



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2023 BBSC Sail Fest! – PHRF Race

Saturday, 24 June 2023

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. The official notice board for NoRs, SIs and NoSs is online at <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2023BBSCSailfest> (also the QR code at the top)
- 2.2. Racing communications will also be posted “hardcopy” as conditions permit on the BBSC corkboard in the side room of L.J. Schooner’s Bar & Grill.
- 2.3. The competitor’s meeting will be in-person at the Bluewater Bay Marina per the schedule written in 6. (below).
- 2.4. 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 PHRF rated boats. Entries without a GYA PHRF certificate will be assigned a rating by the Fleet Captain.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may register electronically at [nextSailor.com](https://nextsailor.com), at the following Link: <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2023BBSCSailfest> (also the QR code at top)

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 – “back calculated rating of known boats/crew. Any entry choosing to participate in X-Class will have a rating assigned by the fleet captain.
- 5.2. Class Flags will be announced at the competitor’s meeting

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Saturday, 23 May:

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 AM (approximate)	First Warning (Spinnaker Class)
5:00 PM (approximate)	Results & Awards @ L.J. Schooner’s Pavilion



7. CHECK IN

7.1. All participating boats shall hail the race-committee boat with her sail number prior to the first warning signal.

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. Many rental boats with limited knowledge of COMDTINST M16672.2D "Navigation Rules – INLAND," may be traversing this area. Conversely, be aware of the enhanced opportunity to avoid collision with commercial (barge) traffic who will have an extensive knowledge of the same. For the rental & pleasure boats, be ready to give-way in a position to stand-on **OR** stand-on when in a give-way position. 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. If 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:** If 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.



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19. FURTHER INFORMATION

nextSailor website: <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2023BBSCSailfest>

(Or QR Code at the top)

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20. REVISIONS: 1



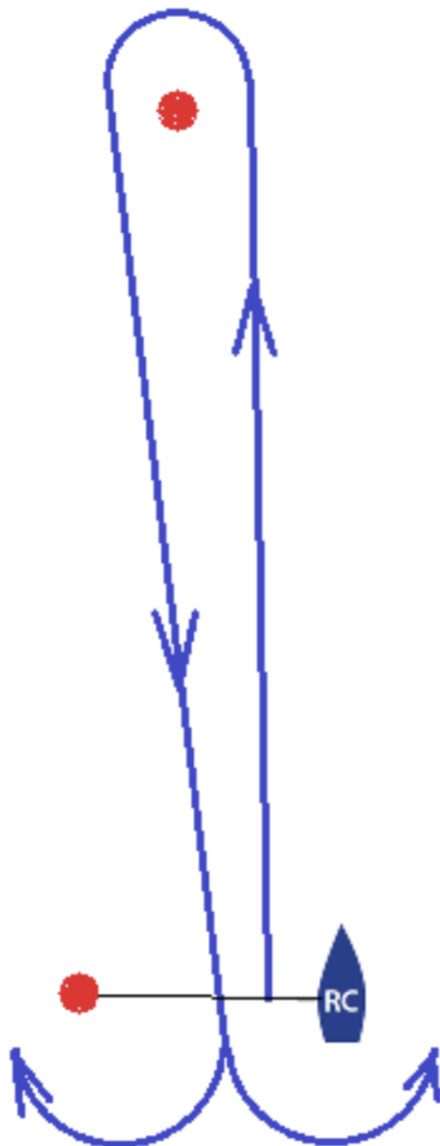
APPENDIX A: Racecourse Depictions

X-Class, 15.6 NM:

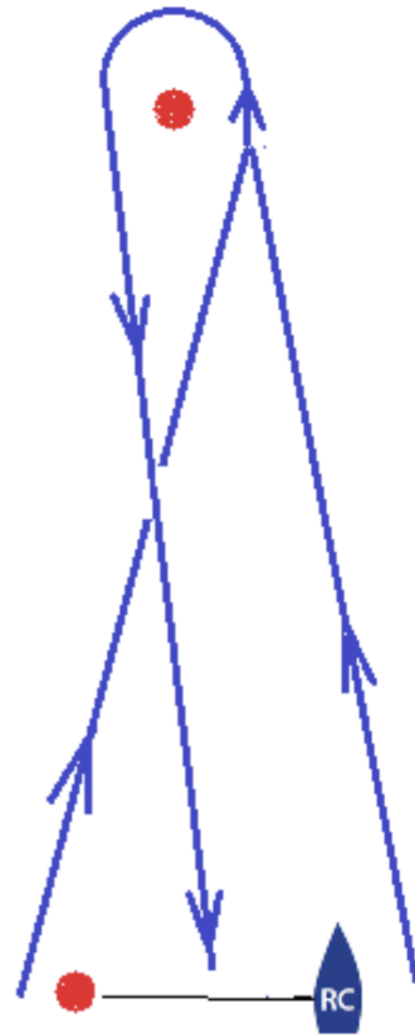




Spinnaker Class, Windward/Leeward Course, 4.0 NM:



Start - 1st lap



2nd lap - Finish



APPENDIX B: Starting Sequence per RRS 26

26 STARTING RACES

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
5*	Class flag	One	Warning signal
4	P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

*or as stated in the notice of race or sailing instruction

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.





APPENDIX C: Important Flag Signals

'P' Prep

'X' individual recall

'AP' Postponement (Code flag below)

'L' Come within hail (or follow me)

'S' shortened course

