

SIRA/TYC

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028 (RRS)
- 1.2 Notice of Race

2. ENTRIES:

Eligible yachts may be entered by completing and submitting required registration forms as noted in the Notice of Race

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

Will be posted and maintained on the website – <https://www.siraracing.org/schedule.html>

4. COMMUNICATIONS:

The Race Committee or Fleet Captains may amend or change these Sailing Instructions at any time by broadcasting on VHF Channel 68. It is expected that racers will have a VHF and monitor Channel 68. The Race Committee will attempt to transmit pertinent race information on VHF channel 68. Transmissions, or lack thereof, shall not be grounds for redress. The Race Committee will attempt to keep racers advised of any changes in course or shortening thereof by VHF in addition to flag signals.

5. CLASSES:

5.1 For the Spring and Fall Series, there will be two fleets, Spinnaker (with the yellow flag option) and non-spinnaker

5.2 For Summer I & II series, classes will be pre-assigned by the TYC/SIRA Race Committee based upon PHRF ratings and other considerations. You must be assigned to a class before the start of a series. There will not be switching of classes mid-series.

5.3 Checking In - Each yacht should sail by the Race Committee boat before the Class A warning signal and identify itself, its class, its sail number and number of individuals on board and its intent to race with spinnaker or non-spinnaker. If intending to use a spinnaker, the "Q" flag must be flown from its backstay at that time and the yacht will be scored with its Spinnaker Rating. For non-spinnaker boats one headsail retained in close proximity to the head stay by either an extruded foil or a series of hanks, staysails, modified Code O are not permissible in the non-spinnaker classes unless as part of the original sail plan of the yacht's rigging and included in her PHRF rating. Yachts arriving at the starting area after the start of the Class A countdown sequence should avoid the starting area and check in by VHF transmission. Late arriving Class A yachts may also check in via VHF Channel 68

6. STARTING SIGNALS:

6.1 Starting signals and start times will be made in accordance with the SIRA/TYC starting sequence available on- <https://www.siraracing.org/race-documents.html>

6.2 Course number will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat on the side of the boat opposite the starting line.

6.3 Gather Round - One minute before the Class A warning signal the Committee boat will attempt to sound a series of short blasts to alert the fleet that the Class A starting sequence is about to begin in one minute. VHF Channel 68 **may** also be used in addition for this purpose. The Gather Round signal is a courtesy and does not constitute part of the starting sequence.

6.5 Yachts in a class whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

6.6 The Race Committee may trail a "keep off" mark. This buoy is to be regarded as an integral part of the Committee Boat.

6.7 GPS Time - the RC will endeavor to use GPS Time. Not using GPS time is not grounds for redress.

7 THE START:

7.1 The starting line will be between a white flag on the Committee Boat and the nearby government mark as designated in the course description in the Course PAck.

7.2 The starting sequence follows the starting sequence on the website. Times shall be taken from visual signals; the absence of sound signals shall be disregarded.

8 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES:

8.1 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 (RRS 44.1 is modified) instead of the standard Two-Turn Penalty under RRS 44.

9 RETIREMENT (DNF) NOTIFICATION:

9.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee via VHF Channel 68 as soon as possible.

10 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS:

10.1 Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS Part 5. The protest time limit is 18 hours after the start signal for your class. Protest hearings will be held as soon as possible. Protest committee members will be selected from volunteers from the membership who do not have conflicts of interest.