



BLUEWATER BAY SAILING CLUB



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2025 BBSC Sail Fest! – PHRF Race

Sponsored By Gulf Pool Service

Saturday, June 21st

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. Sail Fest is a BBSC “Commodore’s Cup” series race.

2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. These Sailing Instructions, NoR, and notices to competitors will be available upon release electronically online at the official noticeboard at: <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/BBSC25SF> and posted hardcopy on the BBSC corkboard in LJ Schooner’s Oyster Bar as conditions permit.
- 2.2. The competitor’s meeting will be in-person at the Bluewater Bay Marina per the schedule written in 6. (below).
- 2.3. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted as soon as they take effect. Changes made at the skipper’s meeting will be posted following the skipper’s meeting.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. The race is open to all boats. Entries without an ORR-Ez certificate or a BBSC X-Class rating will be assigned a rating by the Fleet Captain.
- 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 two classes:
 - 5.1.1. Spinnaker Class
 - 5.1.2. X-Class uses a back calculated rating of known boats/crew during past BBSC races. Any entry choosing to participate in X-Class the first time will use their GYA PHRF rating. This class is an open class, allowing any sail combinations. Contact the fleet captain for more details.
- 5.2. Class Flags will be announced at the competitor’s meeting



6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Saturday, June 21st:

9:00 AM	In person Registration @ L.J. Schooner's Pavilion
10:00 AM	Competitor's Meeting
11:55 AM	First Warning (X-Class)
12:05 PM (approximate)	First Warning (Spinnaker Class)
5:00 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. RACECOURSES

8.1. Spinnaker Class, Windward Leeward Course:

- Start
- Windward Mark Port
- Leeward Gate (same as the start/finish line) Gate
- Windward Mark Port
- Finish

Total Distance: 4.0 NM

8.2. X-Class, Random Leg Course:

- Start
- Windward Mark Port
- Boggy #1 Port
- Santa Rosa Sound Entrance Buoy 2 (aka "Okie 2") Port
- Boggy #1 Port
- Rocky #1 Port
- Finish (Near the Wednesday Night Ball)

Total Distance: 15.6 NM

- 8.3. **Approaching the Intercoastal Waterway:** Be aware of the enhanced opportunities to avoid collision with other vessels in this area. Be aware of rental boats with limited knowledge of COMDTINST M16672.2D "Navigation Rules – INLAND," and be aware of commercial (barge) traffic with limited ability to maneuver. For the commercial traffic, monitor Channel 16 and be prepared to use voice communications to avoid conflict.

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 set up to facilitate a Windward/Leeward course for spinnaker class. The committee boat make/model will be described in the competitor's meeting and will have a Blue "RC" flag and an orange flag depicting the starting line.



- 10.2. 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 (for X-Class)

- 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 5:00 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. X-Class will be scored as a single race using corrected time.
- 14.2. For Spinnaker Class, three races will be attempted, and the Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply and 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. PRIZES

- 17.1. Preliminary results and awards for the top three 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

nextSailor website: <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/BBSC25SF>

(Or QR Code at the top)

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