

BCYC Club Racing Fall 2023-Spring 2024
Boca Ciega Yacht Club Organizing Authority
09/17/23, 10/22/23, 11/19/23
01/21/24, 02/18/24, 03/17/24, 04/21/24, 05/19/24, 06/23/24

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

1. RULES

1.1 The races shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) except as modified by these Sailing Instructions. (Rules 26, 27.1, and 35)

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be addressed at the skippers' meeting and posted on the Racing whiteboard on the East wall in the BCYC Clubhouse.

2.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions on the water will be communicated via marine VHF radio channel 5 (i.e., 05A / 1005) and verbally for boats within hailing distance of the race committee boat. A LIMA ("L") signal flag shall also be used to signal boats to come within hail.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notice to competitors will be addressed at the skippers' meeting and posted on the Racing whiteboard on the East wall in the BCYC Clubhouse.

3.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online notice board which is located at <https://sailbcyc.org/TrendingNow>

3.3 On the water the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 5.

3.4 Except for safety situations, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile phones also.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 The schedule of races is stated in the Notice of Race (NOR)

4.2 If less than two boats are participating in racing, all further racing for the day shall be abandoned.

5. CLASS FLAGS

5.1 Color of Class Flag will be determined at the skippers' meeting ashore.

6. COURSES

6.1 A course diagram will be displayed at the skippers' meeting and will be based on current observed and forecasted conditions.

6.2 Marks will consist of day-glow orange and green buoy marks and Government marks.

6.2 The race committee may shorten the course by announcing the change on the VHF marine radio and move the signal vessel to a point where boats may be finished safely.

7. THE START

7.1 As a courtesy the race committee may broadcast the starting sequence over VHF marine radio. Otherwise RRS 26 will be followed, with a warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

7.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

7.3 If any boat's hull is on the course side (OCS) at the starting signal, the race committee will signal an Individual Recall and attempt to broadcast her name or sail number on VHF channel 5 and verbally hail her. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

7.4 A boat that does not start within 15 minutes of the starting signal will be scored DNS

7.5 Wind requirements for starting or abandoning races shall include a minimum of 3 knots across the course and not to exceed 25 knots sustained, with 15 knots sustained for Catalina Capri 16.5 (as per BCYC Club Waterfront Policies.)

8. THE FINISH

8.1 The finish line is between the signal boat displaying a blue flag on the starboard side of the line and a floating orange mark at the port end.

9. TIME LIMITS

9.1 Race Time Limits:

First Mark 1 time limit: 30 minutes

Race time limit: 60 minutes

Finishing Window: 30 minutes

9.2 A race shall be abandoned if no boat has rounded the first mark within the Mark 1 time limit or no boats have finished within the Race Time Limit, unless a "shorten course" has been announced to competitors on the VHF marine radio.

9.3 Boats not finishing within the Finishing Window, as defined by the time the of the first boat finishing, shall be scored DNF without hearing. This changes RRS 35.

10. SCORING

10.1 As defined in the Notice of Race (NOR)

10.2 Race scores will be considered preliminary until 24 hours after the scores are posted. All scoring inquiries with the Racing Chair (racing@sailbcyc.org) shall be made in writing at this time.

10.3 Scores will be posted online and in the Windward.

11. PROTEST

11.1 Protest must be made with the Racing Chair or their designated appointee within one hour after the signal boat returning to the BCYC Clubhouse.

11.2 RRS Appendix T shall apply.

12. SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1 Prior to the first signal, all boats shall pass by the stern of the signal vessel on starboard tack to check in by hailing name and sail number.

12.2 A boat that retires from a race or chooses not to participate in subsequent races that day after finishing a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity via marine VHF channel 5 or hailing the committee boat if within hailing distance.

12.3 Racers are encouraged to carry lifesaving equipment on their boats.

12.4 A competitor or support person shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

13. PRIZES

13.1 First through third place will be awarded once each racing season, as chosen by the Racing Chair.

13.2 Additional awards may be given throughout the season.