

2023 HARBOR BAY YACHT CLUB SEPTEMBER REGATTA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including US Sailing Prescriptions” published by the United States Sailing Association (RRS) and PHRF-Lake Erie.

1.2 Classes will be Cruising, PHRF Jib-and-Main (“JAM”), and PHRF Spinnaker depending on entries.

1.3 Rule 42 of the Racing Rules (Propulsion) will be in effect after the **Preparatory Signal**, which the Race Committee will interpret to include a prohibition on engines running.

1.4 Racing will be postponed if sustained wind is less than 3 knots or more than 20 knots.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

2.1 The Regatta is open to keelboats 20' + LOA properly registered in the State of Ohio and equipped with the State mandated safety equipment. A boat may enter by delivering a completed registration form and paying the appropriate fee as outlined in the Notice Of Racing, either by mail to the Race Committee Chair, or to the Chair at the Skippers' Meeting prior to any scheduled races. For a boat to be scored for races and be eligible for awards, the Chair must receive its entry form and fee paid before the boat's first race.

2.2 Boats intending to race must pass within close proximity of the Race Committee Boat prior to the warning signal and identify themselves visually and orally (not via radio or mobile phone) before the first race of the day.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to boats / competitors, including schedule changes, will be posted on the HBYC website or communicated by VHF radio.

4. SCHEDULE: Skipper's meeting at 9:30am in HBYC Clubhouse. First start at 11:30am. No start after 3:30pm.

5. COURSE AND MARKS

5.1 The courses are shown in Attachment 1.

5.2 The course will be determined by the Race Committee before each race based on wind and weather. Competitors will be notified by radio.

5.3 All marks, except at the starting/finishing line, will be yellow inflatable buoys, 4' diameter and 4' high.

5.4 Boats may only cross the start/finish line when starting and finishing

6. STARTING / FINISHING

6.1 The starting and finishing lines will be between the "RC" flag (Blue with red "RC") displayed on the Race Committee Boat and the Start/Finish mark as shown on Course Diagrams.

6.2 Rule 26 of the Racing Rules ("Starting Races") will be modified for the following signals procedure:

Start -6 min.: **Attention** - No Flag - Four short horn

Start -5 min.: **Warning** - Class Flag up - One short horn

Start -4 min.: **Preparatory** - Yellow with Black Circle (I flag) - One short horn

Start -1 min.: **One-Minute** - Yellow with Black Circle (I flag) removed - One long horn

Start -0 min.: **Start** - Class flag removed - One short horn

6.3 Class flags will be white for the spinnaker fleet and green for the JAM fleet.

6.4 Rule 30.1, I Flag, of the Racing Rules ("Round-an-End Rule") will be in effect for all races.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 Radio communications will be on VHF Channel 79 or as established at the Skipper's Meeting.

7.2 Radio communications shall not be initiated with the Race Committee during the starting sequence except for emergencies.

7.3 A boat that drops out of a race after starting and before finishing must immediately notify the Race Committee.

8. TIME LIMIT

8.1 The race will be abandoned if the lead boat has not rounded the first mark within one hour of the start, or if the lead boat does not cross the finishing line within two hours of the start.

8.2 The Race Committee may shorten the course after the start according to Rule 32 of the Racing Rules, if there is insufficient wind, foul weather, etc. If a Race Committee boat is unavailable, the lead boat will be directed to set a finish line at a mark of the course.

9. PROTESTS

9.1 Protests shall be governed by Part 5 of the Racing Rules, with the additional requirement that boats intending to protest must notify the RC and fleet within 10 minutes of finishing.

9.2 Written protests forms are to be delivered to the HBYC clubhouse within one hour of the Race Committee Boat's docking. Forms are available from the Race Committee.

9.3 Hearings will be held in the clubhouse as soon as possible after each day of racing, and in the order the forms are delivered.

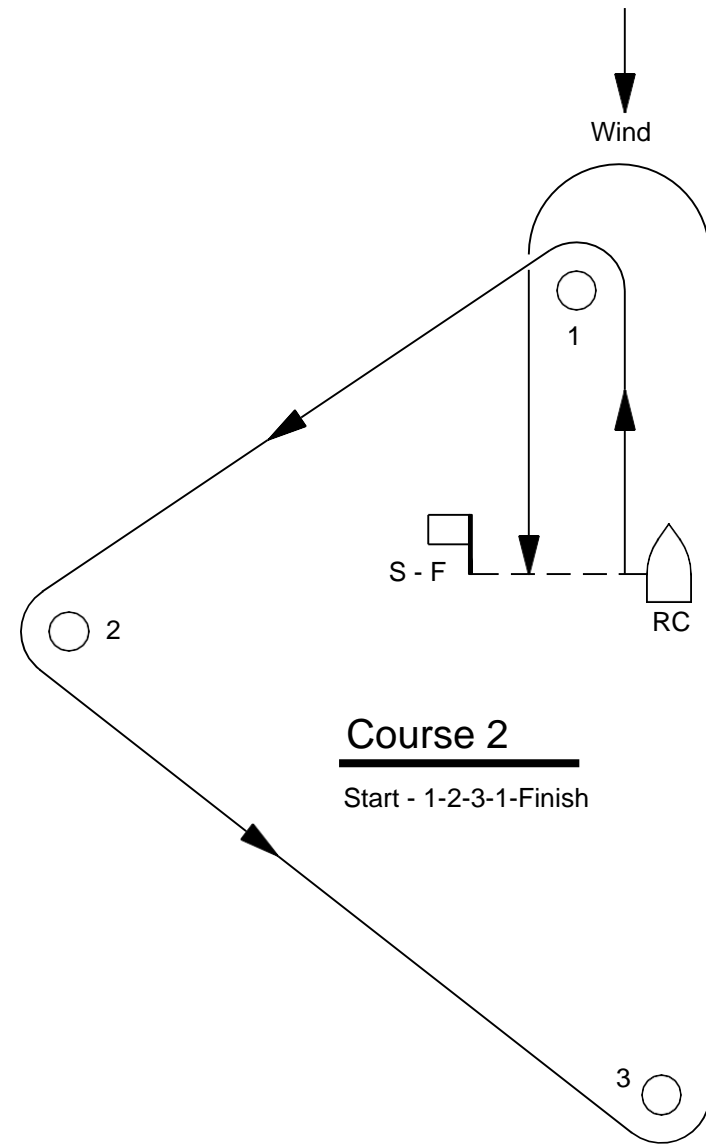
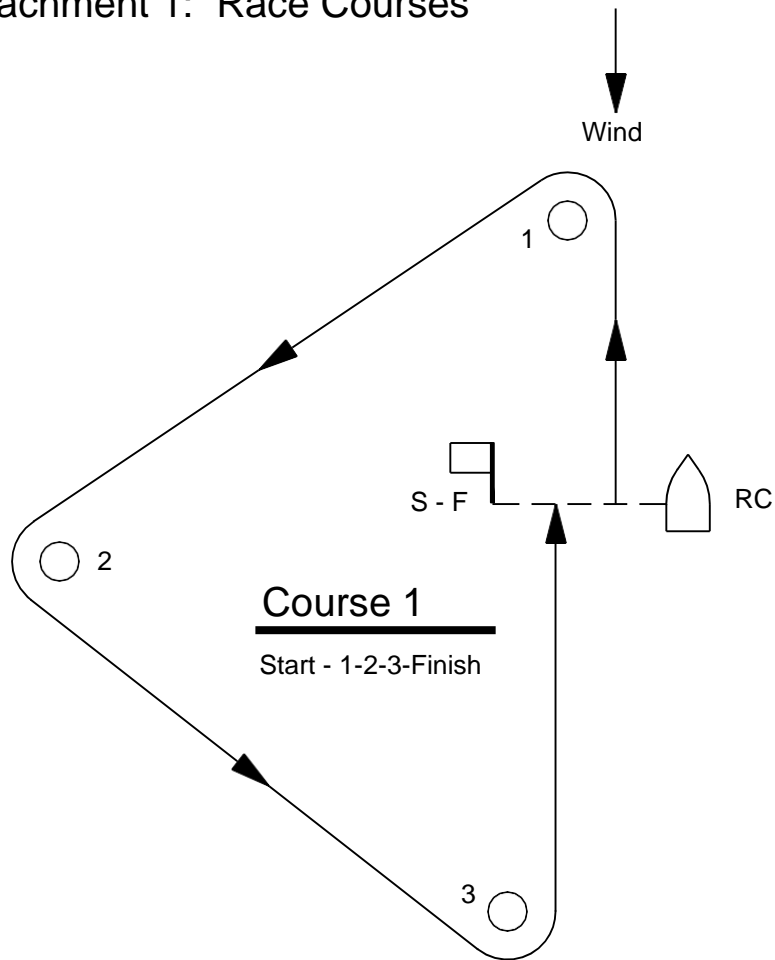
10. SCORING

10.1 The Low Point System in Appendix A of the RRS will apply except no races will be excluded.



11. AWARDS

Awards will be presented at the evening social to the first three places in each division based upon the total Regatta scores.

Attachment 1: Race Courses



Marks:

- RC = RC Flag on Race Committee Boat
- S - F = Start - Finish Line
-  = Pin with Orange Flag
-  = Yellow Inflatables