

OSWEGO YACHT CLUB

2017 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1. OYC PHRF Racing is governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the current rules of PHRF-LO. When there is a conflict between a class rule and the rules of PHRF-LO, the rules of PHRF-LO will take precedence. All Divisions will be scored using the PHRF-LO handicapping system and the PHRF-LO Time on Time scoring method. Boats having both an ODR rating and a PHRF-LO rating, will be scored at their ODR rating or their PHRF-LO rating at the discretion of the Fleet Captain.

2. NOTICES

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official bulletin board. The official bulletin board is located next to the kitchen door inside the OYC clubhouse.

3. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the official bulletin board at the OYC Clubhouse at least 90 minutes before they are to take effect or, if it affects the race schedule, they will be posted at least 24 hours before the first affected race.

4. RACE POSTPONEMENT

- 4.1. Before the starting signal, the race committee may postpone or abandon the race per RRS 27.3. When Race Signals are displayed ashore they shall be displayed 1 hour before the scheduled time of the 1st warning signal. When the AP flag is displayed ashore, the 1st warning signal will be made, not less than 60 minutes, after the lowering of the AP flag ashore. This changes Race Signals.

5. RACE CANCELLATION

- 5.1. A race will be cancelled if consistent winds over the Series limits are measured by the Fleet Captain or his representative one-hour prior to the scheduled starting sequence. Spring Series – 25 knots. Summer and Fall Series – 30 knots. The Fleet Captain may also cancel a race if conditions, in his opinion, are not safe.

6. THE COURSE AND MARKS

- 6.1. Specifics of the day's race course shall be determined by the Race Committee.
- 6.2. The Race Committee will advise the competitors of the course to be sailed after it arrives on station at the intended start line.

- 6.3. The diagrams in Appendix 1 show the possible courses and the order in which the marks are to be rounded.

7. THE START AND CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The Starting Line will be between an orange flag displayed aboard the committee boat and a mark of the course as shown in Appendix 1.
- 7.2. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 7.3. The Race Committee will make an “Alert” signal of 4-5 repetitive sound signals, one minute prior to the 1st warning signal. Division 1, Division 2, and Division 4 shall have the same start. Division 3 shall have their own start. The class flag for the combined Division 1, Division 2, and Division 4 start shall be code flag “W”. The class flag for the Division 3 start shall be “Numerical Pennant 3”.
- 7.4. The Division 3 start shall be the first start in the Spring and Fall Series. The Division 1, Division 2, and Division 4 combined start shall be the first start in the Summer Series.
- 7.5. The first warning signal shall be made no sooner than 1810, but not after 1915, for the Spring and Summer Series, and no sooner than 1755, but not after 1845, for the Fall Series.
- 7.6. The start signal of the first start will be the warning signal for the second start.

8. RECALLS

- 8.1. An individual Recall will be in accordance with RRS 29.1 except, the Race Committee will hail the boat names or boat sail numbers of OCS boats using the committee boat VHF radio on channel 6. A secondary hail may be made using the committee boat’s loud hailer. This changes RRS 29.1 and Race Signals.
- 8.2. When an individual recall is made the race committee shall not advise any boat when they have fully returned to the pre-start side of the starting line. Doing so may result in the boat being disqualified for a breach of RRS 41.
- 8.3. If a division receives a general recall, for any reason, that division’s warning signal for a new start will be at the start signal of the last division in the start sequence. If the division receiving the General Recall is the last division in the start sequence, that division’s new warning signal will be its preceding start signal. This changes RRS 29.2 and Race Signals.
- 8.4. The general recall flag (the First Substitute) shall be lowered, with no sound signal, when all boats have returned to the pre-start side of the starting line, or its extensions,

but no later than 3 minutes after the recalled division's start signal. This changes RRS 29.2 and Race Signals.

9. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START.

- 9.1. To change a leg of the course, or change the leg length, the Race Committee may move marks as necessary, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that is changed. When changing a leg of the course, the Race Committee will display flag "C" with repetitive sounds and make a VHF announcement on channel 6 describing the change before a boat begins the changed leg. This changes RRS 33 and Race Signals.
- 9.2. Failure of the race committee to display the "C" flag or to make repetitive sounds or to make an announcement on the radio when changing a leg of the course, shall not be grounds for redress.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. The finish line will be between an orange flag displayed aboard the Race Committee Boat and a mark of the course. See Appendix 1. Except, when the course is shortened the finish line and the flag signal shall be as described in RRS 32.2.
- 10.2. The Race Committee will make one sound signal when a boat *finishes* and record each boats finish time, in the order of its finish, including the finish times of the Division 3, J24 boats.
- 10.3. In the event the Race Committee is not on station at the scheduled finish line, all yachts shall finish between the far north end of the H. Lee White Museum pier and the green can #1 buoy on the east side of the harbor. See Appendix 1, page 2. All boats shall take their own finish times if the Race Committee is not on station to record the finish times.
- 10.4. Boats retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee by hail or VHF channel 6 when they leave the race area.

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1. The time limit for any evening race for the Spring and Summer Series shall be three hours from the start time of the first division to start. The time limit for any evening race for the Fall Series shall be 2.5 hours from the start time of the first division to start. If a yacht does not finish within the time limit it will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

- 11.2. Except for a Ford Shoals (FS) course, if no yacht rounds the first mark of the course within 60 minutes of the first start signal, the race will be abandoned. This alters RRS 35, and 89.3(a),

12. PROTESTS

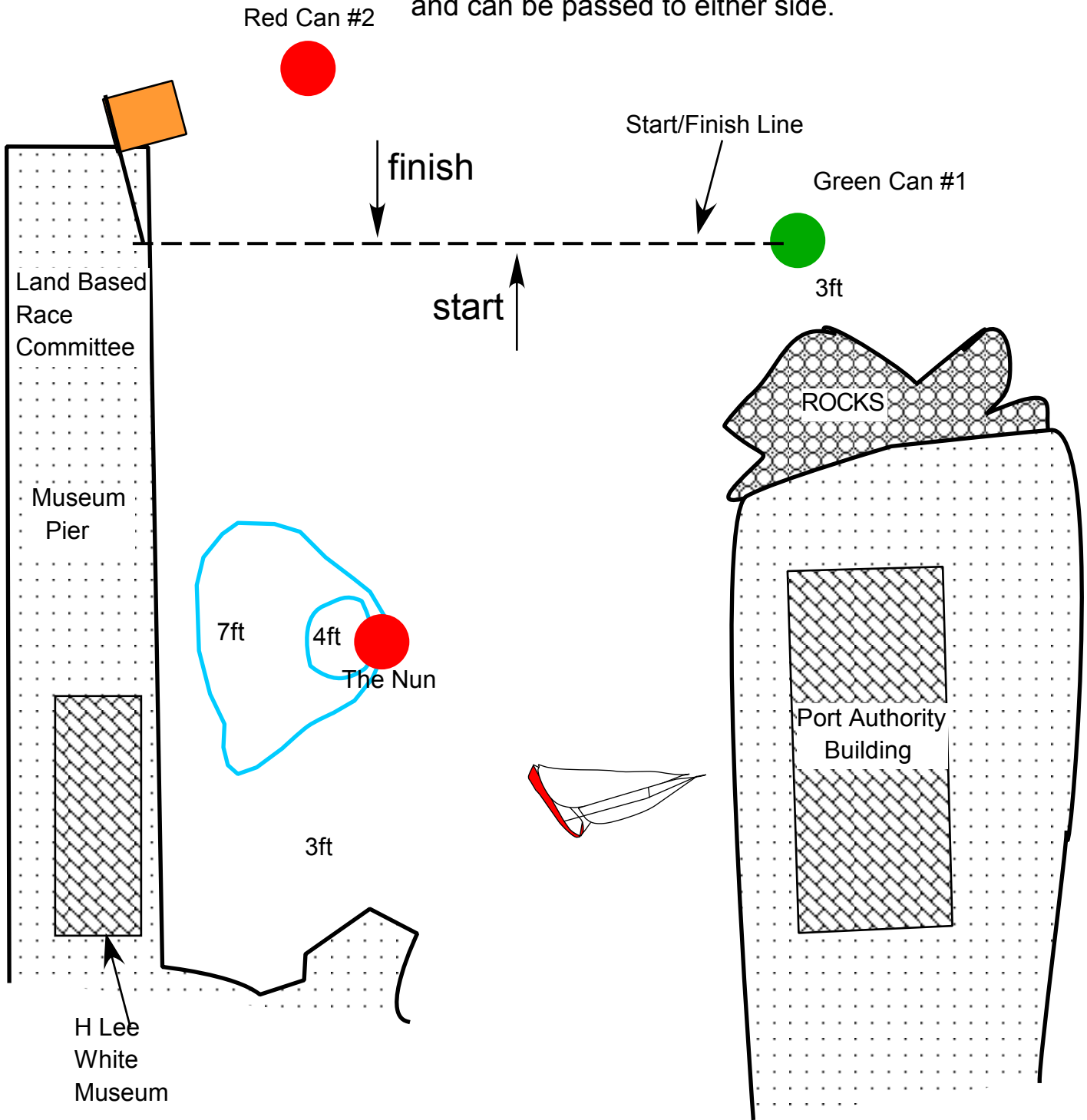
- 12.1. The Race Committee shall be notified, while on station at the finish line, of a yacht's intention to file a protest except, when the yacht intending to protest is unable to complete the race she shall notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible. The Race Committee shall notify the Fleet Captain and the scorer that a protest will be filed. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 12.2. Protests shall be filed in writing with the Protest Committee Chair or Fleet Captain within 90 minutes of the last yacht in the Fleet to finish. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 12.3. As soon as possible after docking the Race Committee will post on the official bulletin board the time that the protest time limit ends.

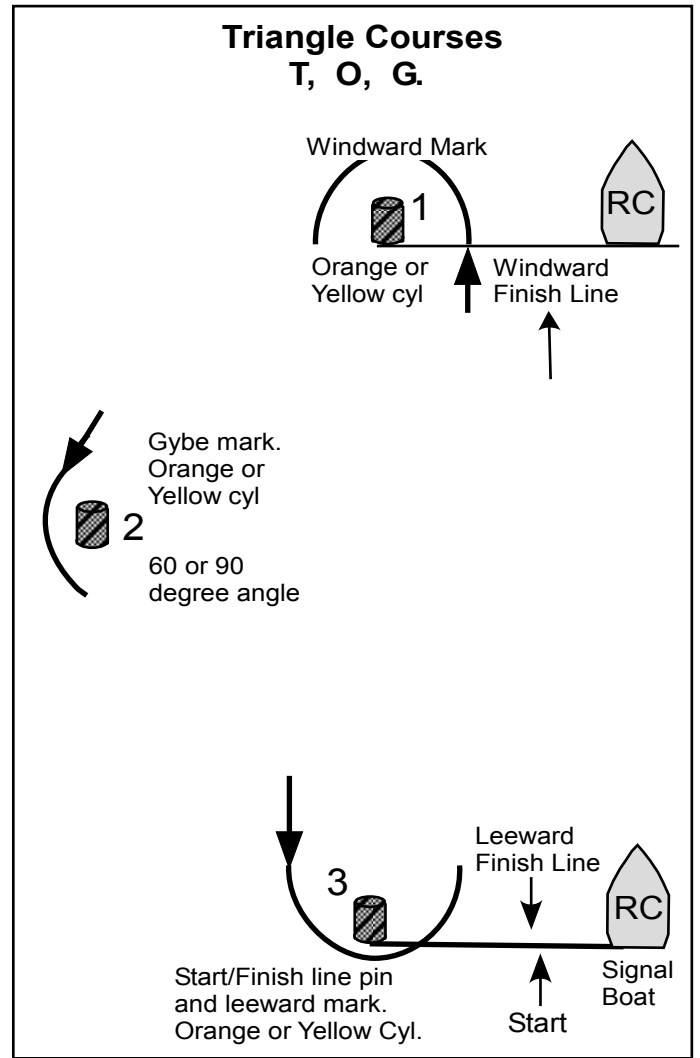
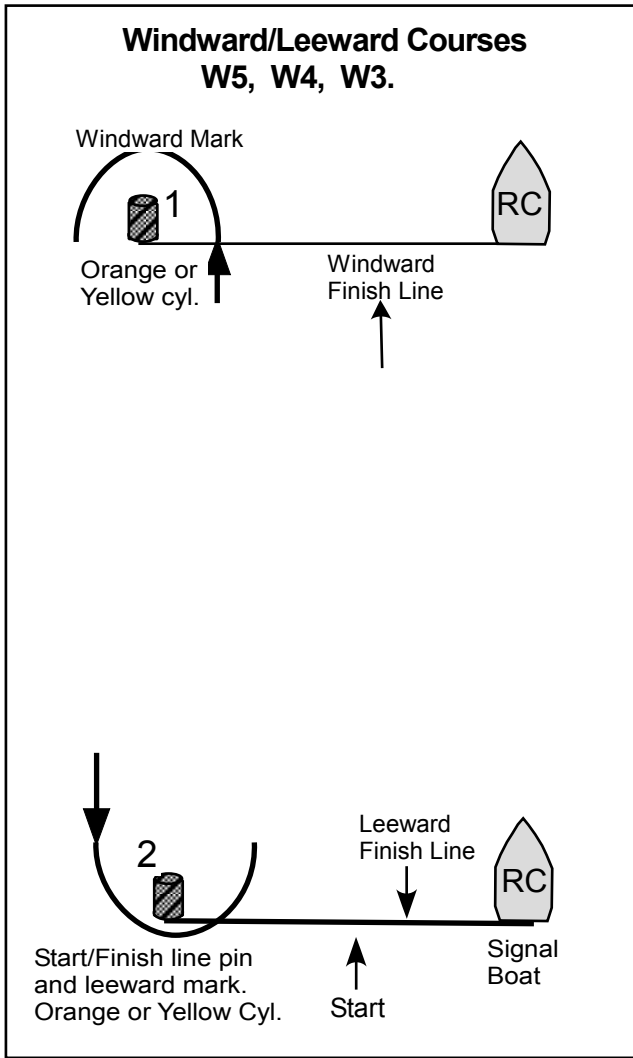
13. RADIO COMMUNICATION VHF CHANNEL 6

- 13.1. Race committee "Hails" and announcements will be made on VHF channel 71.
- 13.2. The Race Committee will hail the boat names or sail numbers of OCS boats by VHF radio channel 71. Failure of a boat to hear her hail, or the order and timing of such hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).
- 13.3. The Race Committee may make announcements relative to changes of course, shortening of course, and race abandonment on VHF channel 71. This alters RRS 32 and RRS 33.
- 13.4. Hails and broadcasts by the Race Committee do not replace the flag and sound signals required by the RRS. When there is a conflict between the RRS flag and sound signals and the hails and broadcasts of the Race Committee, the flag and sound signals and the RRS shall take precedence.
- 13.5. Hails, broadcasts, and announcements on VHF radio or the committee boat loud hailer will not constitute outside help. This changes RRS 41.
- 13.6. VHF communication by competitors on VHF CH 71 that is deemed unnecessary or interferes with the safe and efficient functioning of the Race Committee will be grounds for disqualification from the race.

FL Course. A Ford Shoals course with a land based Start/Finish line.

Red Can #2 is not a mark of the course and can be passed to either side.





**FS and NFS Windward
Leeward "W" Courses**
W5 Start-1-2-1-2-Windward Finish
W4 Start-1-2-1-Leeward Finish
W3 Start-1-2-Windward Finish

FS and NFS Triangle Courses
T Start-1-2-3-Windward Finish
G Start-1-2-3-1-Leeward Finish
O Start-1-2-3-1-3-Windward Finish

1. **FS** Shall indicate a race to the Ford Shoals buoy (N43 26.8 W76 35.5) and return from an on the water start/finish line established by the Race Committee. If the Race Committee is not on station at the start/finish line at the finish, the finish line shall be as described in course FL.
2. **FL** Shall indicate a race to the Ford Shoals buoy and return from a start/finish line established between the Green Can # 1 buoy on the east side of the harbor and an orange flag on the near north end of the H Lee White Museum Pier. See Appendix 1, page 2.