

Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May  
2015 Offshore Series  
Sailing Instructions

**1. Rules**

The Rules will be governed by the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (Hereafter: USRRS), the prescriptions of the USSA, the rules of the J24 and J70 class associations except as amended here, and these sailing instructions.

**2. Entry**

Open to all boats owned or skippered by CYCCM members in good standing which meet the Nearshore Safety Equipment Requirements for Keel Boats as attached to these Sailing instructions. Boats must be registered before racing. A valid PHRF certificate is required, or a membership in J 24 or J70 class association and a valid class measurement certificate as required by class rules. All boats must have sail numbers. All boats must have an operating VHF radio.

**3. Notice to competitors**

All notices shall be made on the CYCCM Notice Board

**4. Signals made ashore**

All signals shall be made from the Race Committee Signal Boat.

**5. Schedule**

The race schedule will be posted on the official notice board. The first race(s) shall be June 13.

A competitors meeting will be held the morning of each race at 1100 hours with first gun at 1200, except, on June 13 the competitor's meeting will be held at 1200 , with first gun at 1300.

Races will start as soon as possible approximately one hour after the skippers meeting has ended, as conditions dictate.

**6. Checking in**

Before the first warning signal of the day, each yacht shall sail past the stern of the race committee starting boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC (by repeating the sail number)

**6. Marks**

Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be orange tetrahedrons, Marks used for changes in the course in accordance with USSRR rule 33 will be yellow. Offset marks shall be small orange tetrahedrons. Mark 1 shall be the windward mark, Mark 2 (if used) shall be the reaching mark and mark 3 shall be the leeward mark

## 7. Courses

Courses will be displayed on a course board from the starting line RC boat. Display "O" shall be an Olympic course consisting of a triangle followed by a windward leg, a leeward leg and a finish to windward all marks to port. Course mark sequence is 1-2-3-1-3- finish. Off set marks may be used at Mark 1.

Mark 3 shall be the starting pin and the leeward mark.

Display "W" shall be windward /leeward course consisting of a windward leg around Mark 1 to port, and a leeward leg to finish. More than one lap may be sailed. A "W 2" shall be a windward leeward course consisting of two legs, a windward leg to Mark 1 to port, a leeward leg to mark 3 to port, another windward leg to Mark 1 to port and finish between committee boat orange flag and Mark 3. Off set marks may be used at Mark 1.

Finish line for W courses shall be same configuration as the starting line finishing by crossing the line from the course side, and leaving Mark 3 to starboard.

RC boat course board shall display the course, number of legs, magnetic heading to the first mark and approximate distance. The race committee will announce the course on VHF radio approximately one minute before the warning signal of the first start,

## 8. Start

PHRF Fleet and J/24 will be Class A and indicated by flag code flag "1"

J/70 fleet will be and class B identified by code flag "2"

Other classes shall be Class C, identified by class flag code flag "3"

Two or more starts shall be scheduled as needed: PHRF A and J/24 will start first, followed by J/70.

Prior to the warning signal for the beginning of the starting sequence the "AP" flag will be flown. The AP flag will be removed with 3 short sounds as a courtesy, approximately one minute before the warning signal for the start. The warning signal for the second start will be made one minute after the start of the previous class.

The starting sequence shall be in accordance with USSRR rule 26 except there is a one minute delay between the starting signal of the previous class and the warning signal for the subsequent class.

The starting line shall be between a staff displaying orange flag on the RC boat and an orange tetrahedron (Mark 3). Any yacht which does not start within 10 minutes of its class starting signal shall be scored DNC.

## 9. Recalls

**Individual recalls** shall be signaled in accordance with USSRR Rule 29.1.

In addition the RC shall hail recalled boats promptly and as a courtesy will broadcast, via VHF Channel 71, the sail number of the recalled yacht(s).

**General recalls** shall be signaled in accordance with USSRR Rule 29.2

Race committee may use procedures for “I” Flag starting penalty (Round the ends) under USSRR 30.1

**10. Shortening or Abandoning After the Start**

Race committee may shorten or abandon the race according to USSRR rule 32

**11. Changing the Next Leg of the Course**

The RC may change a leg of the course pursuant to USRR 33, 33a.1

**12. Time Limits**

If the first yacht in a class does not reach Mark 1 within one hour of its start, or the first yacht in a class does not finish within 2.5 hours, the race shall be abandoned for that class. Yachts not finished and still racing shall be scored DNF and be scored two points more than the last yacht finishing. No race will be started after 1615 hours.

**13. Safety**

A yacht that retires from the race course shall notify the RC before leaving the course area (hail or Channel 71). If a yacht is unable to notify the RC prior to leaving the course area she shall notify the RC as soon as it arrives ashore. Retiring boats, if possible, should also notify other nearby boats she is retiring.

**14. Scoring**

Low Point Series Scoring system shall be used pursuant to rule 90.3 (a) and Appendix A9. A boat that does not come the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This changes Appendix A9.

Awards will be based on score of 75% of the actual races sailed rounded down to the nearest integer, except if fewer than 9 races are sailed the scores shall be based on all of the races sailed.

A Yacht, which does not race because it is assisting the race committee, will receive and additional throw out for each race sailed that day.

CYCCM encourages owners /boats to compete in major regattas including class regional and national championships. A competitor who misses a CYCCM series race while participating in a class, regional or national championship may request redress for missing a CYCCM offshore race. Such redress may be requested for no more than one missed day of racing. The scores for redress for the missed race(s) will be the calculation of the average scores without throwouts.

**15. Alternative Penalties and Protests**

Boats may take penalty of two turns or one turn pursuant to Rule 44.1 and 44.2.

In lieu of penalties under 44.1 or 44.2 a boat may choose to accept a 20% scoring penalty under requirements of rule 44.3 by flying a yellow flag conspicuously from its backstay.

**16. Protests**

A protesting yacht shall display a red flag flown conspicuously from the backstay as soon as possible after the incident.

The protested yacht can acknowledge her infringement by using alternative penalties under paragraph 15 of these sailing instructions.

A protesting yacht must notify the protested yacht as soon as possible after the incident of her intention to protest.

A protesting yacht must notify the RC of its intent to protest promptly after finishing and must hail their sail number and the sail number of the yacht being protested. In the event the protesting yacht has to retire instead of completing the race she shall notify the RC its intention to protest as soon as possible.

A protest form must be filled out and given to the Fleet Captain, or race committee, within 1 hour after the RC boat is docked at CYCCM.

**17. Radio use**

The RC will neither acknowledge nor respond to any radio communications by a contestant except for acknowledging protests, retirements, or safety.

**18. Responsibility**

The CYCCM Race Committee's only responsibilities are to provide a course, start, and collect racing information and time calculations. The decision to participate, start, finish, or retire is solely the responsibility of each competitor.

**19. Registration**

A completed and signed registration form and waiver must be received before LOR II, or the first race entered, whichever occurs later in time. A boat may not change her PHRF rating or class after completing her first race.