

2022 Green Book General Sailing Instructions (GSI) for CBYRA Sanctioned Handicap and Cruising One-Design events

These Green Book General Sailing Instructions (GSI) apply when an event's Notice of Race so states, or if an event page titled "NoR/GSI Amendment" is published in the CBYRA Green Book.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*
- 1.2 Events using these GSI shall publish a GSI Amendment that includes sailing instructions with event specific information.
 - (a) The GSI Amendment may be combined with the event's Notice of Race (NoR).
 - (b) GSI Amendments may add to, modify, or replace any portion of the GSI.
 - (c) When the GSI Amendment conflicts with the GSI, the GSI Amendment takes precedence.
 - (d) When the RRS refer to 'sailing instructions', it means a rule in either the GSI or GSI Amendment.
- 1.3 The notation '[DP]' in the GSI or GSI Amendment means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4 The notation '[NP]' in the GSI or GSI Amendment means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5 Unless otherwise stated in a NoR or GSI Amendment, the organizing authority (OA) for an event is the host club.

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which may be online. The NoR and GSI Amendment will state the location(s) of the official notice board or address of online notice board.
- 2.2 The GSI Amendment will include an email and telephone number for contacting the race office. It may also include a physical location of the race office.
- 2.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio. The VHF channel will be included in the GSI Amendment.
- 2.4 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3 CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE OR SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The GSI Amendment will be posted at least 48 hours prior to the first scheduled warning signal.
- 3.2 Changes to the NoR will be posted on the notice board.
- 3.3 Changes to the GSI Amendment will be posted on the notice board at least 2 hours before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

5 ENTRIES

- 5.1 The NoR shall include the entry fees and may specify an online entry process.
- 5.2 If on-line entry is not available, boats shall enter by completing a CBYRA Standard Entry Form and mailing it along with the entry fee to the address stated in the NoR. CBYRA Standard Entry Forms are available in the back of the CBYRA Green Book and online at cbyra.org.
- 5.3 Unless the OA or race committee has chosen to combine multiple boat classes in a single start, a boat can only enter into a single class per event.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at a location stated in the GSI Amendment. If the GSI Amendment does not include a location, then no signals will be made ashore.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 The scheduled date and time of the first warning signal will be included in the NoR. The NoR or GSI Amendment will state the remaining racing schedule.

8 CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 The class flags are included in these GSI's (see Class Flags for CBYRA Sanctioned Classes). The class flag for a class not included on the CBYRA website will be included in the NoR and GSI Amendment.
- 8.2 [DP] Boat shall clearly display two class flags - one at the bow (from the bow pulpit if available) and one at the stern (approximately 5 feet up on the backstay if the boat has a backstay).

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 Unless modified in the GSI Amendment, courses shall either use standard racing marks as described in GSI 10 or drop mark courses as described in GSI 11.
- 9.2 If the NoR does not state a racing area, then the racing area will be the CBYRA Region in which the OA is located (see "CBYRA Regions and Club with Races Presented" in the Green Book).
- 9.3 The GSI Amendment will state either:
- (a) the standard racing mark where the starting area will be located, or
 - (b) the standard racing mark where the race committee will have a rendezvous vessel standing by 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal.

10 STANDARD RACING MARK COURSES AND MARKS

- 10.1 The marks of the course will be selected from the “Standard Racing Marks” table in the designated racing area.
- 10.2 The navigational aids listed in the “Standard Passing Marks” table in the designated racing area shall be passed on the channel side at all times, unless they are specified as a rounding mark of the course.
- 10.3 The course to be sailed will be designated in the event’s GSI Amendments or by letters displayed on a race committee starting vessel.
 - (a) Marks shall be rounded in the order displayed, reading from left to right or from top to bottom.
 - (b) One lap shall be sailed unless the course designation is followed by a numeral that specifies the number of laps to be sailed.
 - (c) Marks designated in red shall be rounded to port; marks designated in green shall be rounded to starboard.

11 DROP MARK COURSES AND MARKS

- 11.1 The “Drop Mark Courses” in these GSI’s describe the drop mark courses and their course identification letters.
- 11.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee starting vessel will display the approximate distance and compass bearing of the first leg.
- 11.3 The marks and change marks will be described in the GSI Amendment.
- 11.4 If the race committee starting vessel displays flag C before or with the preparatory signal, accompanied by a series of repetitive sounds, the first mark of the course will be a change mark.

12 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1 Boats shall not enter US Coast Guard “Safety or Security Zones” (see CFR 165.500 and Notice to Mariners). These zones rank as “obstructions”.

13 [DP] BOAT CHECK IN AND WITHDRAWALS

- 13.1 *Before the first warning signal of the first race a boat sails each day, the boat shall pass the race committee starting vessel and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the committee.*
- 13.2 A boat that retires or withdraws before finishing shall notify the race committee or the race office at the first reasonable opportunity.

14 THE START

- 14.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 14.2 The starting line will be between the staff or halyard containing a yellow or orange flag on the race committee starting vessel and the course side of the designated starting mark.
- 14.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is defined as extending 100 yards beyond each end of the starting line and 150 yards behind the line and its extension.

- 14.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.5 A boat that checks in but does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

15 CHANGE TO NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE (DROP MARK COURSES ONLY)

- 15.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 15.2 After a start, if flag C is displayed over flag Q, the course change applies only to boats beginning their final leg to the finish. This changes RRS 33 and Race Signal C.

16 THE FINISH

- 16.1 The finishing line will be between the staff or halyard containing a blue flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of the designated finish mark.
- 16.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16.3 [DP] A boat approaching the finish at night shall illuminate her racing numbers. An ordinary flashlight is often not bright enough for this purpose.

17 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 17.1 For penalties while racing, RRS 44.1, One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties will apply.
- 17.2 In addition, for penalties after racing, RRS/US Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After the Race, will apply.

18 TIME LIMITS

- 18.1 The time limits, if any, will be stated in the GSI Amendment.

19 HEARING REQUESTS

- 19.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress is encouraged to inform the race committee promptly after finishing or retiring by hail or VHF (see GSI 2). The hail should include the sail number or boat name of the protested boat.
- 19.2 Unless otherwise specified in the GSI Amendment, the protest time limit is 2.5 hours after the boat finishes the last race of the day, withdraws, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 19.3 Hearing request forms are available in the CBYRA Green Book and online at <https://www.ussailing.org> and in the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing mobile app.