

# 2023 Gilbert Beers Memorial Regatta

Atlanta Yacht Club & Y-Flyer Fleet #1

Lake Allatoona, Acworth, Georgia

October 14-15, 2023

## Sailing Instructions

### Safety

**The Atlanta Yacht Club STRONGLY recommends that all competitors wear an approved (US Coast Guard or Canadian) personal floatation device**

"[NP]" means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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

#### 1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the By-laws of the AYFSA.

#### 2. Notices To Competitors

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the wall across from the fish pond.

2.2. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio, Channel 69, or the signal boat PA system. No boat is required to carry a radio.

2.3. [DP] While racing, no voice broadcast or data communication from the competitors is allowed except for safety reasons or to notify the race committee of intent to withdraw from the race.

#### 3. Changes In Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1130 hours Saturday and 0830 hours Sunday, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat along side the dock.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the Race Signal AP.

#### 5. Schedule of Races

##### 5.1 Saturday

Juniors: Competitors Meeting 0845

1st Race Warning Signal 0930

More races to follow

##### 5.2 Gold and Blue Fleets Competitors Meeting 1130

Warning Signal for 1<sup>st</sup> Race 1325

Two Races Scheduled

##### 5.3 Sunday

Warning Signal 0925

One Race Scheduled

5.4 Gold and Blue Fleet will sail together.

5.5 On Sunday, no warning signal after 12 PM.

#### 6. Class Flag AYFYRA Class Flag or a Green Flag

#### 7. The Courses

7.1 The diagrams show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be rounded or passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7.2 The identifying letter(s) of the course will be displayed on the top of the Signal Boat

#### 8. Marks

8.1 Rounding Marks and Gate Marks will be yellow tetrahedrons, except that Mark "OS" in course "WG" will be red or orange balls.

8.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a Race Committee Boat displaying an orange/blue flag and a nearby Orange Cylinder.

#### 9. The Start

9.1. [NP] 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.

9.2. [NP] To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the Race Committee may make multiple short sounds prior to the warning signal.

9.3. Races will be started using RRS 26.

9.4. The starting line will be between the staff of an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of a nearby Orange Cylinder.

9.5. A Boat starting more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rule A4 and A5.

9.6. [NP] The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats, but failure to be hailed, order of boats hailed, the timeliness of such hail, or failure to hear a hail is insufficient cause for redress under rule 62.1(a).

#### 10. Change of the next leg of the course

To change the next leg of the course the Race Committee will lay a Black-banded Mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original Mark as soon as practical. When in a subsequent change a black-banded mark is replaced, it will be by an original mark.

#### 11. The Finish

11.1 The finish line will be between the staff of a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the Course side of the finishing mark.

11.2 If the Race Committee intends to start another race without delay the Finish Boat will display Flag R with no sound.

11.3 If the Race Committee intends to start another race after a break it will display Flag G with one sound. This means the warning signal for the next race will be in 15 minutes.

#### 12. Time Limit

12.1 The time limit for the first boat to reach the first Mark is 30 minutes and 90 minutes to finish the race. If

no boat meets the time requirement the race will be abandoned.

- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat will be scored TLE
- 12.3 If a boat in last place in a race may delay the start of another race, the race committee may score that boat in the place she would have finished and terminate the race. This changes rule 35, A4, and A5.

### **13. Penalty System**

13.1. Appendix V, both V1 and V2, ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES, will apply.

### **14. Protests and Request for Redress**

- 14.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee Finish Boat of her intention and receive acknowledgement. This is in addition to Rule 61.1(a)
- 14.2 Protests forms are available at the Official Notice Board and online at:  
<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rulesofficiating/race-officers/materials-for-race-officers/> Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered there within **30 minutes** after the Signal Boat docks.
- 14.3 The Protest Time Limit will be posted on the Official notice Board and a schedule of hearings will be posted within 15 minutes of the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2

**15. [DP] Safety Regulations** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

### **16. Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

- 16.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 16.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee.
- 16.3. Requests for substitution shall be made to the PRO at the first reasonable opportunity.

**17. Equipment and Measurement Checks** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

**18. [NP] Official Boats** If present, the Judge's boat will be marked as follows: US Sailing Judges Flag.

### **19. [DP] Radio Communication**

- 19.1. Competitors may receive radio transmissions from the Race Committee concerning safety and general information to assist in the management of the event.
- 19.2. Except for safety reasons or to notify Race Committee of retiring, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 19.3. From the time a boat leaves the dock until she has finished the last race of the day, returned to shore, or been instructed to return to shore by the Race Committee, no electronic or electrical device shall be used to gather information about conditions, monitor performance, communicate between boats, communicate sailing related information, or in any other way benefit or influence a boat's racing.
- 19.4. Communication in any form is encouraged to request or coordinate aid in an emergency.

### **20. Scoring**

- 20.1 AYFSA Low point scoring system, in Appendix A of the AYFSA by-Laws, will be used. This changes Rule A4 and A11.
- 20.2 No scores will be excluded.
- 20.3 Blue Fleet will be scored separately.
- 20.4 Three races are scheduled. One must be completed to constitute a Regatta.

### **21. Prizes**

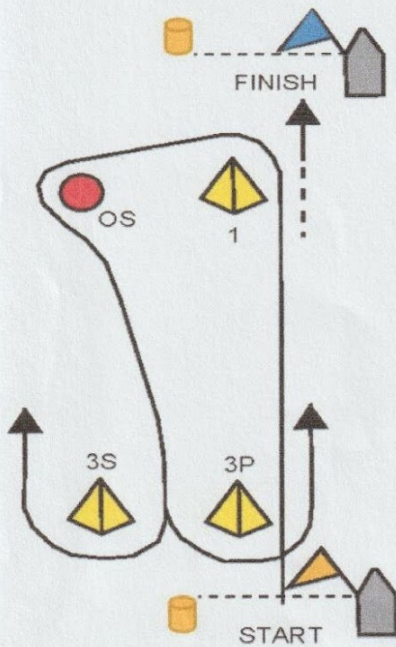
- 21.1. Prizes will be awarded for the top three places, skipper and crew, Junior Beers
- 21.2. Prizes will be awarded for the top five places, skipper and crew, Blue Fleet
- 21.3. Prizes will be awarded for the top five places, skipper and crew, Gold Fleet

### **22. Disclaimer of Liability**

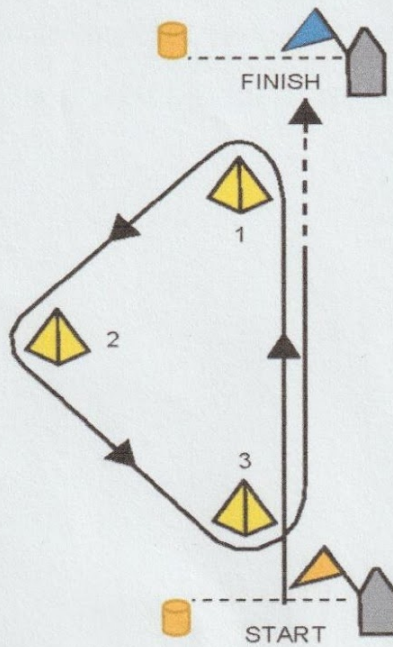
Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the races.

## Illustration A - Course Diagrams

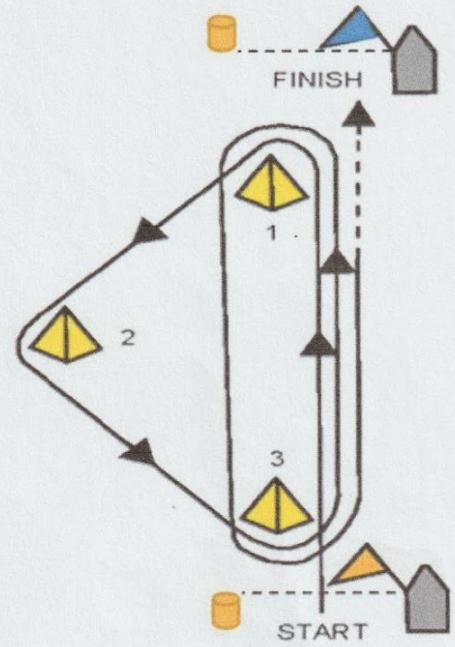
**COURSE WGx**



**COURSE Tx**



**COURSE O**



**Rounding Order:**

**Course "WG1" or "WG2"**

WG1: Start-1-OS-3-Finish

WG2: Start-1-OS-3-1-OS-3-Finish

**Course "T1" or "T2"**

T1: Start-1-2-3-Finish

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

**Course "O"**

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

**Notes:**

1. Actual angle between legs may vary depending on wind direction and available space in the racing area.
2. For all courses, Mark "1" (and Mark "OS" for course WG) has no required side when finishing.
3. For course "WG", if Mark 1 is moved via change of course, Mark "OS" will be removed.
4. A number after the course designation (ex. WG1 or WG2) indicates the number of laps around the course before the final weather leg