



# GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

## 2022 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PHRF SECTIONS

**1. RULES** — The series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

1.1 RRS Appendix T will apply, except the penalty in RRS T1(b) is changed to 20% if taken before an arbitration meeting

1.2 The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is changed to read: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, RRS 31."

**2. ENTRIES** — Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GTYC) at [gtyc.org/race-2022](http://gtyc.org/race-2022) and paying all applicable race fees prior to racing.

2.1 Drop-In Race Fees — A boat may enter at will if not previously in the series by signing up at [gtyc.org/race-2022](http://gtyc.org/race-2022). The first race fee is \$30, with each subsequent race being \$20. Entries may also be made at the bar at GTYC.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** — Will be posted on the official Notice Board located at the GTYC Clubhouse inside the main entrance.

**4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** — Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1630 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1200 hrs on the day before it will take effect. These posted changes may also be communicated to the competitors on the water over VHF Channel 69 prior to the 1st warning. The RC boat will display Code Flag "L" when a change has been posted and is to be communicated.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** — Will be displayed from the GTYC flagstaff and will be communicated to competitors over VHF Channel 69. If you have any question regarding the status of a race, call the Race Committee @ 231.883.5741

#### **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES — Each Date is a Wednesday**

<i>SERIES</i>	<i>DATES</i>	<i>EARLIEST TIME OF WARNING SIGNAL</i>
Warm-Up Race*	May 18	1800 hrs
SPRING	May 25 - July 6 (6 races)	1800 hrs
SUMMER	July 13 - Aug 24 (8 races)	1800 hrs
NAN-C-JAY RACE*	August 31	1800 hrs
FALL	Sept 7 - Sept 28 (4 races)	1800 hrs

\*non-scoring race

## 7. COURSES

7.1 Courses may be set according to the primary list (see Appendix A) or using the Alternative Course Procedure. Number of legs will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7.2 The course selection will be displayed from the RC Boat no later than one (1) minute before the first warning signal.

7.3 Signals will be as follows for course designation displayed on the course board on the transom of the signal boat. The course designation will also be broadcast on VHF 69 as a courtesy.

7.4 The upwind mark will be an orange tetrahedron for PHRF A & B, a green tetrahedron for PHRF C & JAM.

7.5 The leeward mark will be a large orange ball for all PHRF divisions

7.6 All marks are to be rounded to port

7.6 If the course includes with a mid-leg start/finish line, that line is restricted. The penalty for any yacht that sails upwind or downwind between the inflatable start mark and the start shape shall be a 20% score penalty without appeal.

7.7 The appearance of the inflatable marks are represented in Appendix A

7.8 Course options are designated #1 through #8, shown in Appendix A

#1: 4 leg windward/leeward with start/finish to leeward of the downwind mark

#2: 4 leg windward/leeward with start/finish stationed mid-course of windward leg

#3: 5 leg windward/leeward with start to leeward of the downwind mark(s) and finish to windward of the windward mark

#4: 2 leg windward/leeward with downwind finish

#5: 2 leg windward/leeward with mid-course start/finish on windward leg

#6: 3 leg windward/leeward with start to leeward of downwind mark and finish upwind of windward mark

#7: Triangle and 1 windward leg with start to leeward of downwind mark and finish upwind of windward mark

#8: Triangle with start and finish mid-course of windward leg

7.9 Alternative Course Procedure

7.9.1 The RC may announce the use of an alternative course by displaying the "O" flag with a *courtesy* announcement of "Omaha" on VHF Ch 69

7.9.2 A course may be constructed with the following marks:

Y - Yacht Club, club mark, white/orange pin

S - Sandpit club mark white/orange pin

B - Bryant Park club mark white/orange pin

R - Red 8 government mark

- T - Orange inflatable tetrahedron
- G - Green inflatable tetrahedron
- K - Yellow inflatable tetrahedron
- X - Orange inflatable cylinder
- C - Orange inflatable ball

#### 7.9.3 All marks to port with an alternative course selection

## 8. SECTIONS

“PHRF A” – This section is for Spinnaker yachts scored by PHRF with ratings under 100.

“PHRF B” — This section is for Spinnaker yachts scored by PHRF with ratings between 101 and 150.

“PHRF C” — This section is for yachts scored by PHRF with ratings above 151.

“JAM” - This section is for yachts scored by PHRF sailing in Jib & Main configuration

8.1 — The Race Committee may reassign boats to sections outside the stated PHRF handicap range to promote better racing

## 9. START

9.1 Races will be started using rule 26

9.2 Start Order

PHRF A & B: Earliest possible first warning is 1800 hrs

PHRF C & PHRF JAM: Earliest possible first warning is 1800 hrs

9.2 The class flag will be a blue shape for PHRF A & B, a green shape for PHRF C & JAM

9.3 The starting mark will be an orange inflatable cylinder or a designated club mark

9.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange/white flag or shape on the RC Boat and the course side of the starting mark for the course. The position of the RC Boat will depend on water depth around the start mark (i.e., the line may be reversed).

9.5 The signal boat may deploy a “stand-off” inflatable mark tethered to its transom. This mark is not a mark of the course. This buoy and the line attaching it to the boat are considered to be part of the signal boat.

9.5 The time limit for yachts that do not start with their section is 3:00 minutes after the start signal for their section. Boats in the starting area that fail to start with their section after 3:00 minutes will be scored *Did Not Start (DNS)*

9.6 There will be no starting sequences initiated after 1900 hrs.

## 10. RECALLS

10.1 If an Individual Recall has been signaled, the RC will attempt as a courtesy to notify *On Course Side* (OCS) competitors over VHF Channel 69 or by hail.

10.2. If a General Recall is signaled, the starting sequence for any subsequent GTYC Wednesday Night Races classes will not be affected and the start for the recalled class will be after the last regularly scheduled class. This changes RRS 29.2.

## **11. FINISH**

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange/white flag or shape on the RC Boat and the course side of the nearby mark of the course. The position of the RC Boat will depend on water depth around the finish mark (i.e., the line may be reversed).

11.2 The RC will remain on station at the finish until the time limit unless conditions dictate otherwise. If the RC is not on station, competitors shall take their own time when their bow crosses a line through the finish mark that is perpendicular to the last leg of the race and they are within 50 yds of the mark.

## **12. TIME LIMITS**

12.1 The time limit to finish will be 75 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her section, but still racing, will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE) and will receive one (1) more point than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS 35.

## **13. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

13.1 Protests shall be written on a US Sailing protest form and submitted by e-mail to [race@gtyc.org](mailto:race@gtyc.org) or by text to 231.883.5741 by 23:00 on the same day. Please use an official US Sailing protest form, photograph the completed form, and e-mail the image to the address above.

13.2 Protest hearings will be scheduled between the following Thursday and Monday, either at the GTYC clubhouse and/or online with a designated media hosting resource. (Particulars will be provided) If there are multiple protests, they will be held in order of submission

### **13.3 OPTIONAL PENALTIES**

#### **13.3.1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT**

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turn Penalty."

### **13.4 POST-RACE PENALTIES**

13.4.1 Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident

13.4.2 A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

13.4.3 A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and where and when the incident occurred.

## **14 - CODE OF CONDUCT**

14.1 — SPORTSMANSHIP AND THE RULES - Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire

14.2 - Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official and shall not behave so as to bring the event or the sport into disrepute.

14.3 - Competitors are expected to comply fully with Rule 2 at all times. Abuse or intimidation of other competitors, race officials, or officials of the organizing authority will not be tolerated. All such incidents shall be reported to the Principal Race Officer. Repeated incidents by individuals or teams shall be reported to the protest committee and may be considered gross misconduct (a gross breach of sportsmanship).

14.4 - Competitors shall not obstruct Race Management vessels as they conduct operations including setting marks, anchoring, and judging the start/finish line. Repeated incidents by individuals or teams shall be reported to the protest committee.

14.5 Competitors shall not use VHF radio or text communication to interfere or interject into Race Committee race management operations. Repeated incidents by individuals or teams shall be reported to the protest committee.

14.6 When a competitor and/or crew is found to have committed an act of Gross Misconduct, the penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to 40% of the entries in the race for each incident. Additionally, the competitor and/or boat that was responsible for the crew may not discard this race in the series.

14.7 Verbal abuse of the RC and/or Protest Committee will be considered an act of Gross Misconduct.

## **15. SCORING**

15.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A and RRS Appendix A9 , "*Race Scores In A Series Longer Than A Regatta*", will apply.

15.2 One race constitutes a series, applicable to the Spring, Summer, & Fall sectional series. After the completion of a four race in a series, a throw out will be calculated removing a yacht's high score. Additional throwouts will be calculated in following multiples of four.

15.3 The Wednesday Night Season Championship will be determined by a low point calculation of the point totals accumulated in the Spring, Summer, & Fall sectional series, plus an additional throwout of the highest score of a race not already taken as a throwout from a sectional series

## **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS** — (Signal Boat cell number is 616-450-6746)

16.1 **Competitors who withdraw from a race shall notify the RC over VHF Channel 69.**

16.2 **The primary contact in case of emergency is 911.**

16.3 No boat may carry anchoring tackle forward of the stem.

16.3 Weather will be monitored via the following applications: "My Radar", "Storm - Weather Radar", & "My Lightning Tracker". Decisions on the conduct of racing by the OA and PRO will be based on these applications.

**17. RADIO COMMUNICATION** — A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. VHF Channel 69 will be monitored by the RC and they will only respond to competitors who identify themselves.

**18. AWARDS** — Series awards will be presented to the top three yachts in the seasonal and overall series at the GTYC Wednesday Night Awards Night. Details to be announced as the season goes on. All boats and crews invited!

## **19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

19.1 - Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, host club employees or volunteers, sponsors, or

any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

19.2 - The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who shall ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

19.3 - The Organizing Authority, Grand Traverse Yacht Club, their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for the loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or relating to this series.

19.4 - The Skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to protest, which may include disqualification from the series.

**20. COVID NOTICE:** The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. It is believed that an individual can be infected with COVID-19 without their knowledge and be asymptomatic. The Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GTYC) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, the GTYC cannot guarantee that participants or anyone else will not become infected with COVID-19, and participation in an GTYC event could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19. By participating in an GTYC event, participants ACKNOWLEDGE the contagious nature of COVID-19 and VOLUNTARILY ASSUME THE RISK that they may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in an GTYC event, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. Participants understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at an GTYC may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of others, including, but not limited to, GTYC employees, volunteers, and other participants.

**21. INSURANCE** - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD, to compete in the 2022 GTYC Wednesday Night Series.

**22. PARKING** - Availability of parking on the grounds of the GTYC clubhouse on Wednesday nights will be according to the standing GTYC parking policy. Help maximize available space and park all cars and boats within the marked spaces. Parking is also available across M-22 behind the Westport building & at the Bluewater Hall. Parking in the Sherloq Solutions building parking lot north of the club is allowed after 5:00 pm. Parking along the right-of-way on M-22 is illegal and very dangerous. Drive carefully on the grounds especially after dark. M-22 is a high traffic area; show extreme caution when exiting the club.

## **23. CONTACTS**

**Race Chair:** Bill Babel, [race@gtyc.org](mailto:race@gtyc.org), 616.550.9713

**Race Management:** Jordan Owen, [manager@gtyc.org](mailto:manager@gtyc.org), 231.883.5741

**Co-Principal Race Officer:** Tom Lechota, [tomlechota@gmail.com](mailto:tomlechota@gmail.com), 616.450.6746

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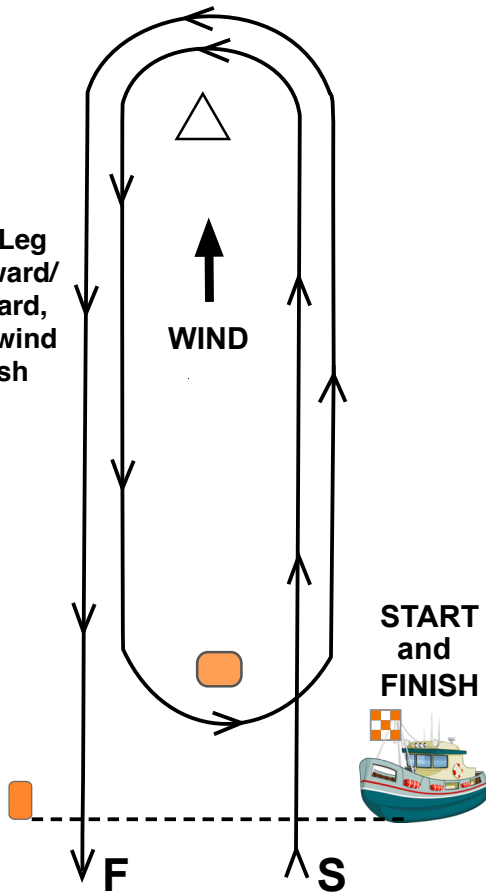


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APPENDIX A: WEDNESDAY NIGHT COURSE MENU - PHRF & JAM

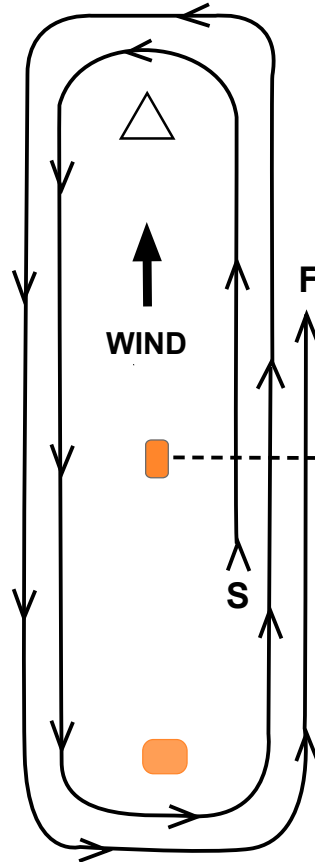
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Windward/  
Leeward,  
Downwind  
Finish

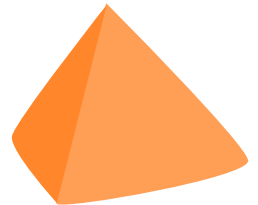


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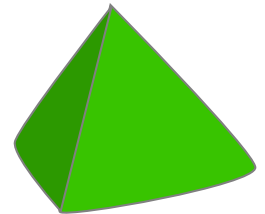
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Windward/  
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Upwind  
Finish



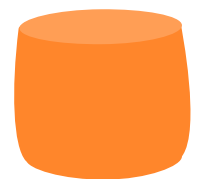
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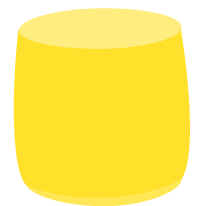
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PHRF C & JAM



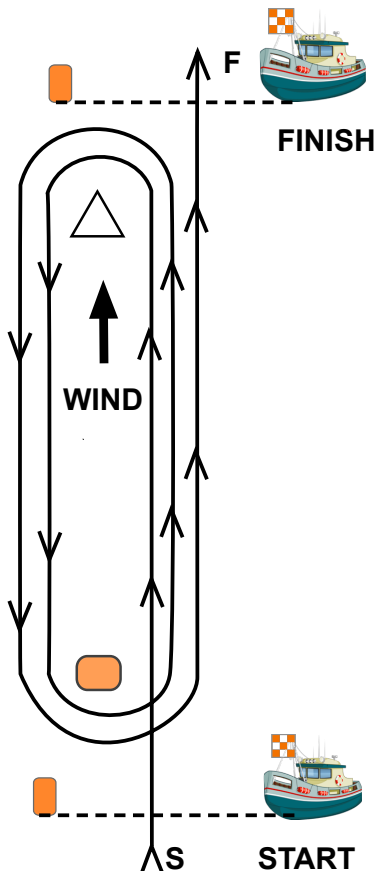
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PHRF A, B, C, & JAM



TRIANGLE  
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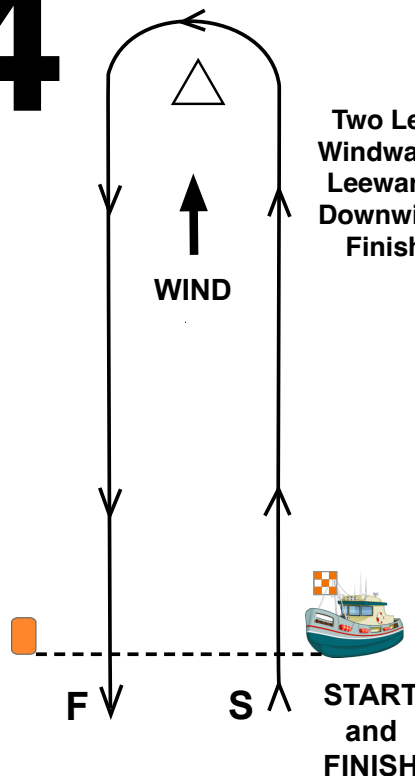
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Five Leg  
Windward/  
Leeward,  
Upwind  
Finish



# 4

Two Leg  
Windward/  
Leeward,  
Downwind  
Finish

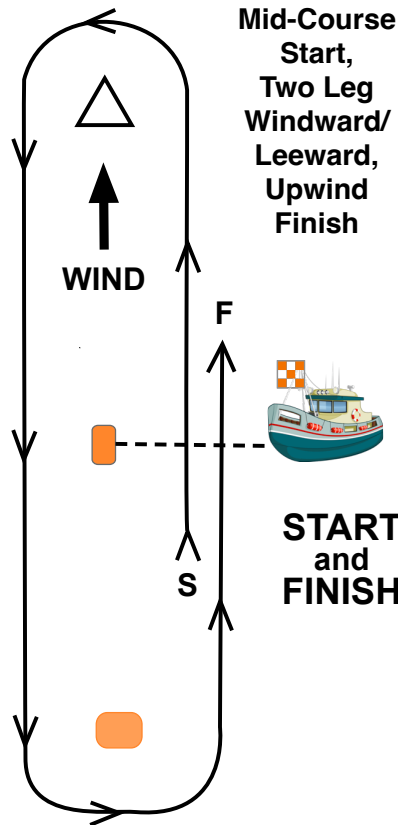




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## APPENDIX A: WEDNESDAY NIGHT COURSE MENU - PHRF & JAM

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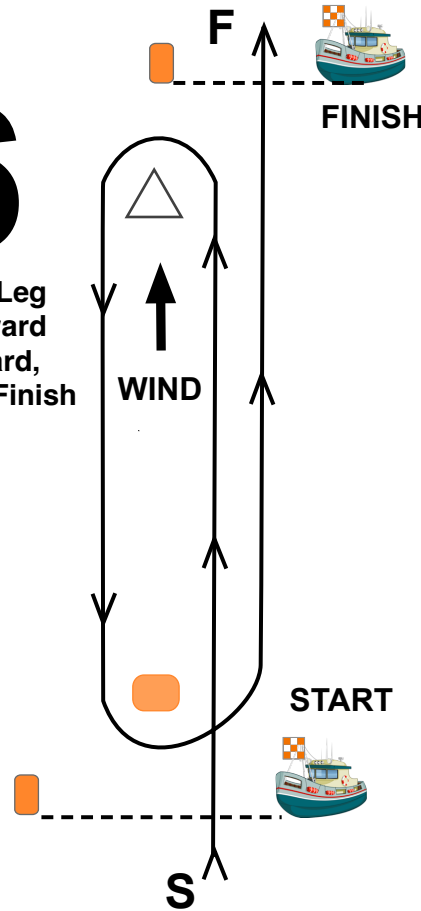


Mid-Course  
Start,  
Two Leg  
Windward/  
Leeward,  
Upwind  
Finish

START  
and  
FINISH

# 6

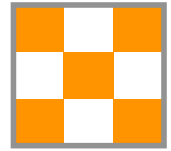
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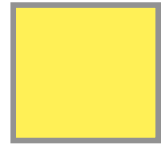
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START

START/ FINISH  
Boat End



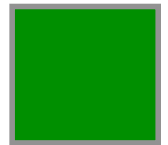
SECTION FLAGS:



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PHRF A & B



PHRF C & JAM



"OMAHA" SIGNAL for  
Alternative Course Selection  
from the following marks:

Y - Yacht Club - Club Mark

B - Bryant Park - Club Mark

S - Sandpit - Club Mark

R - Red 8 Government Mark

T - Orange Inflatable Tetrahedron

G - Green Inflatable Tetrahedron

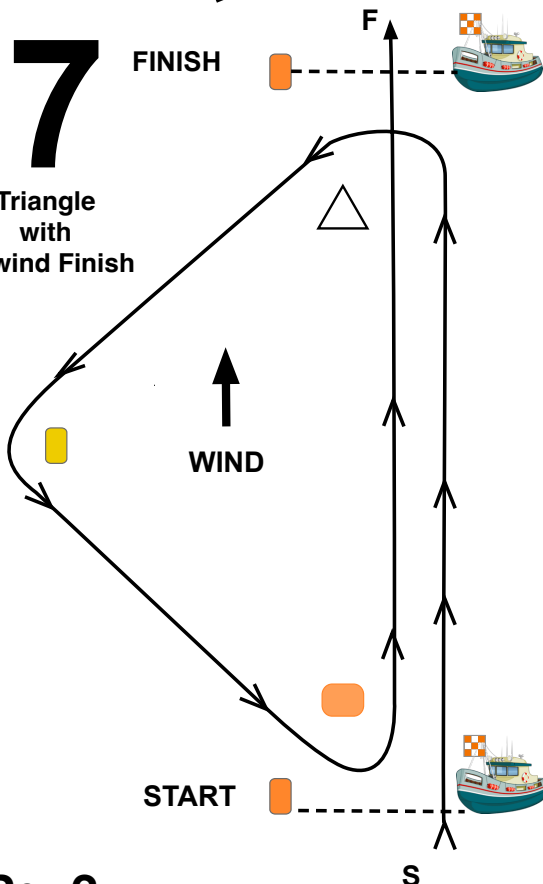
K - Yellow Inflatable Tetrahedron

C - Orange Inflatable Ball

X - Orange Inflatable Cylinder

# 7

Triangle  
with  
Upwind  
Finish



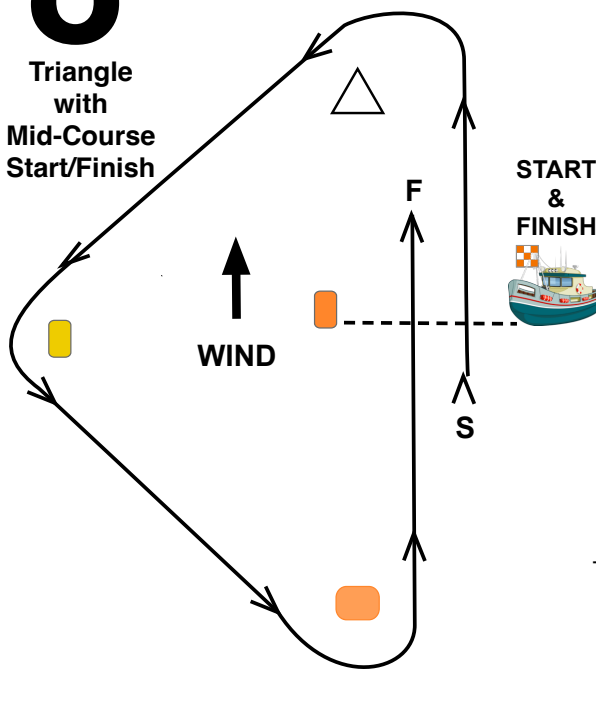
FINISH

START

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# 8

Triangle  
with  
Mid-Course  
Start/Finish



START  
&  
FINISH