



CYC Lake Fall Regatta

September 19th, 2026

Leschi Marina, Lake Washington
Seattle, Washington

Sailing Instructions

The organizing authority is the Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle (CYC).

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) will include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required equipment for this event. See Addendum RS RaceSense rules for other RRS changes.
- 1.3 Rule 60.4 (a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of Part 2 or rule 31, but she was not involved in and did not see the incident, or".

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board online at: <https://cycseattle.org/regatta/nPkLOKLOJy>
- 2.2 The race committee may provide unofficial communication, which is communication not governed by the rules, at any time by hail or over VHF. A request for redress may not be based on any aspect of unofficial communication, including content, timeliness, or failure to hear. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 2.3 The marine radio channel used by race committee will be VHF68.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions posted on the official notice board will be posted by 0930 the day it takes effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 the day before it takes effect.
- 3.2 The RC may make oral changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water by flying flag L with one sound. The RC will announce oral changes to SIs on VHF 68 before the warning signal. Monitor VHF or come within hail. See RRS 90.2(c).

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The series and nightly schedule are as follows:

1100	First Warning Signal
1600	No warning signal after this time

- 4.2 Multiple races may be sailed each day with a typical race duration of 20 to 60 minutes.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 The postponement flag (AP) may be flown from the race committee signal boat while moored at Leschi Marina. When AP is flown from shore, the warning signal will be made no less than 30 minutes after removal. This changes RRS-Race Signals.

6 RACING AREA AND RACE COMMITTEE SIGNAL BOAT

- 6.1 The racing area is Lake Washington in the waters East of Leschi Marina, between the 520 and I-90 bridges.
- 6.2 The race committee signal boat will be the CYC M/V YC 6. If necessary, an alternate race committee signal boat may be used. The race committee signal boat will display the CYC burgee and/or a blue "R/C" flag or sign.

7 CLASSES

- 7.1 This event is open to J/70 class.
- 7.2 The class flag is a blue J/70 logo on a white background or numeral pennant 1.



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8 COURSES

- 8.1 The course to be sailed will be a windward-leeward format. The diagrams in Addendum A show the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 Courses will not be shortened using flag "S". This changes RRS 32. However, legs of the course may be shortened (or lengthened) pursuant to RRS 33.
- 8.3 If one of the leeward gate marks is missing, the course at that mark is to round the remaining mark to port.
- 8.4 If a starting or finishing mark is substituted by an object displaying flag M, repetitive sound signals are not required. This changes RRS 34(b).

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Mark 1 and Mark 1A (offset) will be yellow MarkSetBots or tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 Marks 2S/2P (gate) will be orange MarkSetBots or tetrahedrons.
- 9.3 A change mark for Mark 1 will be an orange tetrahedron and will not have an associated offset mark.
- 9.4 Starting marks are the RC signal vessel and an orange MarkSetBot or tetrahedron.
- 9.5 Finishing marks are the RC signal vessel and an orange MarkSetBot or tetrahedron.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Boats must check in with the race committee signal boat at the starting area each day before their first warning signal. Boats should check in at the Race Committee boat hailing her sail number while passing her stern on starboard tack.
- 10.2 The starting line is between a Vakaros device mounted to the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and a Vakaros device mounted to the starting mark.
- 10.3 The race committee signal boat may maneuver to maintain the starting line at any time, including while anchored.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line is between a Vakaros device mounted to the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and the staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored RC mark boat. This changes Race Signals Blue flag.
- 11.2 The race committee may adjust the finishing marks to maintain the finishing line without regard to RRS 33.
- 11.3 Unless Addendum RS.9 applies, the Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee at the finishing line.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The time limit is the maximum allowable time from a boat's starting signal to her finishing time or a time of day. A boat that does not finish within her time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.
- 12.2 Time limit is 60 minutes for the first boat and for other boats 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course.

13 PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

- 13.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress for an incident that occurred while racing must orally notify the race committee on the signal boat as soon as reasonably possible after retiring or finishing by hail or VHF until she receives an oral confirmation from the race committee. Failure to do so makes her protest invalid. This changes RRS 60.4.
- 13.2 Protests shall be filed using the online protest portal, link found on notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be filed online within the appropriate time limit. This changes RRS 60.3, 61.2. However, the Jury may also accept protests and requests for redress or reopening written on paper if there are good reasons to do so.
- 13.3 The protest time limit will be 1700 the day after the race.
- 13.4 Hearing notices will be sent to the parties to inform them of the time and place of the hearing.
- 13.5 RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) shall apply.
- 13.6 Penalties incurred while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg. This change is added to RRS 44.2.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Boats will be scored by series, by class. The total series scores will be used to score the season overall.
- 14.2 A boat scored OCS, NSC, DNF, RET, DSQ, DNE, UFD, or BFD shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number boats starting, sailing the course, and finishing and not retiring or being disqualified. A boat scored DNC or DNS shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number boats starting, sailing the course, and finishing and not retiring or being disqualified. This changes RRS A5.2.
- 14.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, except that a boat's worst score will be excluded if at least six races are completed, two scores if at least nine races are completed, and three scores will be excluded if at least twelve races are completed. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 14.4 One race will constitute a series.



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15 [DP] EQUIPMENT AND OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

- 15.1 RRS 3 states: ""The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event."
- 15.2 A boat that retires while racing must orally notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible after retiring by hail or VHF.
- 15.3 All boats racing must comply with their one-design class rules as well as relevant US Sailing Safety Regulations.
- 15.4 The race committee or technical committee may inspect a boat at any time before or after racing for compliance with requirements.
- 15.5 A boat that uses its propulsion engine under RRS42.3(h) and does not retire, shall file a report with the protest committee.

16 CONTACT INFORMATION

16.1

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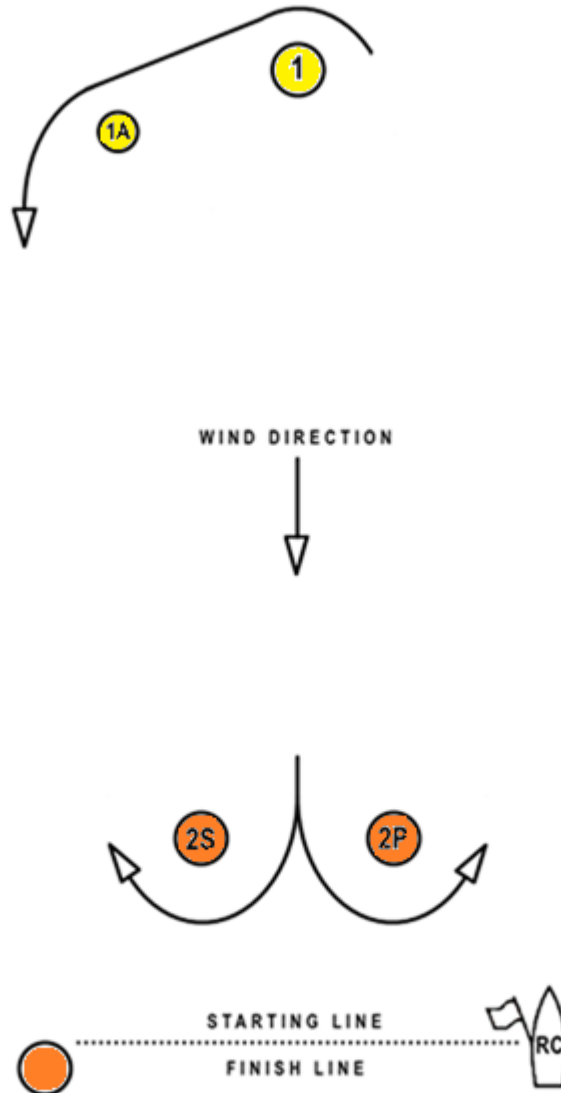


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Addendum A: Course

COURSE "W" - WINDWARD/LEEWARD

1 - 1A - 2S/2P - 1 - 1A - FINISH





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ADDENDUM RS

RaceSense RRS Changes

Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System

RS.1 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge (hereafter “Vakaros device” inclusive of both Atlas 2 and Atlas Edge) configured for RaceSense at check-in. Boats without a configured Vakaros device may have one provided by the Organizing Authority (OA), for applicable fees. This shall be mounted as required by the OA or class at all times while racing.

RS.2 Competitors shall

- a) calibrate their Vakaros device before registration/check-in. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure their device remains in proper calibration throughout the event.
- b) turn their Vakaros device off after sailing each day. New battery life is approx. 100 hours.
- c) take all reasonable measures to keep the Vakaros device safe and operational while racing and promptly notify appropriate Race Committee (RC) or appointed person on the water or ashore of any device issues.

RS.3 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the RC and the relevant information will be available to all boats.

RS.4 Instructions for using the electronic Atlas 2 can be found here [Atlas 2 User Guide](#) or Atlas Edge can be found here [Atlas Edge User Guide](#)

RS.6 The countdown to the start on the Vakaros device from RaceSense will be the official time. Signal flags will only be used for information purposes. This changes RRS 26.

RS.7 The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, modifying RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4.

RS.8 Any alleged failure of the Vakaros device, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a), 61.1(c).

RS.9 If the RC vessel displays flag Oscar (Old School) with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, RS.6 and RS.7 inclusive will not apply to that race.

RS.10 If the RC vessel displays flag Romeo (Re-Boot) with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros device unit by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Flag R will remain displayed for a minimum of 2 minutes and will be removed with the next warning signal.

RS.11 If firmware updates to a Vakaros device are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or SMS and or the Fleet WhatsApp Group.