



# BLUEWATER BAY SAILING CLUB

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 2023 Round the Bay - EAST

Saturday, 15 April 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 sailing instructions (SIs) will be available electronically online at the official noticeboard.
- 2.2. The online official notice board is located at:  
[https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2023RTB\\_E](https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2023RTB_E)
- 2.3. The competitor's meeting will be in-person at the Bluewater Bay Marina **on Friday evening** 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/2023RTB\\_E](https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2023RTB_E)

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. No signals are planned to be made from ashore if race committee is on station. 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.



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## 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Friday, 14 April:  
5:30 PM In person Registration @ L.J. Schooner's Pavilion  
6:30 PM Competitor's Meeting
- 6.2. Saturday, 15 April:  
10:00 AM First Boat Starts (Bermuda Start)  
6:30 PM Results / Awards (approximate time)

## 7. CHECK IN

- 7.1. All participating boats will be assigned a start time at or after the competitor's meeting, and receipt of that time will be considered "checked-in."

## 8. RACECOURSE

### 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. To be described at the competitor's meeting.



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## 10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between the Wednesday Buoy and the orange flag on the committee boat to the East.
- 10.2. Bermuda Start: Each boat will have a starting time assigned at the competitor's meeting.
- 10.3. Remain clear of the starting line for boats nearing their starting times (have some situation awareness and be polite).
- 10.4. One horn blast will be made from the committee boat for each individual 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 starting 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.



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## **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. 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/2023RTB\\_E](https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2023RTB_E)  
BBSC PHRF Fleet Captain [PHRF-Fleet-Captain@bbsc.com](mailto:PHRF-Fleet-Captain@bbsc.com) (702) 686-9042

## **20. REVISIONS: 1**



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## **APPENDIX A: Racecourse Depictions**

To be described at the competitor's meeting.



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**APPENDIX B: Starting Sequence per RRS 26**

N/A: Round the Bay – East will be a “Bermuda Start.”



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## 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

