



RING AROUND THE ROSE

FAIRHOPE YACHT CLUB

May 31, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the current *Prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association*, the *NOR* and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, these Sailing Instructions will govern.
- 1.2 Eligible boats must be 19' LOA or greater and may be entered by completing registration with the Fairhope Yacht Club before CDT in accordance with the Notice of Race.
- 1.3 All boats must comply with the U. S. Coast Guard and the State of Alabama Marine Regulations regarding lifesaving and safety equipment.
- 1.5 Race distance will be computed by the Race Committee and shall not be subject to protest.
- 1.6 USGC approved PFDs will be worn by skipper and crew at check-in on the water.

2 OFFICIAL FLEETS AND CLASSES

- 2.1 It is the skipper/owner's responsibility to ensure that all information provided on the entry form is complete and accurate, as this data will be used to determine rating, fleet and class.
- 2.2 Yachts sailing must possess a valid GYA rating certificate. The Registration Committee reserves the right to examine this certificate. ORA classes will be determined by the Registration Committee based on the current rating certificate and other data required to complete registration and are not subject to protest or request for redress.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located by the restrooms underneath the clubhouse.
- 3.2 When a notice to competitors has been posted, code flag "L" will be displayed.
- 3.3 Signals made ashore prior to the start of the race will be displayed from the flagpole on the beach at Fairhope Yacht Club.
- 3.4 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions shall be posted no later than 1100hrs on the day it will take effect.
- 3.5 No oral instructions will be given from any Race Committee boat.

4 CLASS FLAGS

- 4.1 The Class Flag for Spin and Non-Spin Classes will be a solid PINK flag.

5 RACE COURSE

The Race Committee will start the race in the vicinity of the 'X' mark. Boats will race to the designated upwind fixed mark and may choose to leave it to port or starboard and continue around the compass rose leaving all marks on the same side returning to the designated upwind mark rounding it a second time. Boats will finish at X.

6 THE START

- 6.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on Race Committee Boat and FYC "X". Times may be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded and shall not be grounds for redress.
- 6.2 The start will be in the vicinity of the FYC "X" mark.
- 6.3 It is the sole responsibility of each boat to make a proper and timely start. Boats failing to start within fifteen (15) minutes of her starting signal will be scored as "Did Not Start" (DNS). This changes *RRS 35*

7 THE FINISH

- 7.1 The finish line will be between the staff displaying blue flag on the Race Committee boat and FYC "X". The Race Committee boat may or may not move at the finish.

8 TIME LIMIT

- 8.1 The time limit is 1700hrs if the Committee boat is not on station competitors **will record their own GPS time, using the honor system, and report this to the Race Committee via channel 68. This changes *RRS 35***. The time limit may be altered due to weather conditions, the Race Committee will attempt to communicate any change via Channel 68.

9 PROTESTS

- 9.1 All protests will be made in accordance with *RRS*. A proper protest flag for this event shall be a red rectangular flag of sufficient size that is flown in such a manner as to be visible to nearby boats and/or the Race Committee as notification of intent to protest.

- 9.2** A boat that intends to protest must so inform the Race Committee when it finishes or, if it does not finish, must inform the Race Committee of intent to protest when it provides notification of retiring or withdrawing. When, so informing the Race Committee of its intent to protest, the protesting boat shall also identify the sail number and, if possible, the name of the protested boat.
- 9.3** Boats attempting to notify the Race Committee of their intent to protest shall not interfere with boats that are still racing.
- 9.4** Protests shall be written on current US Sailing protest forms available at the official notice board and delivered to a Race Committee member within the Protest Time which will begin at the sound of the committee boat returning to the harbor and will last thirty (30) minutes.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1** The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 68.
- 10.2** A boat shall neither make nor receive special radio transmissions not available to all boats. This does not preclude distress signals or notification of retirement.

11 RETIRING AND DISQUALIFICATION

- 11.1** Any boat retiring or withdrawing from the race shall notify the Race Committee via channel 68 or the Fairhope Yacht Club (251-928-8888) as soon as possible. The boat shall report the boat's name, sail number and the person's name giving the report.

12 MISCONDUCT DURING EVENT

- 12.1** The Race Committee reserves the right to convene a hearing under *RRS 69* for any competitor whose conduct during the event constitutes, in the opinion of the Race Committee, a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship.

13 SCORING

- 11.1** Scoring shall be in accordance with *RRS*.

Designation of Fixed Marks

N	FYC north marker
NE	FYC northeast marker
E	FYC east marker
SE	FYC southeast marker
S	FYC south marker
SW	FYC southwest marker
W	FYC west marker
NW	FYC northwest marker
X	FYC center marker