



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 2026 BBSC Blue Nose Race

### Saturday, March 14th

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The race will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. Prior to start, each boat will be in the following configuration:
  - 1.2.1. Safely anchored, engine OFF, sails DOWN, all crew below decks, hull numbers displayed (as required), current registration and/or documentation onboard as required. At the start signal the following will happen:
    - 1.2.1.1. Crew emerges from below-decks wearing PFDs.
    - 1.2.1.2. Start engines, or raise sails, or both, and break anchor.
    - 1.2.1.3. Proceed to the starting line and safely do the following:
      - 1.2.1.3.1. Display a Type IV PFD to the race committee.
      - 1.2.1.3.2. Display a serviceable fire extinguisher to the race committee.
      - 1.2.1.3.3. Demo the boat's sound producing device.
      - 1.2.1.3.4. Show that you have a valid and unexpired day signal (Distress Flag, Smoke, or Day/Night Flares).
      - 1.2.1.3.5. STYLE POINTS: Safely deploy (fire) an expired smoke or day/night flare.
  - NOTE: Lighting, or launching smoke or a flare is optional, but highly encouraged if you've never done it. Use gloves. Race committee has already coordinated with the USCG, Florida Fish & Wildlife, and local authorities to let them know about our safety exercise and expect an advisory call on channel 16 from the race committee prior to the race.
  - 1.2.2. After starting, safely stow emergency gear as conditions permit.
- 1.3. Boats with a wheel will use the emergency tiller at some point during the race.
- 1.4. Every boat shall practice a man overboard drill during the race using a floating object (not a real person).

#### 2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. Notice board is online at: [Next Sailor - 2026 Blue Nose Race](#) (QR Code above)
- 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 will be assigned a rating by the Fleet Captain.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may register electronically at the link noted in 2.1 above.
- 3.3. Fees: The PHRF entry fee is \$10 per boat per race, or one-time \$200 for the season.

#### 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. One Class, X-Class: X-Class is a back-calculated rating based on prior performance in BBSC events. Contact the Fleet Captain (info below) with questions.
- 5.2. Class Flag will be announced at the competitor's meeting.

## 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Saturday:
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| 11:00 | In-Person Registration @ L.J. Schooner's Pavillion            |
| 12:00 | Competitor's meeting  |
| 1:55  | First Warning   |
| 17:00 | Results & Awards @ L.J. Schooner's Fantail 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. RACECOURSE

- 8.1. Both classes will race the same course:
- Start: (near the "Wednesday Night Ball" in Rocky Bayou)
  - Orange mark IVO "Grass Lake" Starboard
  - Boggy 1 Starboard
  - Rocky 1 (boundary) Port
  - Finish: (near the "Wednesday Night Ball" in Rocky Bayou)
- Total Distance: 7.0 NM  
(See course diagram in Appendix A)

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. Non-government marks shall be described at the competitor's meeting.
- 9.2. The location & approximate coordinates for the "Wednesday Night Ball" and orange ball IVO "Grass Lake" will be provided at the competitor's meeting.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be set near the "Wednesday Night Ball."
- 10.2. The committee boat make & model will be described at the competitor's meeting.
- 10.3. All competing boats will be at anchor North of the Wednesday night ball prior to the start. See rules, 1.2 above for details.
- 10.4. 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 On Station: The finishing line will be in the same location as the starting line, just opposite direction (finish South to North).
- 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 location of the start as described in 11.1, and note your finish time, and text that information to (702) 686-9042.

## 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. The race will be scored as a single event.

## 15. SAFETY

- 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 ish finishers will be announced 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. nextSailor website: [Next Sailor - 2026 Blue Nose Race](#) (QR Code above)
- 19.2. Contact the BBSC Fleet Captains:
  - 19.2.1. RAMSTY Siberski: (702) 686-9042
  - 19.2.2. Aleksa Kastl: (850) 687-3811

## 20. REVISIONS: 1



## APPENDIX A: Course Diagram

