2023 RYC OFFSHORE FLEET SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Sunday September 17th Race

1. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- **1.1.** Notices to competitors will be posted on the RYC website.
- **1.2.** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole north of the RYC Clubhouse.
- **1.3.** When Flag AP displayed ashore is lowered, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.
- **1.4.** In the event any change to the Sailing Instructions are posted, the Race Committee shall endeavor to signal the change by displaying code flag L ashore. Failure to display code flag L shall not be grounds for redress
- **1.5.** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect.

2. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- **2.1. [DP]** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 69.
- **2.2.** The race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69. Failure to make or receive an announcement, or the order of information in an announcement, shall not be grounds for redress.
- **2.3. [DP]** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3. RACE SCHEDULE

Division	Flag	Warning	Course
PHRF Spinnaker	1	1030	Start -> 1 -> 2 -> 3-> Finish
PHRF JAM	2	1035	Start -> 1 -> 2 > 3> Finish

4. COURSES and MARKS

- **4.1.** The starting area will be located approximately 1 NM north of the Charlotte Pier.
- **4.2.** The course to be sailed for each race will be signalled by placards displayed on the signal boat.
- **4.3.** The leg between mark 3 and the finish may be shorter than the leg between the start and mark 1.
- **4.4.** Marks will be orange, red, green or yellow tetrahedrons or cylinders.

5. THE START

- 5.1. Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- **5.2.**The starting line will be between the orange flag on the signal boat and the nearby starting mark.
- **5.3. [DP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- **5.4.** The race committee will attempt to communicate via VHF the sail numbers, boat names, or hull numbers of premature starters.

6. THE FINISH

6.1. The finish line will be between the blue flag on the signal boat and the nearby finishing mark.



7.SAFETY

- **7.1.** [DP] Prior to her warning signal, a boat shall check in with the race committee on VHF channel 69. When checking in, she shall indicate her rating and which division she wishes to sail in
- **7.2.**[DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Such notification may be made by hail, VHF radio, or in person.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1. RRS 44.3 and US Appendix V2 apply

9.TIME LIMITS

- **9.1.** A race will be abandoned if no boat rounds the first mark within 1-½ hours from the last start or if no boat finishes within 2-½ hours from the last start.
- **9.2.** If any boat finishes within the time limit, then any boats not finishing within 1-½ hours of the first boat to finish will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.
- **9.3.** Any boat not starting within 15 minutes of her starting signal for a race will be scored DNS for that race. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

10.SCORING

- **10.1.** The Finishing positions shall be determined based on PHRF-LO "Time on Time" rating system as applicable. PHRF-LO handicaps are set by the RYC handicapper.
- 10.2. Prizes will be awarded for each division

11. HEARING REQUESTS

11.1. Hearing request forms may be filed in writing at the RYC bar, or by hand to the Racing Fleet Captain.

11.2. The time limit for filing hearing requests is 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks.

11.3. RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.