



BASS RIVER YACHT CLUB

2026 BEETLE CAT SUMMER SERIES

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025–2028, the prescriptions of US Sailing, and applicable class rules.

1.2 Bass River Yacht Club (BRYC) is the Organizing Authority.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices will be posted on the official notice board at BRYC and posted on the BRYC website.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Changes will be posted at least 1 hour before the first warning signal.

3.2 Changes may be made on the water by the Race Committee displaying Flag L with one sound and communicating the change to each boat in accordance with RRS 90.2(c).

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from the BRYC flagpole.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with not less than 30 minutes.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Racing will be conducted on the days and as described in the Notice of Race and BRYC Calendar.

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1000.

5.3 Subsequent races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.

5.4 A competitors' meeting is scheduled for 0830 on the BRYC deck and is intended to be brief (approximately 10 minutes). Competitors are responsible for any information provided.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flag for Beetle Cats is the NEBCBA flag.

7 RACING AREA

7.1 Racing will take place in Nantucket Sound or Bass River, as determined by the Race Committee. The starting area will be within approximately 0.5 NM of Bass River Buoy "4".

8 CHECK-IN

8.1 Prior to the first start, the Race Committee will display Flag L (Lima flag) to indicate that boats shall check in.

8.2 When Flag L (Lima flag) is displayed, boats shall check in by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee vessel on starboard tack and hailing their sail number until acknowledged.

8.3 Boats shall not attempt to check in prior to the display of Flag L (Lima flag).

8.4 This changes RRS Race Signals.

8.5 A boat that fails to check in may be scored DNC without a hearing.

9 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be windward-leeward, triangle, or a combination.

9.2 Marks will be inflatable tetrahedrons or drop marks.

9.3 Course details will be displayed on the Race Committee vessel.

9.4 Course diagrams are provided in Appendix A.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks will be orange or yellow inflatable marks or drop buoys. Replacement marks may be used.

11 THE START

11.1 The 3 minute starting system described in Appendix U (Audible-Signal Racing System) of the RRS will be used. This changes rule 26.

11.2 Visual signals using flags in accordance with RRS 26 may be displayed as a courtesy; however, the absence or timing of visual signals shall be disregarded, and the audible signals shall govern.

11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and the starting mark.

12 CHANGE OF COURSE

12.1 The Race Committee may change the course in accordance with RRS 33, signaled by Flag C.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and the finishing mark.

13.2 The Race Committee may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32 (Flag S).

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe).

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

15.2 Different time limits may apply for the Pope Long Distance Race, as described in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions for that race.

16 PROTESTS

16.1 Boats shall notify the Race Committee upon finishing.

16.2 Protests must be submitted within one hour of the Race Committee returning to dock.

16.3 Protest forms are available at the BRYC clubhouse. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing.

17 SCORING

17.1 Scoring will be as described in the Notice of Race.

18 SAFETY

18.1 Retiring boats shall notify the Race Committee.

18.2 Each boat shall carry a USCG-approved personal flotation device for each person on board, a sound device, and a bailer.

18.3 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing. This changes RRS 40. Flag Y will not be displayed.

18.4 The responsibility for a boat's decision to race is hers alone (RRS 3).

18.5 Racing may be postponed or abandoned at the discretion of the Race Committee.

19 SPECIAL RACES AND SERIES

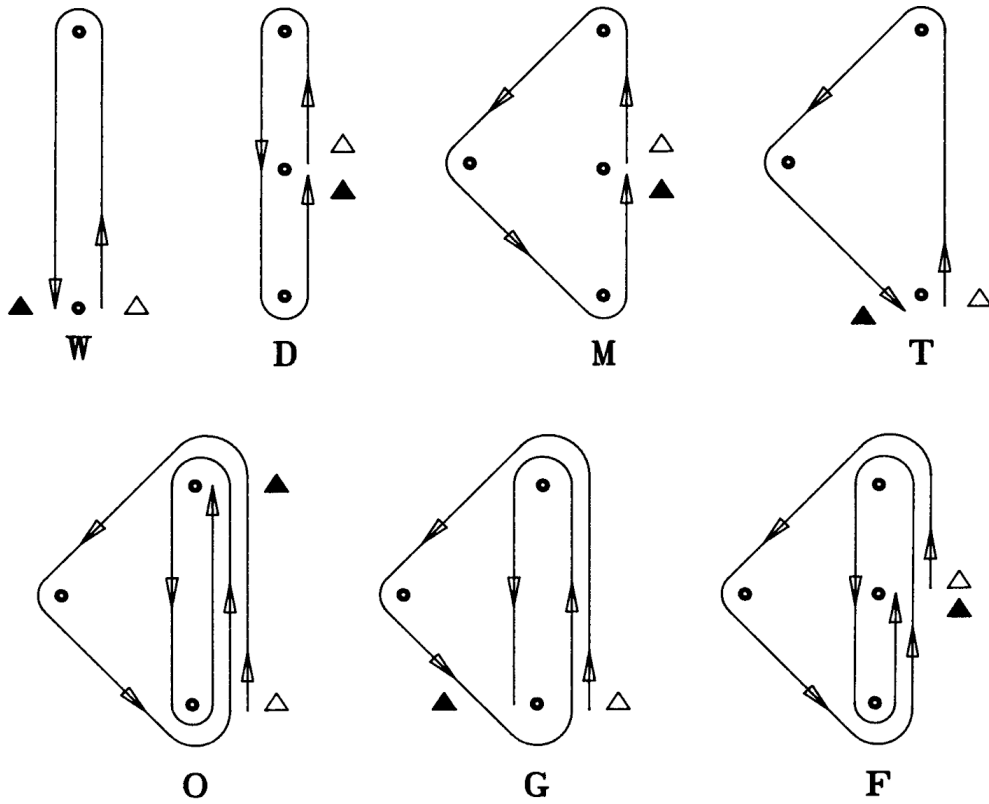
19.1 Defined in the Notice of Race and BRYC Calendar.

20 RACE SIGNALS

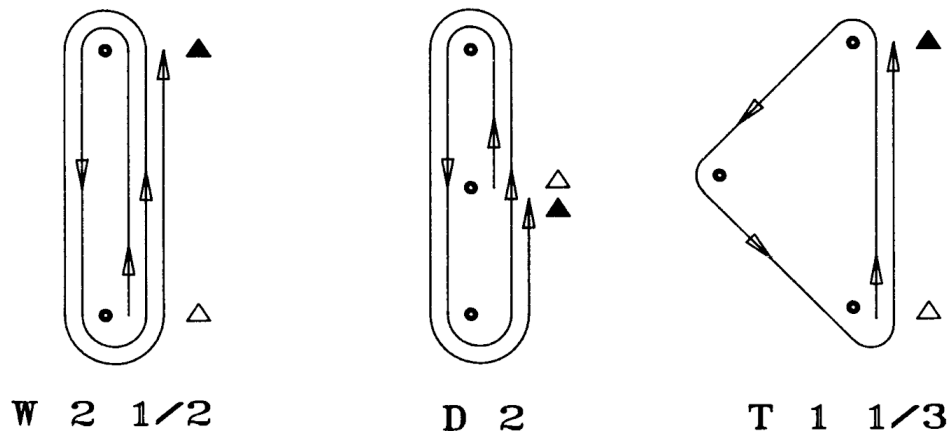
20.1 Race signals used will be in accordance with RRS Race Signals.

20.2 The Race Signals are included in Appendix B for reference. Competitors are encouraged to become familiar with them.

APPENDIX A



Courses W, T, and D may be modified by adding additional legs, additional times around the entire course, or combinations thereof. When one of these courses is modified, it is posted with a number indicating the number of times the basic course is to be sailed. Refer to the following examples.

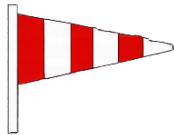


APPENDIX B

RACE SIGNALS

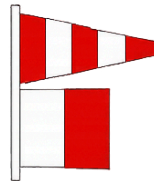
The meanings of visual and sound signals are stated below. An arrow pointing up or down (↑ ↓) means that a visual signal is displayed or removed. A dot (•) means a sound, five short dashes (-----) mean repetitive sounds, a long dash (—) means a long sound. When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, fleet flag, event or race area flag, the signal applies only to that class, fleet, event or race area.

Postponement Signals



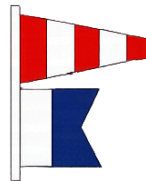
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AP Races not started are postponed. The warning signal will be hoisted 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is abandoned.



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AP over H Races not started are postponed. Further signals ashore.

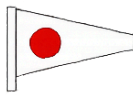


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AP over A Races not started are postponed. No more racing today.

AP over a numeral pennant 1 – 9

Postponement of 1–3 hours from the scheduled starting time.



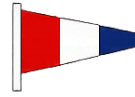
Pennant 1

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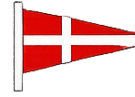
Pennant 2

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Pennant 3

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Pennant 4

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Pennant 5

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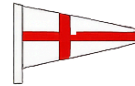
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Pennant 7

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Pennant 8

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Pennant 9

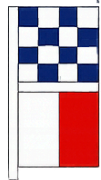
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Abandonment Signals



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N All races in progress are abandoned. Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is abandoned again or postponed.



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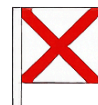
N over H All races in progress are. Continued further signals ashore.



↑ •••

N over A All races in progress are abandoned. No more racing today.

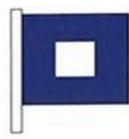
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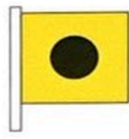
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V Monitor communication channel for safety instructions (see rule 37).

Preparatory Signals



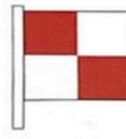
↑ • ↓ —
P Preparatory signal.



↑ • ↓ —
I Rule 30.1 is in effect.



↑ • ↓ —
Z Rule 30.2 is in effect.



↑ • ↓ —
U Rule 30.3 is in effect.



↑ • ↓ —
Black flag. Rule 30.4 is in effect.

Recall Signals



↑ •
X Individual recall.



↑ •• ↓ •
First Substitute General recall. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.

Shortened Course



↑ ••
S The course has been shortened. Rule 32.2 is in effect.

Changing the Next Leg



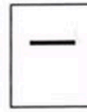
C The position of the next *mark* has been changed:



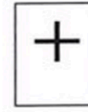
to starboard;



to port;

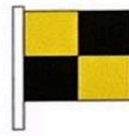


to decrease the length of the leg;



to increase the length of the leg.

Other Signals



↑ •
L Ashore: A notice to competitors has been posted. Afloat: Come within hail or follow this vessel.



M The object displaying this signal replaces a missing *mark*.



↑ •
Y Wear a personal flotation device (see rule 40).



(no sound)
Orange flag. The staff displaying this flag is one end of the starting line.



(no sound)
Blue flag. The staff displaying this flag is one end of the finishing line.