

**Rhode Island Yacht Club  
Cranston, RI**



**2024 Tuesday Night Racing Series  
Sailing Instructions**

Series – Each series shall be as listed in the Notice of Race, posted on the Race Committee bulletin board or on the Rhode Island Yacht Club (RIYC) web site.

**1. RULES**

1.1. Each series will be governed by the rules as defined in “The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024” (“RRS”).

1.2. In particular, rule 30.1, the I-Flag will be observed.

"If flag I has been displayed, and any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall sail across an extension so that her hull is completely on the pre-start side before she starts."

This is our default start and is in effect whether or not the I-flag is shown.

1.3. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed to make the penalty of breaking one or more rules of Part 2 a one turn penalty, not two turns.

**2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

2.1. Notices to competitors may be posted on the Race Committee website

(<http://www.riyachtclub.org/riyc-race-series>) or on a bulletin board located at the RIYC.

2.2. The Race Committee monitors VHF 72.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be made by 1400 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3.2. Oral changes may be given only on the water and only before each class Warning signal.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located near the dock office or in the case of Courses, Section 7, as a letter code card displayed adjacent to the Race Committee section of the dock office.

**5. SCHEDULE**

5.1. The warning signal for the first of three starts will be at 1815 for the Spring and Summer Series and (1800) for the Fall series.

Class X PHRF spinnaker: Warning 1815 (1800)



Class A PHRF non-spinnaker Warning 1820 (1805)

Class B PHRF non-spinnaker Warning 1825 (1810).

All boats shall check in with the Race Committee either orally by approaching the committee boat or by radio on VHF 72. Each boat shall report to the Race Committee the number of persons on board (POB).

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

Classes will start in the following order:

Red Flag ---Class X

White Flag ---Class A

Yellow Flag---Class B

## 7. COURSES

Courses will be determined using one of the following methods:

a) Fixed Course -This will be as described on the course sheet Appendix A and will be designated by the appropriate letter code on a board displayed ashore and/or from the Race Committee boat.

b) Variable Course -A variable course will be signaled by numbers and letters displayed on a course board from the Race Committee boat. Marks shall be dropped marks and or government marks. Marks shall be rounded in the order displayed reading from top to bottom, either port (P) or starboard (S). The Race Committee may also set a "special mark".

## 8. OBSTACLES

The following obstacles shall be observed at all times: leave Sabin Point Dolphins to the east; leave "C"1 Pawtuxet Cove to the west, and a boat shall not pass through the RIYC mooring field, defined as an imaginary string drawn taut around all moorings owned and operated by RIYC and applied as in Rule 28.1, except for approaching the Finish when set in accordance with Section 10.

## 9. THE START

The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a government mark nearest to the side of the boat on which the orange flag is displayed.

9.1. An Orange flag will be displayed on the starting line side of the Committee boat at least 5 minutes before a Warning signal is made.

9.2. Races will be started using RRS #26

9.3. The start of one or more classes shall be the warning signal for the start of the next class. The flags, not the horns control the start. (Appendix B).

## 10. THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between either:

a) a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and Mark # 2 ("GC"1) or

b) a blue flag displayed on the deck of the RIYC clubhouse, or by the jib crane post and an orange mark approximately East of the blue flag.

If the Race Committee is absent when a boat finishes, the skipper will report the finishing time, and position in relation to nearby boats, to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.



## **11. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish in each class is 90 minutes. Boats finishing more than 60 minutes after the first boat in its class that sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF.

## **12. PROTESTS**

In addition to following Rule 61, upon displaying the red flag, protest forms must be filed with the Race Committee within one hour after the protesting boat finishes. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after the race.

## **13. SCORING**

Individual races shall be scored by a time on distance method corrected for Narragansett Bay PHRF. Series scoring shall use the Low-Point Scoring System in Appendix "A" of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Place in a series shall be determined by the best finishes in the number of races required for that series.

- For Spring Series 3 races are required to qualify out of 5.
- For Summer Series 7 races are required to qualify out of 9.
- For Fall Series 3 races are required to qualify out of 4.

Should races be canceled and not rescheduled the Race Committee shall reduce the number of races required to qualify for a series by the number of races canceled in that series.

To qualify for the overall trophy, a boat must qualify for two of the three series. A boat MUST have raced at least one (1) race in each of the series. However, the total number of races raced by a boat must equal the total number of races required for all three series (13), or a reduced amount based on the number of races canceled and not rescheduled. In any case, in determining the recipient of the overall trophy, the best 13 finishes (or a reduced amount as described above) of all the series races will be counted, provided that at least one race from each series is counted.

## **14. SAFETY REMINDER**

Narragansett Bay has a commercial shipping channel and sailing vessels do not have the right of way over a vessel under power and restricted in her ability to maneuver. Failure to observe the General Right of Way Provisions shall be cause for disqualification. Repeated violations can result in a season ban. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **15. DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH**

Disposal of trash overboard is prohibited and can result in race disqualification. Please dispose of all rubbish in the proper receptacles.

## **16. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the race series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 and 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and the yacht club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race series.

## **17. INSURANCE**

Participating boats shall have a valid certificate of insurance on file with the office of RIYC



**APPENDIX A  
RIYC 2024 Race Series Course Sheet**

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>WIND</u> <u>DIRECTION</u>	<u>START</u> <u>MARK</u>	<u>ROUND MARKS IN ORDER LISTED TO INDICATED</u> <u>SIDE</u>	<u>MILES</u>	<u>FINISH</u> <u>DIRECTION</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
AA	N/NW	C1	N2 STBD---G27 STBD	2.5	NORTH	
AB	N/NW	C1	N2 STBD---R26 STBD	3.5	NORTH	
AC	N/NW	C1	N2 STBD---G27 STBD---N2 STBD---R28 STBD	4.6	NORTH	
AD	N/NW	C1	N2 STBD---G25 STBD---N2 STBD---G27 STBD	6.0	NORTH	
BA	N/NW	G29	C1 STBD---G33 STBD---G27 STBD	3.0	NORTH	
BB	N/NW	G29	C1 STBD---G33 STBD---G25 STBD	3.7	NORTH	
BC	N/NW	G29	C1 STBD---G33 STBD---G23 STBD	4.7	NORTH	
BD	N/NW	G29	C1 STBD---G33 STBD---G23 STBD---C1 STBD---G29 STBD	5.6	NORTH	
CA	NE	G29	G35 STBD---R34 STBD---G27 STBD	3.1	NORTH	
CB	NE	G29	G35 STBD---R34 STBD---G25 STBD	4.0	NORTH	
CC	NE	G29	G35 STBD---R34 STBD---G23 STBD	5.0	NORTH	
DA	NE	C1	G37 STBD---G29 PORT---G35 PORT	2.7	SOUTH	POSSIBLE LOW TIDE ISSUE
DB	NE	C1	G37 STBD---G27 PORT---G35 PORT	3.9	SOUTH	POSSIBLE LOW TIDE ISSUE
DC	NE	C1	G37 STBD---G25 PORT---G35 PORT	4.9	SOUTH	POSSIBLE LOW TIDE ISSUE
EA	EAST	G29	R32 PORT---GC1 STBD---G35 PORT---G37 PORT	2.2	SOUTH	
EB	EAST	G29	R32 PORT---C1 STBD---R34 STBD---C1 STBD---G35 PORT	2.8	SOUTH	
EC	EAST	G29	R32 PORT---C1 STBD---R34 STBD---C1 STBD---R34 STBD---C1 STBD---G35 PORT	3.9	SOUTH	
FA	SE	C1	R28 STBD---C1 STBD---R32 STBD	2.2	NORTH	
FB	SE	C1	R28 STBD---C1 STBD---R30 STBD	2.5	NORTH	
FC	SE	C1	R28 STBD---C1 STBD---R28 STBD	3.0	NORTH	
FD	SE	C1	R28 STBD---C1 STBD---G27 STBD	3.4	NORTH	
FE	SE	C1	R28 STBD---C1 STBD---R26 STBD	4.4	NORTH	
GA	SE	C1	R28 PORT---G35 PORT---N2 PORT	2.6	SOUTH	
GB	SE	C1	R26 PORT---G35 PORT---N2 PORT	3.8	SOUTH	
GC	SE	C1	G23 PORT---G35 PORT---N2 PORT	4.8	SOUTH	

(NOTE: COURSE DISTANCES ARE ESTIMATES ASSUMING FINISH BY MARK C1; ACTUAL DISTANCES WILL DEPEND UPON FINAL FINISH LOCATION)



APPENDIX A CONTINUED

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>WIND DIRECTION</u>	<u>START MARK</u>	<u>ROUND MARKS IN ORDER LISTED TO INDICATED SIDE</u>	<u>MILES</u>	<u>FINISH</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
HA	SE	C1	G25 STBD---C1 STBD--G29 STBD	3.7	NORTH	
HB	SE	C1	G25 STBD---C1 STBD--G27 STBD	4.7	NORTH	
HC	SE	C1	G25 STBD---C1 STBD--G25 STBD	5.7	NORTH	
JA	SOUTH	G33	G27 STBD---N2 PORT	2.6	SOUTH	
JB	SOUTH	G33	R26 STBD---N2 PORT	3.6	SOUTH	
JC	SOUTH	G33	G23 STBD---N2 PORT	4.5	SOUTH	
JD	SOUTH	G33	G23 STBD---C1 STBD---R30 PORT---N2 PORT	5.4	SOUTH	
KA	W/SW	G33	G29 PORT---R34 STBD---G29 STBD	2.7	NORTH	
KB	W/SW	G33	G29 PORT---R34 STBD---G27 STBD	3.6	NORTH	
KC	W/SW	G33	G29 PORT---R34 STBD---G25 STBD	4.6	NORTH	
KD	W/SW	G33	G29 PORT---R34 STBD---G27 STBD---R34 STBD---G27 STBD	6.0	NORTH	
LA	WEST	G33	C1 PORT--- G27 PORT---G35 PORT p	3.1	SOUTH	
LB	WEST	G33	C1 PORT---G25 PORT---G35 PORT	4.0	SOUTH	
LC	WEST	G33	C1 PORT--- G23 PORT---G35 PORT	5.0	SOUTH	
MA	WEST	G33	C1 STBD---R34 STBD---C1 STBD---G35 PORT---N2 PORT	2.3	SOUTH	
MB	WEST	G33	C1 STBD---R34 STBD---G29 STBD---G35 PORT---N2 PORT	3.3	SOUTH	
MC	WEST	G33	C1 STBD---R34 STBD---G29 STBD---G35 PORT---N2 PORT---G35 PORT---N2 PORT	4.2	SOUTH	
X	SOUTHERLY		COURSE SET TO THE SOUTH OF STARTING LINE DISPLAYED BY MARK# AND	WILL	NORTH	
	ARC		SIDE TO ROUND MARKS ON COMMITTEE BOAT COURSE BOARD	VARY		
Z	NORTHERLY		COURSE SET TO THE NORTH OF STARTING LINE DISPLAYED BY MARK# AND	WILL	SOUTH	
	ARC		SIDE TO ROUND MARKS ON COMMITTEE BOAT COURSE BOARD	VARY		


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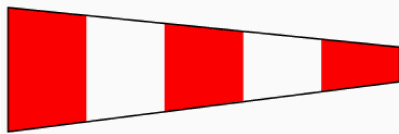
**APPENDIX B  
RIYC TUESDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES  
Flags**

**Starting Sequence – Rule 26**

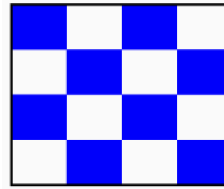
Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class. See the Race Instructions for individual class flags.

Meaning	Time Before Start	Sound	Flag
Warning	5 minutes	1 Short	Class Flag up
Preparatory	4 minutes	1 Short	Code flag Papa up 
1 minute	1 minute	1 Long	Code Flag Papa down
Start	0 minute	1 Short	Class Flag down

Postponement:



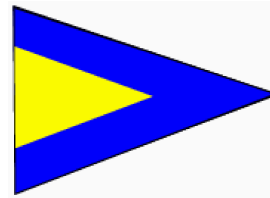
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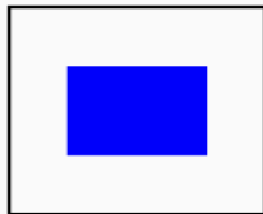
Individual Recall:



General Recall:



Shortened Course:



Lifejackets required:

