



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2024 BBSC Summer Series PHRF #1 “Lady Bug Race”

Saturday, July 13th

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. Every sailboat must have a female helmswoman. The helmswoman shall be on the helm for the entire race. Specifically, at a minimum, from 5-minutes prior to the entrant’s start time through her finish. Short departures from this rule shall be allowed for bladder relief without question. Longer departures from this rule will absolutely be allowed for abnormal and emergency situations to ensure safety while optimizing crew coordination. Details of longer departures will be declared to the race committee for fairness, and keep in mind this is supposed to be fun, so please don’t try to “game” the helm requirement.

2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. The official notice board for NoRs, SIs and NoSs is online at <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2024BBSCSRS> (also the QR code at the top)
- 2.2. Racing communications will also be posted “hardcopy” as conditions permit on the BBSC corkboard inside L.J. Schooner’s Bar & Grill (in the “big screen” room).
- 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 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 one class: X-Class
 - 5.1.1. 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. Friday, July 12th:
5:00 PM In-Person Registration @ L.J. Schooner's Fantail
6:00 PM Competitor's meeting
- 6.2. Saturday, July 13th:
5:00 PM First Bermuda Start
8:00-8:30 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. RACECOURSE

- 8.1. LadyBug Course A
- Start, in Rocky Bayou IVO "Wednesday Night Mark"
 - Orange Tetrahedron IVO "Grass Lake" Starboard
 - Boggy #1 Starboard
 - Rocky #1 Boundary, Port
 - Finish, in Rocky Bayou IVO "Wednesday Night Mark"
- Total Distance: 6.7 NM
- 8.2. LadyBug Course B:
- Same as "A" but reverse direction, Distance 6.7 NM

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 Mark" and the "Grass Lake Tet" will be provided at the competitor's meeting.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Bermuda Start Times will be announced at the competitor's meeting.
- 10.2. The starting line will be set in Rocky Bayou as described in 8. and 9. above.
- 10.3. 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. If Race Committee Boat on Station: The finishing line will be the same as the starting line.
- 11.2. **Late Finish / RC not on station:** If the race committee *should* be on station to record your finish until sunset. 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. See the BBSC 2024 Summer Racing Series Notice of Race for series scoring details.

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 finishers 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

- 19.1. nextSailor website: <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2024BBSCSRS> (Or QR Code at the top)
- 19.2. Contact the BBSC PHRF Fleet Captain:
 - 19.2.1. PHRF-Fleet-Captain@bbsc.com
 - 19.2.2. (702) 686-9042

20. REVISIONS: 0