



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

# 2026 BBSC Summer Series PHRF #1 “Ladybug Race” Saturday, July 11th

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. Every sailboat must have a female helmswoman. The helmswoman shall be on the helm for the entire race. Specifically, at a minimum, from 5-minutes prior to the start through her finish. Short departures from this rule shall be allowed for bladder relief without question. Longer departures from this rule will absolutely be allowed for abnormal and emergency situations to ensure safety while optimizing crew coordination. Details of longer departures will be declared to the race committee for fairness, and keep in mind this is supposed to be fun, so please don't try to “game” the helm requirement

### 2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. This Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and notices to competitors will be available upon release electronically online at the official noticeboard [here](#).
- 2.2. The competitor's meeting will be in-person per the schedule in **6.** (below).
- 2.3. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted as soon as they take effect.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. The race is open to all boats. Entries without a BBSC X-Class rating will be assigned an X-Class rating by the Fleet Captains.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may register electronically at the link noted in 2.1 above.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. No signals are planned to be made from ashore if race committee is on station on the water. If race committee is not on station, signals will be displayed from the end of the elevated dock that extends westward from the beach-area of the Bluewater Bay Marina Complex.
- 4.2. When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with, “not less than 30 minutes” for RRS race signals regarding “AP.”

### 5. CLASSES

- 5.1. The competition will feature one class, X-Class.
  - 5.1.1. X-Class will use a back-calculated rating based on prior performance in BBSC events. Contact the Fleet Captains (info below) for details.

### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Saturday, July 11th:

2:00 PM	In person Registration @ L.J. Schooner's Pavilion
3:00 PM	Competitor's Meeting
4:55 PM	First Warning



8:00 PM (approximate)

Results & Awards @ L.J. Schooner's Pavilion

## 7. CHECK IN

7.1. Attendance & participation in the competitor's meeting will constitute as "checked in." Any significant changes of registration information shall be communicated to the race-committee prior to the first warning signal as an "amended check in."

## 8. RACECOURSE

8.1. Lady Bug Course A:

- Start, in Rocky Bayou IVO "Wednesday Night Mark" Boundary to Starboard
- Rocky 1 Port
- Boggy 1 Port
- Grass Lake Ball N30-27.7 W086-26.1
- Finish, in Rocky Bayou IVO "Wednesday Night Mark"

Total Distance: 6.7 NM

8.2. Lady Bug Course B:

- Start, in Rocky Bayou IVO "Wednesday Night Mark" Starboard
- Grass Lake Ball N30-27.7 W086-26.1 Starboard
- Boggy 1 Boundary to Port
- Rocky 1
- Finish, in Rocky Bayou IVO "Wednesday Night Mark"

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## 9. MARKS

9.1. Non-government marks shall be described at the competitor's meeting.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1. The start will be a competition start per RRS rule 26 (5-minute start, all boats).
- 10.2. The starting line will be described in the competitor's meeting.
- 10.3. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal and she is identified, the RC may broadcast her sail number on the pre-briefed VHF radio channel. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, untimeliness of the hail, the order of hail, or failure to hail all or some boats shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

## 11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. Race Committee Boat On Station: The finishing line will be between the race committee boat and the "Wednesday Night Mark."
- 11.2. **Late Finish / RC not on station:** The race committee *should* be on station to record your finish until sunset. After this time, or if the RC boat is not on station, please finish at the Wednesday night buoy on a line visible from the elevated dock described in 4. (above). Note / record your finish time, and text that information to (702) 686-9042.
- 11.3. **Time Limit:** There is NO time limit.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. RRS 44.1 is changed such that a Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by One-turn penalty for Part 2 and Rule 31 violations, except two turns when in the zone around a mark.



## 13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1. Protest forms are available from the race committee and from the Fleet Captains.
- 13.2. Protests, request for redress, and request for reopening shall be delivered to the Race committee or Fleet Captain within the posted protest time limit.
- 13.3. Time limit: 30 minutes after the Race Committee has returned to the dock.
- 13.4. Persons will be notified, and notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

## 14. SCORING

- 14.1. See the BBSC 2026 Summer Racing Series Notice of Race for series scoring details.

## 15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1. Notify the Race Committee as soon as possible if retiring from the race.

## 16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1. The RC will transmit/receive with competitors on VHF channel 72.

## 17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Preliminary results and awards for the top finishers in each class will be announced at L.J. Schooners after the race.

## 18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. RRS 3 States the following: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that each skipper is responsible for his/her vessel and crew.

## 19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1. For dockage, or shuttle from anchorage, contact the fleet captains (below)
- 19.2. Race & Registration info: nextSailor website: [HERE](#) (Or QR Code at the top)
- 19.3. BBSC Fleet Captain [jsiberski@gmail.com](mailto:jsiberski@gmail.com) (702) 686-9042
- 19.4. BBSC Fleet Captain [alaskacastle@gmail.com](mailto:alaskacastle@gmail.com) (850) 687-3811:

## 20. REVISIONS: 0