

## ***RBSA Sailing Instructions (revised 2019)***

### **1| RULES**

1.1 Round Bay Sailing Association (RBSA) races will be governed by the latest edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (example: 2017-2020) as adopted by US Sailing (except where modified below). Participants are reminded of the RRS Basic Principle of Sportsmanship and the Rules: Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty or retire.

### **2| NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 Information regarding membership, social events, committees, and other club matters will be announced on the club's website at [www.roundbaysailing.com](http://www.roundbaysailing.com).

### **3| CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be announced on the club's website at [www.roundbaysailing.com](http://www.roundbaysailing.com).

### **4| SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Since RBSA does not have a yacht club or sailing association property, all signals germane to a specific event will be made by the Race Committee on Linstead Community Pier or onboard a Committee Boat prior to the warning signal.

### **5| SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 The Schedule of Races for each season will be announced on the club's website at [www.roundbaysailing.com](http://www.roundbaysailing.com).

5.2 For a race to take place there must be at least three starters.

5.3 Canceled or abandoned weekend (Friday/Saturday/Sunday) or Wednesday races will not be made up unless there are less than three races at the scheduled end of a series. Make up races will be announced by email and posted on the club's website.

### **6| CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 Boats participating in an RBSA race are requested to display a class flag from the backstay a minimum of 4 feet above the transom while racing.

6.2 Wednesday evening races and weekend (Friday/Saturday/Sunday) will be run in accordance with the Race Management Instructions as posted on the club's website

### **7| RACING AREAS**

7.1 Unless otherwise specified, club races will take place on the Severn River.

7.2 Boats racing in the vicinity of Linstead pier may not sail into the boat mooring area on the west side of the pier.

### **8| COURSES**

8.1 A board on a Committee Boat (or Linstead Community pier) will display the course prior to the warning signal (five minutes). Letters displayed will correspond to the racing marks listed below and are shown graphically on a map on the website.

8.2 Marks will be rounded in the posted order reading left to right. A red background indicates a mark will be left to port and a green background indicates the mark will be left to starboard. Mark D, when indicated on the course board by a red/green background may be rounded either way. The number of laps will be indicated by a numeral listed after the finishing mark.

8.3 Members of the elected RBSA Race Committee may confer with the on-water committee regarding course selection and other race management issues.

8.4 The Race Committee may shorten a course at any posted mark prior to the arrival of the lead boat. The course may be shortened by displaying the S Flag with One Sound, then hailing over to each boat as it crosses the line.

8.5 Postponement will be signaled by display of the AP Flag with Two Sounds. When ready, the Race Committee will lower the AP Flag with One Sound and restart the starting sequence at the warning signal (five minutes) approximately one minute later.

8.6 Recalls: Display of X Flag with One Sound will be used when boats have started prematurely. The Race Committee will attempt to hail early starters. However, it is the sole responsibility of each skipper to return and restart when over early. When the Race Committee is unable to identify premature starters, a display of the First Substitute Flag and Two Sounds will be made to recall an entire start. The warning signal for a new start of the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed with One Sound, and the starts for a succeeding class shall follow the new start.

## **9| MARKS**

9.1 All government navigational marks will always be honored in any RBSA event.

9.2 Racing marks will normally be orange and white cans, orange or yellow buoys.

Marks will be located approximately as follows:

- A - S of Linstead community pier
- B - W of Eaglenest Point near R10
- C - NE of Sherwood Forest community Pier
- D - St. Helena Island (may be rounded either direction)
- E - Near marker R12 and Linstead
- N - SE of R10 near Swan Point
- S - Inside of Sullivan's Cove
- V - SE of marker G9 near Long Point

## DISTANCE MATRIX

This is the approximate distance in nautical miles between marks on the course (applies as follows: Corrected Time = Elapsed Time - PHRF Handicap x Course Length).

	A	B	C	D	E	N	S	V
A		0.64	1.94	1.79	0.36	1.20	0.35	0.90
B			1.37	1.45	0.90	0.57	0.46	0.57
C				1.47	2.06	0.86	1.84	1.10
D					1.82	1.41	1.82	0.89
E						1.42	0.71	0.96
N							1.02	0.65
S								0.93

## 10| CHECKING IN

10.1 Prior to the warning signal, boats shall check in and be recognized by the Race Committee by stating the boat's name and sail number.

10.2 Boats must notify their intention to sail non-spinnaker by hail and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee when checking in.

## 11| STARTS

11.1 Wednesday, Friday or Weekend Races will be run in accordance with the details in the Race Management Instructions

11.2 Approximately one minute before the warning signal the Race Committee may make a series of sounds to announce their intention to begin the starting sequence. This is not a timed signal and failure to receive such cannot be grounds for protest or redress.

11.3 Boats that are not within five minutes of their start must keep clear of those in another fleet that are within five minutes of their start.

11.4 Unless otherwise specified, the starting line will be between the R Flag hoisted by the Race Committee and Mark A. Races may also be started at Mark B or Mark V. The Race Committee may be stationed on a committee boat or on the Linstead Community pier for races started at Mark A.

## 12| CHANGES TO THE COURSE

12.1 With the exception to shortening the course length, no changes will be made to any mark on the course after the warning signal without restarting the entire sequence and marks of the course may never be changed once the race has begun.

## 13| FINISHES

13.1 Unless otherwise specified, finishes will be at the same line as the start. If a course has been shortened prior to a boat's arrival at the finish, skippers must take note of the race committee signals prior to the finish and cross the line appropriately. The required side of a mark may change when a shortened course is signaled. See RRS rule 28.

13.2 If there is no Race Committee on station at the finish, the first boat should stand by and record all finish times.

## **14| PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall notify the Race Committee upon finishing.

## **15| TIME LIMIT**

15.1 A race in which no boat has finished by 2030 hours on Wednesdays or Fridays or 1830 hours on Sundays shall be abandoned.

## **16| PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

16.1 The format for submitting a protest can be found on the website and must be completed and emailed to the Club Commodore or the Race Committee Chair.

16.2 The time limit for submitting a Protest or Request for Redress is 48 hours after the conclusion of the race or incident (whichever comes later).

16.3 Protest and Redress hearings will be scheduled at the discretion of the Race Committee and the procedure will be in accordance with US Sailing Rules. Notice will be given to anyone involved.

## **Corinthian Class**

The new alternate definition of "yachtsman" as an amateur ("Corinthian") developed in Britain in the mid-nineteenth century and caught on in America. New Corinthian yacht clubs had fleets of small boats, and the rules required that they be raced only by Corinthian sailors who did all the work, had all the fun, and were paid not a nickel.

In this spirit, RBSA will put forth a Corinthian Class (Class C) comprised of boats who finished in the 50th percentile or lower in the prior sailing season Wednesday races. This class will be designated at the annual Skippers' Meeting and will compete for a single season long award as well as possible mid-season awards. Each Wednesday night score, for boats in this class, will be applied to both the Wednesday Low Point and Corinthian Class standings.

This is not deemed a new or an alteration to existing RBSA rules or sailing instructions. It is an award to further competition within the fleet and encourage participation throughout the season.

Cumulative Corinthian class standings will be computed and posted online at the culmination of each of the four series.

## **17| SCORING**

17.1 Boats will be scored against each other using PHRF handicaps.

17.2 A boat cannot be scored non-spinnaker if there are no spinnakers flown by any other boat in a race in the fleet.

17.3 Racing will be scored using the current Racing Rules of Sailing including the Low Point Scoring System and tie-breaking procedures.

17.4 Each series will be scored on the basis of a boat's best races. For each six races sailed, boats earn one throw-out. DSQs may be thrown out. If there are

less than six races none will be thrown out.

17.5 If a skipper provides the Race Committee personnel for a race in which his boat does not compete, this will count as participation in that race. Points will be awarded equal to the boats average score in her races in that series (excluding throw-outs). Only one such award may be made per series.

17.6 Designated Fun Races, when held as part of a racing series, will not count toward series or Low Point standings. The Annual CRaSH Race will not count toward qualification or standings for Weekend Low Point.

17.7 Races in which 50% or more of the boats that qualified as starters in the race are scored as TLE (as scored by Rule 17.8) shall not count as a race toward the series and HP calculation; Wednesday or Friday whichever is applicable. This changes RRS 35.

17.8 Any boat not finishing within 45 minutes of the finish of the first boat in her class will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes RRS 35.

17.9 The Race Committee, without hearing, will assign boats scored TLE points equal to the number of boats in the fleet within the time limit plus 2 points, except that they will not be scored worse than the number of boats starting that race.

## **18| COURTESY BROADCASTS**

18.1 The Race Committee may give instructions on VHF Channel 69 as a courtesy to competitors. However, it is the responsibility of each skipper to follow visual instructions and signals and failure to receive such shall not be grounds for protest or redress.

## **19| SAFETY REGULATIONS**

19.1 All U.S. Coast Guard required safety equipment (and minimum PHRF mandated safety equipment) must be aboard and available. The safety of each boat is the sole responsibility of the boats skipper.

19.2 USCG approved flotation devices must be worn by anyone on deck between the warning signal and the finish signal from November 15th until April 1st.

19.3 The Race Committee may direct competitors to wear flotation devices by displaying Flag Y. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

19.4 Boats retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race course if at all possible.