



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2026 BBSC Round the Bay - EAST

Saturday, April 25th

1. RULES & SCORING

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. Round the Bay” is a two-part series, with an “East,” and “West” race. Each part will be scored individually by finish position by class (Bermuda Starts). Round the Bay overall will be scored by the low-point method as described in the RRS A2.
- 1.3. Round the Bay counts in the BBSC Commodore’s Cup competition.

2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. This Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and notices to competitors are available online at the official noticeboard [here](#): (QR Code above).

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. The race is open to all boats. The Fleet Captain will assign a rating if one does not exist.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may register electronically at nextSailor.com, at the links above in 2.1.

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 two classes:
 - 5.1.1. Spinnaker Class using ORR-Ez TOD Ratings
 - 5.1.2. X-Class: A back-calculated rating of known boats/crew.
- 5.2. Class Flags will be announced at the competitor’s meeting.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Friday, April 24th:

5:30 PM	In Person Registration @ L.J. Schooner’s Fantail
6:00 PM	Competitor’s Meeting

- 6.2. Saturday, April 25th

11:00 AM	First boat starts (Bermuda Start)
6:30 PM	Results & Awards @ L.J. Schooner’s after boats return

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. RACECOURSES

8.1. Spinnaker Class:

- Start
- Mid Bay Channel #58 Port
- Live Oak Point #47 Starboard
- ICW #46 Port
- Live Oak Point #47 Port
- Mid Bay Channel #58 Starboard
- Finish

Total Distance: 30.3 NM

8.2. X – Class:

- Start
- Mid Bay Channel #58 Port
- Live Oak Point #47 Starboard
- Mid Bay Channel #58 Starboard
- Finish

Total Distance: 26.3 NM

8.3. **Passing under the Mid-Bay Bridge:** For safety and to avoid conflict with large vessels such as barges, competitors are allowed to pass through the middle channel or the adjacent span opening to the north or south (three options for passage). As an increased safety measure, it is allowed to have the engine running while passing under the bridge, and only engage if safety dictates. This should be done for safety and should not result in a competitive advantage.

8.4. **Rounding of Live Oak #47:** Please note that spinnaker class boats returning to #47 after rounding #46 will be leaving #47 to port while X-Class boats will be leaving #47 to starboard. The Racing Rules of Sailing apply. If boats on opposite tacks are approaching one another, the boat on starboard tack shall be “Stand On,” and port tack shall “Give Way.”

9. MARKS

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

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between the Wednesday Bouy and the orange flag on the committee boat to the East.
- 10.2. Bermuda Start: Each boat will be assigned a start time at the competitor’s meeting.
- 10.3. Remain clear of the starting line unless starting. Have some SA and be polite.
- 10.4. One short horn blast will be made from the committee boat for each start time.
- 10.5. 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. The finish line will be between the Wednesday Buoy and the orange flag on the committee boat to the East.
- 11.2. **Late Finish / RC not on station:** The race committee *should* be on station to record your finish until 6:00 PM. 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 (as conditions and situation permits), and from the Fleet Captain.
- 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. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat has returned and the RC has returned.
- 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. "Round the Bay" will be scored as a two-race regatta held on separate days. This event is the first of the two events in the regatta.
- 14.2. The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 14.3. No score shall be excluded.

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. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. 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.'

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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