



# Fawcett's Friday Night Beer Can Series

Fridays, 19 May – 11 August 2023

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Eastport Yacht Club



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The notation "[NP]" in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

### 1 RULES

The event shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

### 2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS

Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 73 while on the water.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 RC may announce signals posted ashore on VHF channel 73, and/or text message, and/or email. This announcement, lack thereof or contents thereof shall not be grounds for Redress or Protest. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1(a).
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

### 5 CHECK-IN

[DP] [NP] All boats shall check in with the RC Signal Vessel by hailing her sail number until receiving a confirmation hail from the RC Signal Vessel. Check-in shall be made in person and is not permitted by VHF radio.

### 6 CLASS FLAGS & ORDER OF START

- 6.1 Each boat shall prominently display its class flag on the backstay, or near the stern while racing. Boats in the Viper 640 class are not required to display a class flag.
- 6.2 The order of starts, the Warning flag for each start, the classes within each start, and the class flags shall be posted to the Official Notice Board by 2000 on Thursday, 18 May 2023.

### 7 COURSES

- 7.1 Courses will use government marks. Course diagrams and distances are shown in Attachment A. The Horn Point Shoal mark FI 6s 15ft 4M "HP" and FI R 6s 15ft 4M "4" shall always be passed on the channel side. They are not marks of the course and are not shown in the diagrams.





- 7.2 Course letters will be prominently displayed on the RC Signal Vessel, usually on the side opposite the starting line.
- 7.3 [DP] Once properly started, boats shall not sail through the starting line, in either direction, when the RC Signal Vessel is displaying an orange flag. For boats that have already started, the starting line shall be considered an obstruction when the orange flag is displayed. This changes RRS 28.1.
- 7.4 [DP] Except on the leg to the finish, boats shall not sail through the finish line, in either direction, when the RC Signal Vessel is displaying a blue flag. This changes RRS 28.1.

## 8 THE START

- 8.1 The starting line for Courses A, B, C, D, & E is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and "G "9" Q G" at the port end.
- 8.2 The starting line for Courses F, G, H, I, J, & K is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the port end and "G "9" Q G" at the starboard end.
- 8.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 8.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.5 Classes that have a General Recall will be moved to the end of the starting order and will be started in the order they were recalled. This changes RRS 29.2
- 8.6 A boat that does not start within ten (10) minutes after the starting signal of the last class shall not race and will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 9 THE FINISH

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of an inflatable pink tetrahedron with "EYC" lettering.

## 10 TIME LIMITS

- 10.1 The race time limit for all classes is fifteen (15) minutes prior to sunset on the day of the race.
- 10.2 If no boat in a class has sailed the course and finished by fifteen (15) minutes prior to sunset on the day of the race, the race shall be abandoned for that class.
- 10.3 If a boat in a class has *sailed the course* within the race time limit, all other boats in that class will be scored. Those that finished before the race time limit will be scored in their finishing order. Boats failing to finish by the time limit, and not subsequently retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A10.

## 11 HEARING REQUESTS

- 11.1 Scoring Inquiries shall be submitted within the Protest Time Limit.
- Scoring inquiries shall be submitted via the "Online Scoring Inquiry Filing" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.
  - Scoring inquiries may be resolved via teleconference or video conference.
- 11.2 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be submitted within the Protest Time Limit. Electronic submittal shall be used and is available via the "Owner's Corner" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page or via email to [race.committee@eastportyc.org](mailto:race.committee@eastportyc.org). A diagram of the incident, if applicable, cannot be submitted via Yacht Scoring, and should be scanned and emailed to the RC at [race.committee@eastportyc.org](mailto:race.committee@eastportyc.org) prior to the hearing.
- 11.3 The alternative penalty acceptance form (RRS Appendix V2) will be available via the "Documents & Forms" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page. The form may also be emailed to the RC at [race.committee@eastportyc.org](mailto:race.committee@eastportyc.org).





- 11.4 The protest time limit is 2359, the day of the race. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.3. The time limit for a Request for Redress based on an incident in the racing area shall be the Protest Time Limit. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 11.5 The Protest Committee may schedule a hearing prior to the Protest Time Limit if the parties and witnesses are available and have had sufficient time to prepare. The time and location of each protest hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board; if a hearing will be held virtually, the link will be provided via email to each party. For virtual hearings, parties and witnesses are encouraged to download and review the *Online Hearing Procedure Guidelines*, available via the "Documents & Forms" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.

## 12 SCORING

Boats to be scored TLE and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the race time limit plus two (2) points by the RC without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.2.

## 13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible either by hail or on VHF channel 73 or by phone on the, or via the EYC cell phone, (410) 271-7193, or via email at [race.committee@eastportyc.org](mailto:race.committee@eastportyc.org). A voicemail message shall include the approximate time of the message, the skipper's name, boat name, and sail number.
- 13.2 [DP] [NP] A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial traffic of any kind. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.
- 13.3 [NP] A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid underway commercial traffic, provided:
- (a) the boat does not gain an advantage;
  - (b) using propulsion is the only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and,
  - (c) the boat submits a report (in writing or by email) to the RC by the protest time limit that describes the incident and the boat's actions.
- 13.4 [NP] The RC or Protest Committee may protest a boat for SI 13.2 and/or 13.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and 61.3.

## 14 ENVIRONMENT

[NP] This is a Clean Series. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible.





### Attachment A:

## Fawcett's Friday Night Beer Can Series Course Diagrams





