

Privateer Yacht Club

Club Race Standard Sailing Instructions

1. Safety: The safety of personnel, soundness of equipment, and the decision to sail at any time are the direct responsibilities of the specific skippers and/or owners of each boat entered in the race.

2. Notices: Official notices will be posted on the bulletin board at the Yacht Club and it is the responsibility of each crew to check this board daily for information.

3. Rules: The current Racing Rules of Sailing shall govern EXCEPT as modified by individual class rules, these instructions, and verbally by the race officer of the day on the water.

4. Courses: The course will be displayed as noted below on the Committee Boat no later than the warning signals.

- “O” -- Olympic (triangle-windward-leeward-windward)
- “T” -- Triangle (number of laps indicated as a number displayed after the “T”)
- “W” or “W/L” -- Windward/Leeward (finish to windward – number of laps indicated as a number displayed after the “W” or “W/L”. Finish to windward.
- “M” -- Displayed with any of the above indicates a start finish line somewhere between the leeward and windward marks of the course.

OR

Designated navigational markers may be indicated on the stern of the committee boat in the order they are to be rounded. If the red background is displayed, they are to be left to port. If the green background is displayed they are to be left to starboard. The navigational markers used for racing are as follows.

- PY – PYC
- GP – Gold Point
- FV – Fairview
- PS – Pumping Station
- BK – Blinker
- CG – Coast Guard
- LS – Lake Shore
- BR – Big Ridge
- DM – Dam
- X -- Temporary Inflatable Mark

(The navigational markers are used primarily for the keelboat races)

5. Marks: The marks will be inflatable tetrahedrons OR navigational buoys.

6. Starting and/or Finishing Lines: A line between an orange flag on the RC Boat and the nearby mark. If the starting and/or finishing mark is not located in the vicinity of normal course mark, it will need to be passed only in starting and finishing.

7. Starting and Finishing: When any part of the hull, rigging, sails, or crew in normal position crosses the line.

8. Starting Order: As verbally announced to the skippers and displayed on the Race Committee Boat by the Class Flag signal.

- Dinghy races will only have one start. All classes will start together in order to facilitate Portsmouth scoring.
- Keelboat races will usually have one start unless there are a large number of boats. In that case, there will be a Red Fleet and then a White Fleet start in that order. The decision whether to have one or two starts is at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.

9. Signals: RRS 26 will be used. Changes to the regularly scheduled starting time will be posted on the notice board, but in no case may be earlier than the regularly scheduled starting time. Signals will be as follows:

- 5 minutes – Class Flag and Warning Sound
- 4 minutes – Preparatory Flag and Warning Sound
- 1 minute – Preparatory Flag removed and Warning Sound
- 0 minutes – Class Flag Removed and Warning Sound

10. Early Starters: The Race Committee will attempt to notify early starters at its earliest convenience by displaying the Code X flag and sounding 1 signal.

11. Back to Back Races: The Race Committee will verbally notify the racers as they finish if there is or is not to be another race following the completion of the current race.

12. Time Limit: 2 hours for the first boat in each class, unless announced otherwise.

13. Protests: The 720 degree turns option shall apply. A competitor's intent to protest shall be reported to the Race Committee promptly upon finishing that race. Protests shall be made in writing on forms available on the Official Notice Board and filed with the Race Officer within 30 minutes of the time the Main Race Committee boat docks.

14. Life Jackets: Each yacht must carry one Coast Guard approved life jacket for each person on board