





SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The 2024 Philadelphia Cup Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2021 - 2024.

1.2 Class rules that may prohibit the use of VHF radios while racing are waived for the duration of this event for the purpose of safety and for receiving pertinent race information.

1.3 A limited number of VHF radios will be available at the registration desk for regatta participants.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the vicinity of the Registration Table at Independence Seaport Museum (ISM).

2.2 The Race Committee intends to broadcast pertinent information on the following channels: **RC** VHF Channel 69.

RC Backup VHF Channel 73.

2.3 Failure of such information to be given or received shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted no later than 0900 on the day of racing.3.2 Changes will be posted on the official notice board and emailed to all skippers at the email address they provide to yachtscoring.com during registration.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 There may be signals made ashore from S/V Gazella.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 There will be a Skippers Meeting at 0930

- 5.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal will be at 1025 hrs.
- 5.3 The Race Committee intends to run as many races as time and conditions permit.
- 5.4 For all courses, no initial warning signal will be made after 1530 hrs.

6. COMMUNICATION

6.1 All fleet communications will be as follows:

RC VHF Channel 69.

RC Backup VHF Channel 73.

7. ON THE WATER CHECK-IN

7.1 Prior to the first warning signal each boat **shall** sail astern of the respective Race Committee Signal Boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

7.2 In the absence of a sail number each boat shall identify herself by name.

8. RACING AREAS

8.1 The Race Area is from USCG Sector Delaware Bay to the Betsy Ross Bridge for the PHRF, J22, Lightning, Flying Scot, Laser and Sunfish classes.

9. COURSES

9.1 The Race Courses are as shown in Appendix #1 and Appendix #2.

10. MARKS

10.1 Marks of the course will be yellow Switlik marks and noted Aids to Navigation listed.

10.1.1 ATON 1: Petty Island Lower End Buoy "P"

10.1.2 ATON 2: Port Richmond Anchorage Buoy "A"

10.2 Change marks may be yellow Switlik marks.

11. TIME LIMIT

11.1 The time limit for each race is 45 minutes for all classes with the exception of geographic course specified in appendix #2.

11.2 If not one boat in each class finishes within the time limit, the race will be abandoned.

11.3 If any boat in each class finishes before the time limit, each boat remaining on the race course shall finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish or they will be scored a TLE (Time Limit Expired) and earn an additional 2 points more than the last boat to finish in their class.

12. THE START

12.1 For All Classes

12.1.1 Races will be started by using RRS rule 26 with an attention signal of 5 short blasts made 1 minute prior to the official warning signal. This changes RRS rule 26.

12.1.2 The starting line will be between a staff on the signal boat displaying an orange, white or yellow flag and the starting mark

12.1.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored a DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS rules A4 and A5.

12.1.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.1.5 The warning signals will be: **PHRF (Spinnaker) – Code Flag 1; PHRF (Non-Spinnaker) – Code Flag 2; Dinghy – Code Flag 3;**

12.2.6 Class start sequences will be as follows; 1) PHRF (Spinnaker) 2)PHRF (Non-Spinnaker) 3) Dinghy

12.2.7 Each Class will have a separate starting sequence.

13. RECALLS

13.1 The race committee may attempt to hail premature starters. Recalls may also be announced on the RC VHF Channel. Failure to make or receive this communication shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and a nearby finishing mark. The Finish Line will be on the opposite side of the Race Committee Signal Boat, from the Starting Line.

14.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System as described in RRS Appendix A will apply.

15.2 One race shall constitute a series.

15.3 One race will be excluded if at least four (4) races are completed. This changes RRS Rule A2.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

16.1 The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is altered so that "One Turn Penalty" replaces "Two Turns Penalty".

17. PROTESTS

17.1 Protest forms will be available at the registration desk at the Independence Seaport Museum (ISM). 17.2 Boats are strongly urged to report their intent to protest to the Race Committee upon finishing each race as soon as possible.

17.3 The protest time limit, for a written submission, is 60 minutes after the last boat of her Class has finished the last race of the day. Forms will be accepted via email at

info@philadelphiacupregatta.com.

17.4 Notices will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after the protest time limit to inform competitors of protest hearing times, Parties involved and locations.

17.5 Hearings will be held in the Conference Room on the second floor.

17.6 The Race Committee strongly encourages that boats settle rules infringements on the water.

18. RETIRING FROM A RACE

18.1 A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify the Race Committee on RC VHF channel 69 or RC Backup Channel VHF Channel 73 before leaving the racing area. If not possible, said boat shall notify Greer Scholes 340-201-0176.

19. EQUIPMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules. This includes all necessary safety equipment and these sailing instructions.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

20.1 Boats shall not place trash in the water. Trash may be disposed of on the Race committee boat.

21. ADDITIONAL SAFETY REGULATIONS

21.1 Competitors are reminded that the Delaware River is a busy ship transit area and has a restricted channel along the bulkhead at ISM and through the Benjamin Franklin Bridge. Sailing vessels do not have right of way over a vessel under power which may be restricted in her ability to maneuver. When encountering a situation with a nearby commercial vessel boats are requested to monitor VHF channel 13. If you need assistance notify the Race Committee immediately on the RC VHF Channel 69.

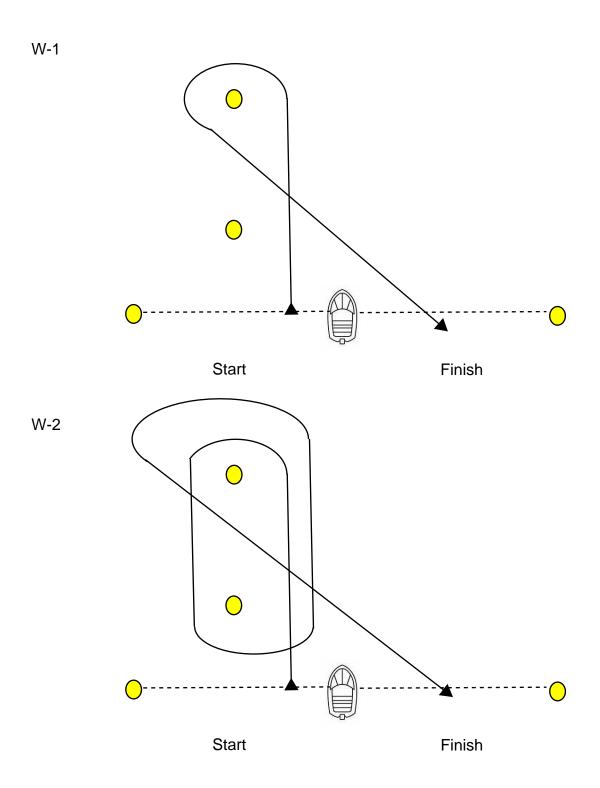
22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

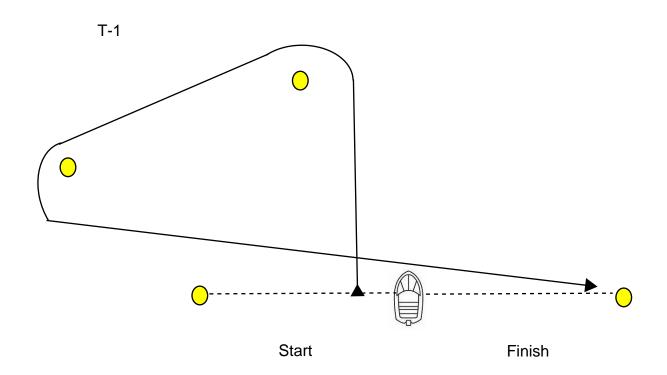
22.1 <u>RISK STATEMENT Rule 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to race or continue to</u> race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.</u>

22.2 The race organizers, including the Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers or any other affiliated organization or official will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore.

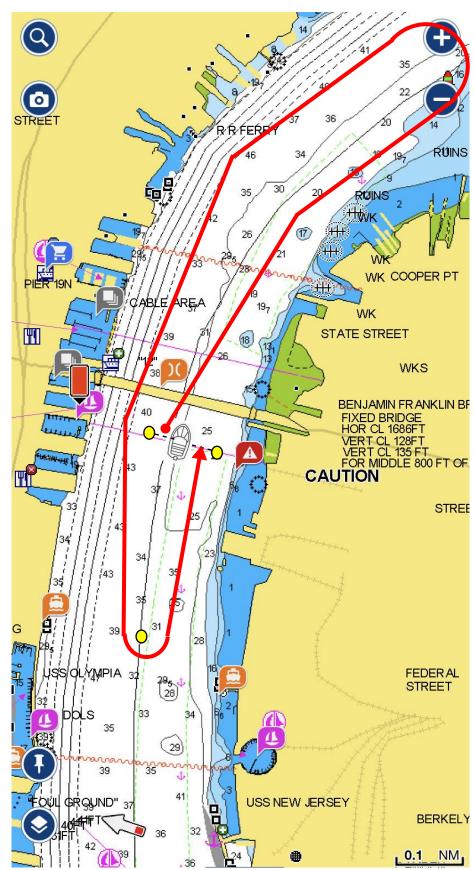
22.3 By participating in the event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers and sponsors from any and all liability associated with such competitor participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

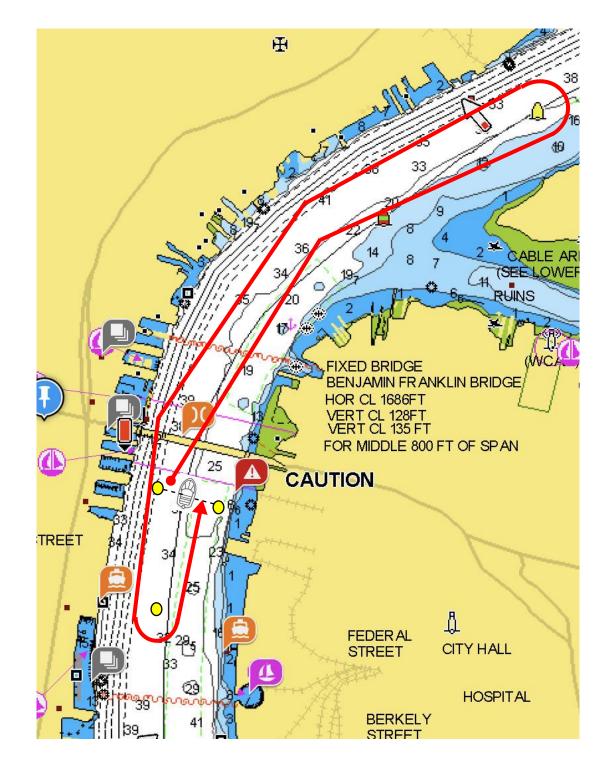
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