

# ATLANTA YACHT CLUB



## Maytoberfest Dixie

Atlanta Yacht Club  
May 27-28, 2023

## Sailing Instructions

“[NP]” means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This change is added after the last sentence in RRS 60.1(a).

“[DP]” means that the penalty for a breach of a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 A boat’s sail number provided at registration will be the number of the boat scored.
- 1.3 If an extenuating circumstance necessitates a change of sails after registration closes, which results in an unregistered sail number needing to be used, then prior to the use of the new sail number, a boat shall submit a written request to the Race Committee, which indicates the registered sail number and the new sail number, and shall obtain written permission from the RC PRO.
- 1.4 If a boat races with an unregistered number without RC PRO written permission, it will be scored as DNC without a hearing. This change is added to RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 1.5 Rule A5.3 will apply

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least ninety minutes before the scheduled start of the day’s racing, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 For oral changes to the sailing instructions on the water the following process will be used: The “L” flag with TWO sounds before the warning signal will be used to signal a change to the sailing instructions. Boats will come to the RC boat and receive verbal instructions for the change. The “L” flag will stay up for at least two minutes and then will be dropped with one sound. The next signal will be made one minute later. This does not change the definition of the “L” flag in RRS Race Signals.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The official notice board is the bulletin board outside the AYC Clubhouse located near the fish pond.
- 3.2 Hearings will be held in the AYC Conference Room adjacent to the Adult lounge.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio, on Channel 69, or the Signal Boat PA system. No boat is required to carry a radio.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, a boat shall not make voice nor data transmissions and shall not receive voice nor data communication that is not available to all boats, except anything related to safety, or to notify the Race Committee of intent to withdraw from a race, or as required by a rule.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag mast at the head of the race committee dock.
- 4.2 When flag “AP” is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than thirty minutes” in Race Signals AP. This change is added to “AP” Race Signals.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Saturday	05/27/22	1200	Competitors’ Meeting at the viewing pavilion
		1325	First scheduled warning, subsequent races to follow
Sunday	05/28/22	0925	First scheduled warning

- 5.2 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.3 The event is scheduled for three races. One completed race for all Divisions shall constitute a regatta.
- 5.4 Competitors will be split into four Divisions of Black, Orange, Yellow and Blue. Each boat will be provided a Black, Orange, Yellow or Blue color pennant, minimum 12” long, to be to be flown from the vicinity of the lower batten on the mainsail leech. There will be two Flights (starts) for all races. Each Flight will include two Divisions, rotated after every race, so that if all Flights are completed each Division will have competed against all three of the other Divisions during the course of the regatta. Placards on the Race Committee Signal Boat will correspond to the Division colors.

#### RACE FLIGHT A      FLIGHT B

Race 1	Black vs. Orange	Yellow vs. Blue
Race 2	Black vs. Blue	Orange vs. Yellow
Race 3	Black vs. Yellow	Blue vs. Orange

- 5.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal for the first Flight of a Race will be made after 1330.
- 6 **CLASS FLAGS** - The Class Flag will be two flags, one over the other, of the colors corresponding to the two Divisions participating in a starting sequence.
- 7 **RACING AREA** - The racing area will be located north of the Atlanta Yacht Club on Allatoona Lake.

## 8 COURSES

- 8.1 The courses are shown in Attachment A, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The course designation will be displayed atop the race committee signal boat and read from top to bottom.

## 9 ROUNDING MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 New marks as provided in SI 11 will be yellow tetrahedrons with a black band.
- 9.3 The color of Offset marks, if used, will be red. Their shape will be round.

## 10 THE START

- 10.1 [NP][DP] All boats must check in by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the RC signal boat prior to their first race of the day or after a shore break. Each boat shall hail her number and must be verbally acknowledged.
- 10.2 [NP] To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the Race Committee will make multiple short sounds prior to the warning signal.
- 10.3 [NP] Boats in a Flight whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area with their jibs down during the other Flight's starting sequence
- 10.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat.
- 10.5 [NP] The Race Committee may attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats by VHF Radio channel 69 or with the Signal Boat PA system after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the timing of any hail of some or all OCS boats, or the failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress.  
This change is added to RRS 62.1, as letter (e), in the context of alleged RC error in hailing OCS boats.
- 10.6 [NP] A boat that does not **Start** within 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

## 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg, the race committee will lay a New Mark, move the finishing line or move the gate and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## 12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end orange cylinder finishing mark.
- 12.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

## 13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The time limit for the lead boat of each Flight is 45 minutes to Mark 1 and two hours to complete the course. Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This change is added to RRS A10.

## 14 HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 The time limit for requesting a hearing or bringing a protest is forty-five minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks, and the Signal Boat will make a sound signal to notify of the beginning of the time limit. A notice will also be promptly posted on the official notice board.
- 14.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the official notice board, from the race committee at the race committee signal boat, and online at:  
<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/race-officers/materials-for-race-officers/>
- 14.3 A Hearing Request shall be delivered to the Protest Committee at the AYC Clubhouse conference room within the protest time limit.
- 14.4 A Hearing Schedule will be posted on the official notice board within thirty minutes after the time limit expires, to inform boats, competitors, and other persons of hearings in which they are parties or have been named as witnesses, and constitutes notification required in Rules 61.1(b) and 63.2. Hearings will be held as soon as possible in approximately the order in which they were received. The Hearing Results may be posted in list form on the official notice board.

## 15 SCORING

- 15.1 No completed race will be excluded from a boat's score.
- 15.2 Boats scored as TLE will receive a score equal to the number of boats in their Flight that have finished within the time limit + 2, not to exceed the score for a DSQ.  
This changes rules A4, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.3 In the case of any incomplete sets of race scores, the boats' scores in incomplete sets will not be counted. A completed Race shall consist of a set of scores for all registered boats in all Divisions.  
This change is added to RRS A2.1.
- 15.4 Ties will be broken per the RRS. In the event a tie remains, the tie will be broken by a coin toss. This change is added to A8.

## 16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

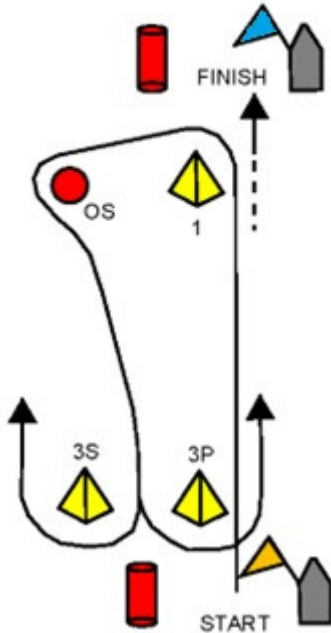
- 16.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 17.2 **COVID-19 POLICY:** Participants should not attend if they have a fever, are feeling sick, have been in contact with someone who has or who may have COVID-19, or if they have displayed any illness symptoms within the last fourteen days.

## Course Diagrams

**Course "WG"**



**Course "WG"**

Rounding Order

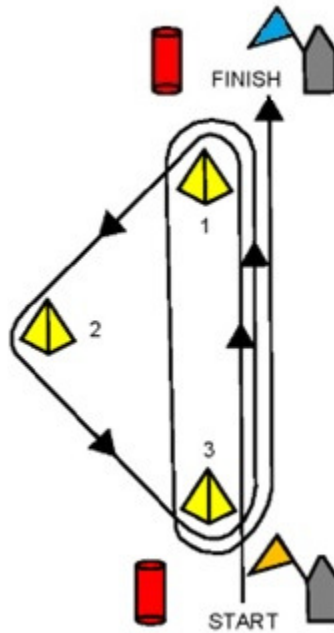
WG: Start - 1-OS-3S or 3P-Finish

WG2: Start - 1-OS-3S or 3P-

1-OS-3S or 3P-Finish

NOTE: If 3S or 3P is missing the remaining mark shall be rounded to port

**Course "T"**



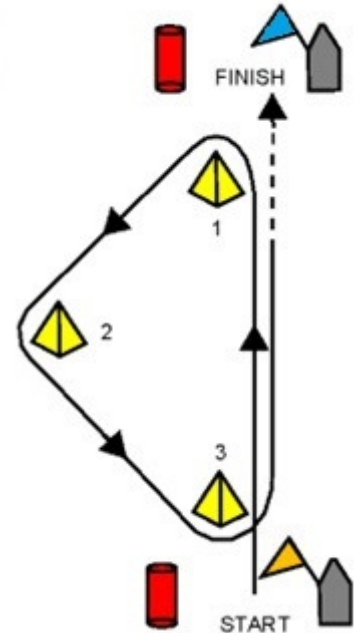
**Course "T"**

Rounding Order

T: Start-1-2-3-Finish

T2: Start-1-2-3-1-2-3-Finish

**Course "O"**



**Course "O"**

Rounding Order

O: Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish

Note: Actual angle between legs may vary depending on wind direction and available space in the racing area.

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**Thistle Class Liaison: Bryce Dryden**