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1. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- **1.1.** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the RYC website.
- **1.2.** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole north of the RYC Clubhouse.
- **1.3.** When Flag AP displayed ashore is lowered, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.
- **1.4.** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 12:00 on the day it will take effect.
- **1.5.** In the event any change to the Sailing Instructions are posted, the Race Committee shall endeavor to signal the change by displaying code flag L ashore. Failure to display code flag L shall not be grounds for redress

2. CHECK IN and RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

2.1. All boats intending to race shall check in with the Signal Boat prior to the first warning signal. Check in may be via hail or VHF radio channel 69.

- **2.2. [DP]** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 69.
- **2.3.** On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69. Failure to make an announcement, failure of a competitor to receive an announcement, or the order of information in an announcement, shall not be grounds for redress.
- **2.4. [DP]** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3. RACE SCHEDULE

- **3.1.** Wednesday races begin on May 15, 2024. Friday races begin on June 7, 2024.
- **3.2.** Eighteen (18) Wednesday races are scheduled, divided into spring, Summer and Fall series, each with six (6) races. Fifteen (15) Friday races are scheduled, comprising one series.

Class (Wed)	Class (Fri)	Flag	Warning	Class	Flag	Warning
PHRF	PHRF >150	2	1830	PHRF	2	1800
IRC/ORC	PHRF <150	1	1835	IRC/ORC	1	1805
JAM Fun	JAM Fun	3	1840	JAM Fun	3	1810

3.3. Wednesdays May thru August & Friday All Season

Wednesdays in September

- **3.4.** For Friday races, the PHRF 2 and PHRF 1 starts may be combined. If so, the Warning signal for JAM fun division will be moved to 1835. The race committee will announce this via VHF prior to the first Warning.
- **3.5.** No warning signal will be made after 1945.

4. COURSES and MARKS

- **4.1.** The configuration of courses are shown in attachments 1.1 and 1.2.
- **4.2.** Marks will be orange, red, green or yellow tetrahedrons or cylinders.
- **4.3.** The starting area will be located approximately one (1) nm north of the Charlotte Pier.
- **4.4.** The course to be sailed for each race will be signaled by placards displayed on the signal boat.

5. THE START

5.1. Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.

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- **5.2.** The starting line will be between the orange flag on the signal boat and the nearby starting mark.
- **5.3. [DP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- **5.4.** The race committee will attempt to call the sail numbers, boat names, or hull numbers of premature starters on VHF channel 69.

6. OBSTRUCTIONS

6.1. On legs of the course from W to L, the start/finish line and marks, taken together, is an obstruction when *either the orange or blue flag is displayed*.

7. THE FINISH

- 7.1. The finish line will be between the blue flag on the signal boat and the nearby finishing mark.
- **7.2.** If the RC intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Subs5tute while boats are finishing

8. SAFETY

- **8.1.** [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Such notification may be made by hail, VHF radio, or in person.
- 8.2. [DP] Attachment 2 applies to single and double handed boats.

9.TIME LIMITS

- **9.1.** A race will be abandoned if no boat rounds the first mark within 1 hour from the last start or if no boat finishes within 1-½ hours from the last start.
- **9.2.** If any boat finishes within the time limit, then any boats not finishing within 1-½ hours of the first boat to finish will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.
- **9.3.** Any boat not starting within 10 minutes of her starting signal for a race will be scored DNS for that race. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

10.SCORING

10.1 The Offshore Fleet finishing positions shall be determined based on PHRF-LO, ORC or IRC "Time on Time" rating systems as applicable.

10.2. RRS A5.3 applies

- **10.3.** At least two boats in a division must start a race for it to qualify for Series Scoring for that division.
- **10.4.** Three races must be completed to constitute a series.
- **10.5.** Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score once four races have been scored. This modifies RRS A2.1.
- 10.6. Absentee Scoring: A boat missing a race while competing in one of the events comprising the Offshore Regatta Championship may apply to be scored the average of her other finishes in the series (before throw-outs). Absentee scoring shall be limited to one race day per series (Wednesdays) or two race days for the season (Fridays). A skipper must apply to the Racing Fleet Captain prior to the race to be eligible for average finish scoring.

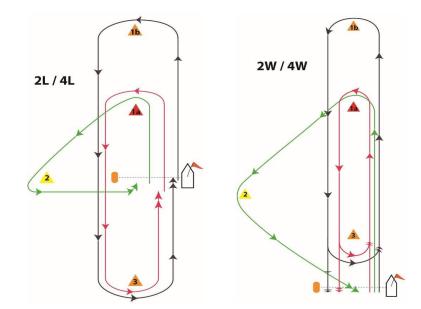
11. HEARING REQUESTS

- **11.1.** Hearing request forms may be filed in writing at the RYC bar, or by hand to the Racing Fleet Captain.
- **11.2.** The time limit for filing hearing requests is 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks.
- **11.3.** RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.



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Attachment 1- Course Diagrams & Start Times- Wednesday Races



Course	Order of Rounding	Course	Order of Rounding
2L		2W	
PHRF	Start -> 1a -> 3-> Finish	PHRF	Start -> 1a -> Finish
IRC / ORC /	Start -> 1b -> 3 -> Finish	IRC / ORC /	Start -> 1b -> Finish
JAM Fun	Start -> 1a -> 2 -> Finish	JAM Fun	Start -> 1a -> 2 -> Finish
	Finish headed upwind		Finish headed downwind
4L		4W	
PHRF	Start -> 1a -> 3 -> 1a -> 3 ->Finish	PHRF	Start -> 1a -> 3 -> 1a -> Finish
IRC / ORC /	Start -> 1b -> 3 -> 1b -> 3 -> Finish	IRC / ORC /	Start -> 1b -> 3 -> 1b -> Finish
JAM Fun	Start -> 1a -> 2 -> Pin -> 1 -> 2 -> Finish	JAM Fun	Start -> 1a -> 2 -> Finish
	Finish headed upwind		Finish headed downwind

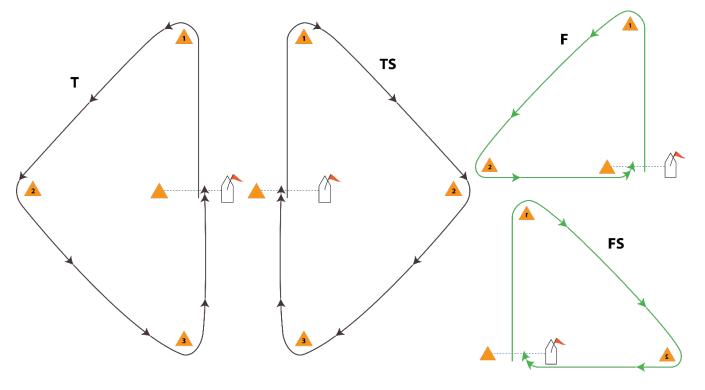
Wednesday Starting Times

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PHRF	2	1830	1800
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Attachment 2 - Course Diagrams & Start Times- Friday Races



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	Start -> 1 -> 2 -> 3 -> Finish	Start -> 1 -> 2 -> Finish

Friday Starting Times

Class	Flag	Warning
PHRF >150	2	1830
PHRF < 150	1	1835
JAM Fun	3	1840