

Y-FLYER MIDWINTER REGATTA
March 16-17, 2024
Atlanta Yacht Club & Y-Flyer Fleet 1, Acworth, GA

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‘[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

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) for 2021-2024 and the Y-Flyer Class By Laws.
- 1.2. Appendix V, ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES, will apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day the change will take effect, except:
 - 2.1.1. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
 - 2.1.2. Oral changes to these SIs may be made on the water by hail from the signal boat in accordance with RRS 90.2(c) The RC signal boat will display code flag “L” (yellow and black diagonal squares) and communicate the changes with each affected boat before the next warning.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the clubhouse near the fishpond, except as noted above in 2.1.2.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RC signal boat at the race committee dock.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 20 minutes’ for race signal AP. This changes the RRS Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACE

- 5.1. The Competitors’ Meeting will be held in the courtyard outside of the AYC clubhouse on Saturday at 0915.
- 5.2. Dates and Time of racing:

Date	Time of Warning Signal
Saturday	First warning signal: 1025, Subsequent race(s) to follow
Sunday	First warning signal: 0925, Subsequent race(s) to follow (if needed)

- 5.3. The Race Committee will attempt to complete five (5) races for the regatta.
- 5.4. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1200.

6. FLEETS AND CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The fleet will be split into “Gold” and “Blue” fleets.
- 6.2. The class flags are:
 - 6.2.1. “Gold” fleet: a yellow flag with a black “Y” or a solid yellow flag.
 - 6.2.2. “Blue” fleet: a blue flag with a yellow “Y” or a solid blue flag.
 - 6.2.3. If both class flags are flown at the same time, the fleets will start together.

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7. [NP] RACING AREA

7.1. The Racing Area location is on Allatoona Lake within view of the AYC Viewing Pavilion.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. The diagrams in Illustration A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2. The course will be designated by a placard on a ladder behind the mast on the RC Signal boat before the warning signal.

9. MARKS

9.1. Rounding Marks will be yellow tetrahedrons, except that Mark "OS" in course "WG" will be a RED or ORANGE ball.

9.2. For course "WG", if one of the leeward gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to Port.

9.3. New rounding marks as provided in Change of the next leg of the Course will be yellow tetrahedrons with a black band, except for Mark "OS" in course WG. Mark "OS" in course WG will be removed if Mark 1 is changed.

9.4. The Starting Marks will be an RC boat and either a) a nearby ORANGE cylinder, or b) another RC boat.

9.5. The Finish Marks will be an RC boat and a nearby ORANGE cylinder.

10. THE START

10.1. [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.

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

10.3. [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.4. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an ORANGE flag on the Race Committee Signal boat at the starboard end and on the port end either a) the course side of an ORANGE cylinder, or b) a staff displaying an ORANGE flag on a race committee boat.

10.5. Starting penalties from races that are abandoned after the starting signal and not re-sailed that same day will not carry over to races re-sailed a subsequent day in the regatta. This changes rules 30.2, 30.4 and rule 36.

10.6. The race committee will not hail OCS boats.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

11.2. When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark (no black band).

11.3. If any one gate mark of the pair has a black band, it shall be understood that both gate marks are the new marks.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a BLUE flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

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- 12.2. If no additional signals are displayed, competitors should return to the starting area so that a subsequent race may be started as soon as practical.
- 12.3. If racing is suspended for a “shore break,” the Finish boat will display Race Signal AP over Flag “H” (Red and White vertical panels) with no associated sound. When flag AP over Flag “H” is displayed, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 20 minutes’ in Race Signal AP. This changes the RRS Race Signals.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. Appendix V in the RRS, ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES, will apply.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish. If no boat has finished within the time limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 14.2. Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will be assigned scored points equal to the number of starters in that race per the AYFSA By-Laws. This changes rules 35, A4, A5, and A10. The score given by the race committee is not subject to Redress. This changes 62.1(a)
- 14.3. [NP] FOC - Finished on Course: If boats in a race are unduly delaying the start of another race, the race committee may terminate the race and score those boats in the place they would have finished based on their position at the time the race is terminated. The score given by the race committee is not subject to Redress. This changes 35, 62.1(a), A4, and A5.2

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protests forms are available on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.2. Protests shall be delivered to a member of the Protest Committee (PC) in the AYC club house Board Room within the protest time limit: 30 minutes after the race committee boat docks. The Protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3. Within the protest time limit, a list of boats that have been penalized by Race Committee Actions will be posted. This posting constitutes the notification required in Rule 61.1(b). The time limit for a boat so notified to file a request for redress is 30 minutes after the Protest Time Limit. This changes rule 62.2.
- 15.4. A schedule of protests will be posted on the official notice board within 15 minutes of the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in Rules 61.1(b) and 63.2.
- 15.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.2.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2. Each fleet will be scored completely separately. No scores will be combined between fleets.
- 16.3. No scores will be excluded.
- 16.4. The Scoring System in Appendix A of the AYFSA By-laws will apply.

17. [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

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18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 18.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee.
- 18.3. [DP] Requests for substitution shall be made to the PRO at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20. [NP] OFFICIAL BOATS

- 20.1. If present, the Judge's boat will be marked as follows: US Sailing Judges Flag.

21. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1. Competitors may receive radio transmissions on VHF channel 71 from the Race Committee concerning safety and general information to assist in the management of the event, however, the race committee will not hail OCS boats.
- 21.2. [DP] Except for any safety reason, 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.
- 21.3. 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.
- 21.4. [DP] Communication in any form is encouraged to request aid in an emergency or any safety related reason.

22. PRIZES

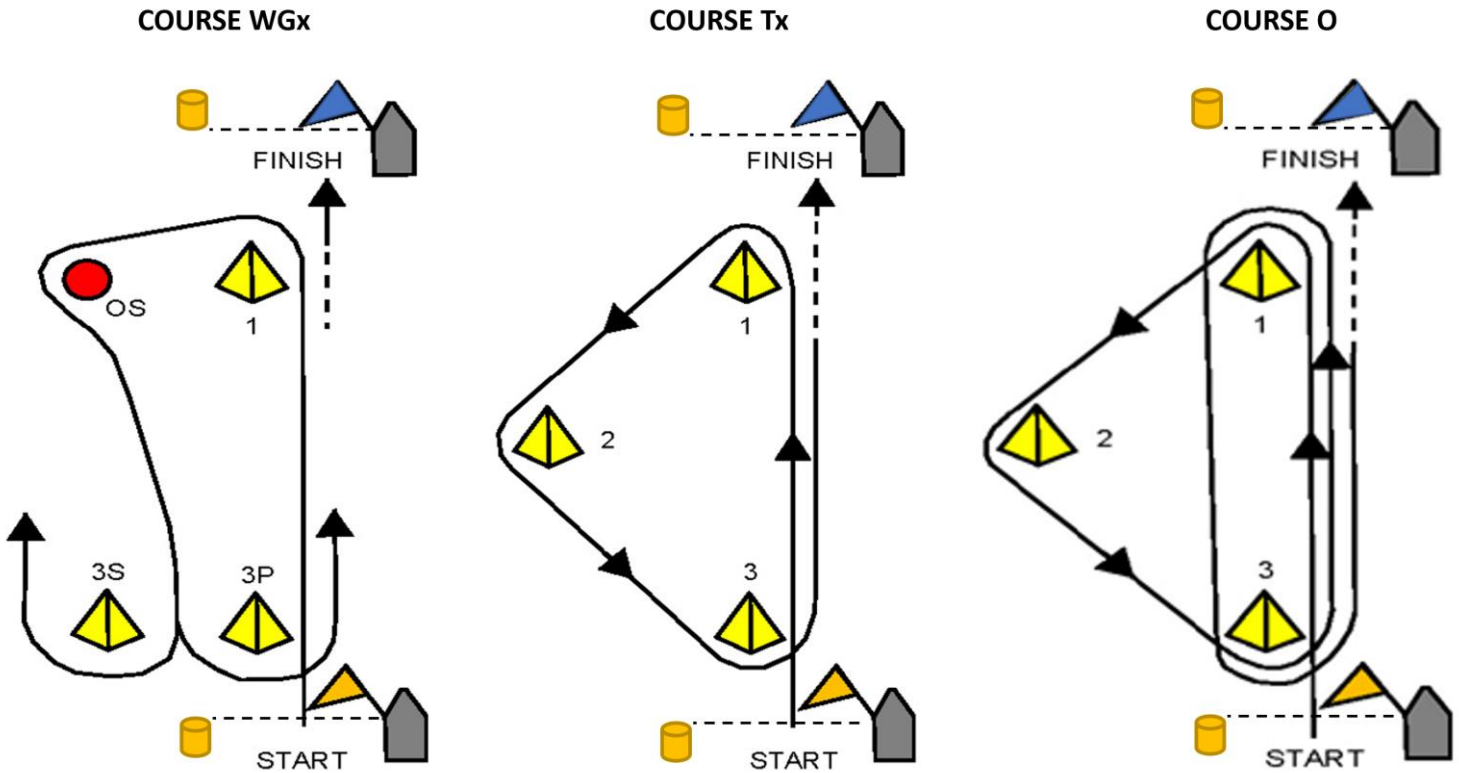
- 22.1. Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crews first through ninth place in the gold fleet.
- 22.2. Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crews first through third place in the blue fleet.
- 22.3. Prizes will be awarded to the highest placing gold fleet skipper who did not finish in the first through ninth positions and is at least 50 years of age or older by the conclusion of the regatta.
- 22.4. Prizes will be awarded to the highest placing gold fleet female skipper.
- 22.5. Prizes will be awarded to the highest placing gold fleet junior skipper; If no junior skippers sail in the gold fleet the prizes shall be awarded to the highest placing blue fleet junior skipper.

23. RISK STATEMENT

Participants in this regatta acknowledge by their participation that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. Such risks include but are not limited to those created by strong winds, 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 injury, including permanent, catastrophic injury, or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, collision, or other causes. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, each participant expressly accepts the risks associated with participation and releases all claims they may have against the Atlanta Yacht Club and its officers, directors, members, committees, and employees ("Released Parties") for property damage, personal injury or death, or any other basis arising at or in the vicinity of the host facility before, during, or after the races. In addition, each participant accepts responsibility for damage or injury caused by their breach of The Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision and agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any claims which may arise from participant's negligence or intentional acts.

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Illustration A - Course Diagrams



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.