of the RC boat;

Temporary	Fixed	Description
T	m1 m2 m3	1 round, 3 legs, start-1-2finish
T 2	m1 m2 m3 2	2 rounds, 6 legs, start-1-2-3-1-2-finish
T W	m1 m2 m3 T W	triangle-windward, 4 legs, start-1-2-3-finish
G or GC	m1 m2 m3 GC	Gold Cup, 5 legs, start-1-2-3-1-finish

CLASS FLAGS (APPENDIX SI-B)

Spinnaker A	Non-Spinnaker A
Spinnaker B	Non-Spinnaker B
Spinnaker C	Multihull/ Board Boat

Racing Chart <https://noyc.club/rc/chart.pdf>