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The ABYRA is a group of member clubs and associations who, through the payment of dues, support organized sailboat racing on Anchor Bay and adjacent waters. Participation in ABYRA races is open to all boat owners who belong to the clubs and associations that are members in good standing of ABYRA, subject to additional eligibility criteria set by each club for each race or series. See "Eligibility" in each club section.

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2016 Anchor Bay Race Schedules

Albatross Yacht Club Tuesday Twilight Series		<u>First Warning</u>
Tune Up	May 3	1900
Spring Series	May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21	1900
Summer Series	August 9, 16, 23, 30, September 6, 13, 20	1900

NSSC Wednesday Hump Day Sailing Series		
May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27		1900
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, September 7, 14, 21		1900

NSSC Friday Night Top Gun Series		
Spring Series	May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 10, 17	1900
Summer Series	July 29, August 5, 19, 26, September 9, 16	1900

Invitational Races on Anchor Bay

NSSC Boston-Yachtsman Regatta	Sunday, June 12	1230
AYC Overnight Race	Saturday, June 25	1930
AYC St. Elmo's Night Race	Friday, August 12	1900
NSSC Leukemia Cup Regatta		
And Kent Sail Race	Sunday, August 14	1230
NSSC Rhum Keg Fun Race	Saturday, August 20	1100
NSSC Past Commodores Race	Sunday, August 28	1230
NSSC Birthday Race	Sunday, September 11	1230
NSSC Howard Boston Memorial Race	Sunday, October 2	1100

NSSC Anchor Bay Fall Series: Awards for Every Race!

Sundays	October 2, 9, 16	1100
Saturday	October 22	1100

Club Races

AYC Memorial Race	Saturday, September 17	1230
NSSC Sloman Scramble	Sunday, September 18	1230

This Anchor Bay Yacht Racing Association Handbook provides notices and sailing instructions for the following series:

- AYC Tuesday Twilight Series
- NSSC Friday Night Top Gun Series
- Invitational and Club Races

See the previous page for the schedule of all ABYRA races. For registration details, see each club section in this handbook, each club's website, or the race notices issued for each regatta or series.

General Notices

1 Rules

1.1 These races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of *The Racing Rules Of Sailing* (RRS). There is an order of precedence to the rules of racing. All rules in the RRS apply, but certain rules can be changed by the "General Notices" and "General Sailing Instructions" sections of this handbook. Likewise, changes in those sections and certain rules in the RRS can themselves be changed by each club, either in that club's section of this handbook or in the sailing instructions published by the club for that race or series.

1.2 Only some of the rules from the RRS are reproduced in this handbook. For example, rules from "Part 1 – Fundamental Rules" and "Part 2 – When Boats Meet" are not included in this handbook. We encourage every sailor to own and understand his own copy of the RRS. Find out more at www.ussailing.org. RRS apps for iPhone and Android are also available through iTunes and the Android Market, respectively.

2 Equipment

2.1 All skippers are required to comply with Coast Guard safety requirements. Find out more at www.uscgboating.org.

2.2 Running lights shall be displayed by all yachts in compliance with government regulations (also available at www.uscgboating.org). Failure to comply may be cause for disqualification.

2.3 All one-design class yachts shall comply with the appropriate class requirements.

3 Management

These races will be under the management of the appropriate club's governing board, which shall have final authority to establish the racing conditions and to interpret the racing rules in accordance with the RRS.

4 Classes

4.1 Competing yachts will be classed and rated in accordance with the latest measurements and ratings accepted by and on file with sponsoring club's race chairman. Boats will race under PHRF and one-design rules as appropriate. Each class shall maintain five or more boats over the entire season to ensure continuation of the class start.

4.2 Final class placement will be determined by the club sponsoring the race. No single-handed sailing is allowed.

4.3 Any yacht may change class during the season by application to and approval by the sponsoring club's race committee. The effective date of the change shall be at the discretion of the race committee.

4.4 Spinnaker classes are geared towards fully race-equipped boats. All sails are allowed. JAM is intended for jib and main cruiser-racers. Spinnakers, stay sails, and nylon headsails may not be used. Dual headsails are not permitted except when changing headsails. Spinnaker or whisker poles cannot exceed "J" dimension. The Asymmetrical Cruising Class will compete as defined by the current year's Mackinac Cruising Class rules (sport boats excluded).

5 Eligibility

Races are open to sail yachts owned or chartered by individual members of clubs or associations which are members in good standing of ABYRA, DRYA, or US Sailing, and who have paid their race fees. In the event that the registered skipper is unable to be on board, he or she is allowed to have a duly insured alternate skipper as a representative if allowed by the sponsoring club.

6 Ratings

Boats will be assigned a rating as determined by their current DRYA certificate. Lacking said certificate, the sponsoring club will assign a rating based on comparable boats on the DRYA valid list, but that rating may not include credits for roller furling, fixed blade prop, etc., and may include a penalty of up to 10-seconds per mile. If no similar boat is on the DRYA valid list, a rating will be assigned by the sponsoring club based on the most recent available information. If a new rating is assigned to a boat during the season, the rating will only apply to remaining races. To obtain a DRYA certificate, contact the Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association (DRYA) at 586-778-1000 or online at drya.org.



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7 Scoring

7.1 Scoring System. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply. RRS A9 is unchanged:

“For a series that is held over a period of time longer than a regatta, a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.”

7.2 Series Scoring

RRS A2 is changed as follows. The number of races to be excluded from series scoring and the number required to qualify for series standings both vary according to the number of races in the series:

Number of races in series	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Number of races excluded from scoring	0	0	1	1	1	2	2
Number of races to qualify for series standings	1	2	2	3	4	4	5

7.3 Race Committee Duty

The registered skipper of each yacht shall provide himself plus at least two other persons to serve race committee duty during the series or season in which they are registered. A skipper scheduled to perform race committee duty will have his or her yacht scored as a DNC for that race. The penalty for non-compliance shall be that the score for that race cannot be thrown out in the calculation for series or season standings. It is the responsibility of the skipper to know when he/she is assigned to race committee duty. Contact the race chairman if you have any doubt. The race chairman will try to accommodate a skipper’s requested race committee choice. However, if any skipper experiences scheduling conflicts, it is the skipper’s final responsibility to ensure that the obligation is met.

8 Awards

See each club section.

General Sailing Instructions

9 Notices to Competitors and Changes to Sailing Instructions

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the NSSC clubhouse. The notice board is located in a free-standing case to the west of the parking lot side of the clubhouse. Changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later than 2 hours before the first scheduled warning on the day of the race or will be available from the RC boat when it displays the “Come Within Hail” flag (Code flag L).

10 Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the NSSC flag pole. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP.

11 Sail Numbers

For any change in sail numbers, the RC must be notified prior to the start. If a yacht does not notify the RC and the yacht’s mainsail, genoa larger than 130%, and spinnaker do not bear the proper number or bears the same number as another yacht in its class, the yacht may be disqualified.

12 Schedule

For weeknight series races, the warning signal for the first start is scheduled for 1900. For invitational and club races, see each race’s notice of race. In all cases, a sequence alert, consisting of a series of sounds, may be sounded one minute ahead of the warning signal. The absence of a sequence alert shall be disregarded.

13 Classes

Class splits will be posted on the official notice board at the NSSC clubhouse no later than 2 hours before the first scheduled warning of the race or series. Classes will be assigned the following class flags and starting order:

Class 1	Pink	Start 1
Class 2	Green	Start 2
Class 3	Gold.....	Start 3
Class 4	Purple.....	Start 4
Class 5	Light Blue	Start 5
Class 6	White.....	Start 6

14 Racing Area and Courses

14.1 Weeknight Series Courses

Weeknight series races will start between the committee boat RC flag and the CR buoy, with the exception of course W. See page 21 for course W start and finish areas. See course diagrams on page 22 for the finish areas of all other courses. See club sections of this handbook for changes to these courses for a particular series.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Shape</u>	<u>Leave marks</u>
Red	Once around triangle formed by B, A, and CR buoys	Red	To Port
Green	Once around triangle formed by A, B, and CR buoys	Green	To Starboard

1	To 1PH and back to CR	White shape with Black 1	To Port
A	Windward/Leeward To A to CR to finish at A	White shape with black A	To Port
B	Windward/Leeward To B to CR to finish at B	White shape with black B	To Port
C	To C and back to CR	White shape with Black C	To Port
W	See page 21	See page 21	To Port

14.2 Invitational and Club Courses

The racing area for invitational and club races will be the northern triangle of the Anchor Bay course, with the exception of course W. These races will start between the committee boat RC flag and the A, B, or C buoy, as indicated by the committee boat. The finish area for these races will be between the committee boat RC flag and the nearby mark as appropriate. See page 21 for course W start and finish areas.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Shape</u>	<u>Leave marks</u>
Red	Spinnaker classes: Twice around triangle formed by A, B, and C buoys; JAM classes: Once around triangle	Red	To Port
Green	Spinnaker classes: Twice around triangle formed by A, B, and C buoys; JAM classes: Once around triangle	Green	To Starboard
1	To 1PH and back	White shape with Black 1	To Port
C	To C and back	White shape with Black C	To Port
CR Course	To CR and back	White shape with Black CR	To Port
W	See page 21	See page 21	To Port



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15 Marks

CR is a red and white government buoy bearing the designation CR. 1PH is a green government buoy bearing the designation 1PH. A, B, and C are yellow buoys with orange and silver reflective bands, approximately 9 inches in diameter and 4 feet tall. They are unlit. See page 21 for approximate locations of marks.

16 Restricted Area

All yachts must keep clear of the start line and an area to leeward or behind it until after the warning signal for their class. The restricted area shall be 150' behind and square to the start line and will extend in the area past the starting line to the first mark. Skippers are encouraged to understand RRS 24.1 and the definition of *racing* and their implications everywhere on the race course.

17 Committee Boat Protection Buoy

Any yacht starting or finishing by passing between the RC boat and the nearby protection buoy (orange float) will be considered to have touched a mark.

18 Starting Races

RRS 26 is unchanged:

“Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.”

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
5	Class flag	One	Warning signal
4	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

“The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.”

19 Postponement or Abandonment Before the Start

RRS 27.3 is unchanged:

“Before the starting signal, the race committee may for any reason postpone (display flag AP [shape with red and white vertical stripes], AP over H, or AP over A, with two sounds) or abandon the race (display flag N over H, or N over A, with three sounds).”

RRS back overleaf is unchanged:

“AP [with two sounds]. Races not started are postponed. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned.”

20 Life Jackets

RRS 40 is changed as follows. With the prediction by NOAA or the presence of 20 knots of wind at the commencement of the start sequence, the race committee may conspicuously display within its rigging a personal flotation device (PFD) or the flag Y. This does not mandate the use of PFDs, but instead suggests that the expected conditions warrant the use of PFDs by each race participant.

21 Individual Recall

RRS 29.1 is unchanged:

“When at a boat’s starting signal any part of her hull, crew, or equipment is on the course side of the starting line..., the race committee shall promptly display flag X with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats have sailed completely to the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions..., but no later than four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier...”

Broadcast of recalled sail numbers on VHF Channel 72 may also be used, but is not required.

22 General Recall

RRS 29.2 is changed as follows. If the race committee signals a general recall (display flag First Substitute with two sounds), the recalled class shall re-start after all other classes have started.

Broadcast of the recall notice on VHF Channel 72 may also be used, but is not required.

23 Shortening or Abandoning After the Start

RRS 32.1 is unchanged:

“After the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course (display flag S [or white cylinder with blue square] with two sounds) or abandon the race (display flag N...or N over A, with three sounds), as appropriate...or may shorten the course so that other scheduled races can be sailed. However, after one boat has sailed the course and finished within the time limit, if any, the race committee shall not abandon the race without considering the consequences for all boats in the race or series.”

RRS 32.2 is unchanged:

“If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S [or white cylinder with blue square] with two sounds), the finishing line shall be,

- a) at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying flag S...

...The shortened course shall be signalled before the first boat crosses the finishing line.”

RRS back overleaf is unchanged:

“N [with three sounds]. All races that have started are abandoned. Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is abandoned again or postponed.”

“N over A [with three sounds]. All races are abandoned. No more racing today.”

24 Yacht Abandoning Race

Yachts dropping out of the race must make every effort to report to the race committee as soon as possible either directly or on VHF Channel 72.

25 Time Limit

RRS 35 is changed as follows. The time limit for each class is three hours. If one boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit, all boats in that class that finish within 30 minutes of the first boat’s finish shall be scored according to their finishing places unless the race is abandoned. Boats that finish 30 minutes or more after the first boat in that class finished will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) – the boat’s score will be the number of competitors in the starting area plus 1.

26 Hailing At Finish Line

All skippers should identify their yachts, illuminate and call sail numbers, and be recognized when finishing at night. Skippers should note yacht ahead and yacht behind if needed for clarification when results are calculated.

27 Protests

Protesting yachts must file within 90 minutes of the finish time of the last boat. Hearings will be set by the DRYA protest chairman. It is the responsibility of the skippers involved to follow the hearing guidelines outlined by each sailing organization’s protest chairman.



ABYRA INVITATIONAL SERIES

2016 Invitational Race Dates

June 12	NSSC Boston-Yachtsman Regatta
June 25	AYC Long Distance Overnight Race
August 12	AYC St. Elmo's Night Race
August 14	NSSC Leukemia Cup and Kent Sail Race
August 28	NSSC Past Commodores Long Distance Race
September 11	NSSC Birthday Race

ABYRA Special Notices

7 Scoring

7.1 Scoring System. The ABYRA Invitational Series will be scored using the Cox-Sprague Scoring System (as described in *Yacht Race Scoring*, by F. Gregg Bemis) since the races may have different classes available for competition, and competing boats may choose to race in different classes from event to event, and since the number of boats starting may vary from race to race

7.2 Series Scores A minimum of four races must be sailed to qualify for series awards. The best four races will be used in the calculation of series standings.

8 Awards: ABYRA Boat of the Year

The ABYRA Invitational Series will use the results of the member clubs invitational races to choose its Boat of the Year. The skippers of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats will be recognized at the ABYRA Haul Out Party with the 1st place skipper receiving the Boat of the Year Trophy.



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All race flyers will be posted on the AYC website at: www.sailayc.org.

Free hot dogs and Flag Race Awards will be provided at Markley Marine's gazebo following the races on May 31 and August 31

AYC Special Notices and Sailing Instructions

4.2 Change in Class or Division

A boat may request a change to a faster class or change divisions once in a season for the series races. All changes must be submitted in writing three (3) days prior to the race to the Race Chairperson.



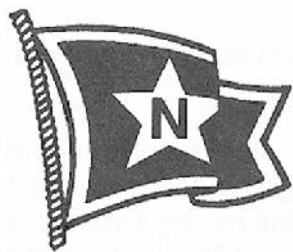
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7.3 Race Committee Duty: AYC members in charge of club races will be exempt for their series duties.

8 Awards

8.1 Flags will be awarded for the 5th race of each series and will be presented after these races.

8.2 Series award flags will be presented at NSSC immediately following the last race of each series.

8.3 Season Overall Awards: A boat must qualify for both spring and summer series in order to qualify for the season overall awards. The best ten races will then be used to calculate the overall awards. In the event of an abandoned race or races, the number of races calculated will be adjusted accordingly. Awards will be given out at the ABYRA Haul Out Party.

8.4 AYC Fleet Champions (Club Members Only): To qualify for AYC Fleet Champion for Spinnaker, Asymmetric or JAM, there are 17 point races counted. These races include AYC Spring Series of 7 races, AYC Summer Series of 7 races, the St. Elmo's Race, AYC Long Distance Race and the AYC Memorial Trophy Race. Of these possible 17 point races, 13 must be raced to qualify for overall standings. In the event of an abandoned race or races, the number of races needed to qualify will be reduced by the number of abandoned races.

14.1 Weeknight Series Courses

AYC will use the "A" and "B" courses on Tuesday nights as shortened race courses, using the closest option to a windward/leeward course. Start/finish will be at "CR" and marks are to be left to port. This is intended as a short (2 leg) race as a light air option at the discretion of the Committee Boat. The signal will be a white cylinder with a black letter "A" or "B". The "W" course will not be used for AYC races.

AYC Invitational and Club Races

AYC offers a variety of sailing events. If you are interested in participating in these events or wish to assist in the management of any of the events, please talk to any AYC Board member or the Race chairman. Please note that class representation is based on the number of boats registered. Typically, there is a minimum of five yachts required to constitute having a separate class and a separate start for any of the events listed. Class placement will be the responsibility of the Race chairman.

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AYC Long Distance/Overnight Race (Invitational): June 27

This longer distance overnight race is a good tune-up for the those doing the Mackinac Race. It's also a good race just get some experience and learn about the challenges of sailing all night in the racing mode even if you not are making the big commitment of the Mackinac Race. The race course will start and finish at CR buoy, but will sail down into Lake St Clair.

Saint Elmo's Race (Invitational): August 14

This spirited race has sometimes been called the AYC Night Race and has become one of the more popular races in the North end of the lake. The course consists of a race from the Clinton River Buoy "CR" to the Saint Clair Light and back again. Depending on the conditions, the Saint Elmo's can demand a great deal of night sailing ability. This race also counts toward the AYC season standings.

AYC Memorial Trophy Race (Club Race): September 19

This is a fun race open only to club members. The race honors deceased members and V.C. Michael Malesko who died in office. This race also counts towards the AYC season standings.



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Spring Series: May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 10, 17
Summer Series: July 29, August 5, 19, 26, September 9, 16

Come on out Friday evenings and enjoy Anchor Bay. Kick off the weekend with some great racing! All racers, crew, and their families are invited back to NSSC after the race for food and fun (and a fine beer or two)! NSSC is the host club and manages the Friday Night Series. Results will be given after each race at NSSC.

NSSC Top Gun Special Notices

7.2 Series Scoring A boat must qualify for both the spring and summer series in order to qualify for the season overall awards. The best eight races will then be used to calculate the overall class and division awards.

8 Awards Flags will be presented to each class on July 31 for Spring Series and at the ABYRA Haul Out party for the Summer Series and for Season Overalls by class and division.

NSSC Invitational and Club Races

Hump Day Sailing Series: Wednesdays, May 18 – September 21
North Star Junior Sailing is once again hosting the Wednesday evening series on Anchor Bay, “Hump Day Sailing.” Entry forms available at North Star Sail Club or online at www.NorthStarSail.org/Racing or www.northstarjrsailing.org. Come out and sail/“race” in a no-pressure environment. This is your opportunity to go sailing for fun, bring new crew on board, or just relax and enjoy some great Anchor Bay sunsets.

- Pursuit start format.
- Après sailing party at the NSSC club house with food service and camaraderie.
- Guest docks available at NSSC for visiting boats.
- Want bragging rights? Just text/call your finish times to the event supervisor for fun awards.
- Nominate your fellow sailors for “paper plate awards” and present them during the après sailing activities back at the NSSC club house.
- Skipper and crew incentives.
- Food service with menu rotating at a nominal price.

Please join us for some “Hump Day” sailing fun!

Boston-Yachtsman Regatta (Club Championship Series): June 12
The Boston-Yachtsman Race is included in the Club Championship Series and is an invitational race with spinnaker and JAM classes and an emphasis on competition. Come on out for some summer sailing and fun. After-race awards and festivities at NSSC.



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Leukemia Cup Regatta/Kent Sail Race: August 14

Join the crew that cares and help fight blood cancers such as leukemia, Hodgkin, and non-Hodgkin lymphoma. The Leukemia Cup Regatta is fund raising and fun racing all in one weekend-long event. There will be parties to attend both Saturday and Sunday, with the Kent Sail Race on Sunday. Join the fun! For more information, contact Claudia Drummond at 586-463-2192.



Rhum Keg Fun Race: Saturday, August 20

The Detroit Yacht Club is the destination. It doesn't matter if you are a racer or cruiser, how you get there is not important as long as it's by boat. Leave North Star on Saturday. Spend the night at the DYC. Food and fun!

Past Commodores Race (Club Championship Series): August 28

A North Star classic! This distance race is included in the Club Championship Series. Good chance that there will be some racing in the dark, which always mixes things up! Come party at the club afterward.

NSSC Birthday Race: September 11

Join in the celebration of North Star's birthday! A great day for a race on the bay. What is a birthday without a party! Help us celebrate at the club. Bring your family and meet old and new friends.

Sloman Scramble (Club Race): September 18

According to lore, Bill Sloman always wanted a race that allowed the possibility of the slowest boat finishing first. He had a vested interest since his boat was the slowest. This race honors him and others with slower boats by starting in a staggered fashion according to the performance ratings. This, in theory, should have all the boats finishing at the same time! (Luckily, this rarely occurs!) Everyone needs to follow their watches carefully!!

Howard Boston Memorial Race (Club Championship Series): October 2

This race is the first of the Fall Series, but open to all who wish only to do one race to finish the year. The race format is for a longer race, with many mark roundings. If you can't make the entire series, this is a good alternative. Also, the race is included in the Club Championship Series, making it your last chance to take your shot!

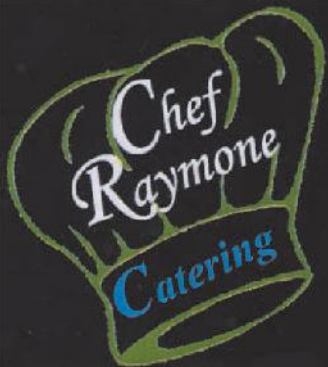


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Anchor Bay Fall Series: October 2, 9, 16, 22

The change of season always brings a wide range of weather conditions to this series, usually including abundant wind. NSSC can arrange for boat slips for out-of-town boats, available first come, first served. The galley is open for breakfast, and the club house is always humming after the race, where food, beverages, and great sailing stories are always abundant. We will run two windward/leeward races on day two or three, so there are five races planned in the series. And, of course, there will be awards for each race.

NSSC Club Championship Series

The Club Championship Series is open to NSSC boats and consists of races of various distances spread across the sailing season. Take your shot at being named Club Champion! The series includes the Boston-Yachtsman Regatta, the Past Commodores Race, and the Howard Boston Memorial Race.

NSSC Club Championship Series Special Notices

7 Scoring

7.1 Scoring System. The NSSC Club Championship Series will be scored using the Cox-Sprague Scoring System. This will account for races that may have different classes available for competition, competing boats that may choose to race in different classes from event to event, and a varying number of boats that may start from race to race.

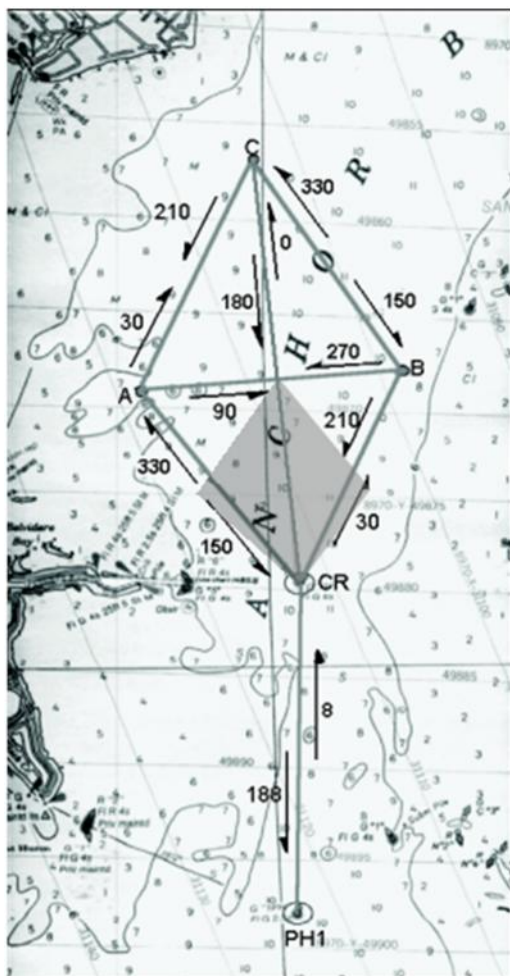
7.2 Series Scores All races must be sailed to qualify for series awards. For the Boston-Yachtsman Regatta, the boat's overall finishing position will be used for series scoring.

8 Awards: NSSC Club Champion

North Star Sail Club will use the results of the series races to choose its Club Champion. The skippers of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats will be recognized at the Commodore's Ball, with the 1st place skipper receiving the Club Championship Trophy.

ANCHOR BAY GENERAL COURSE DIAGRAM

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Course Headings are Magnetic



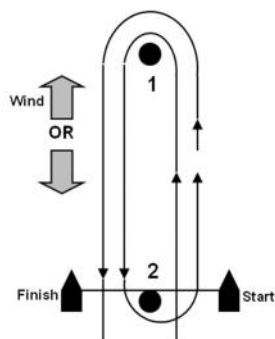
Approximate Mark Positions

CR	42° 35.57'	82° 44.51'
A	42° 37.01'	82° 46.19'
B	42° 37.27'	82° 43.84'
C	42° 38.64'	82° 45.31'
1PH	42° 32.79'	82° 44.78'

COURSE DIAGRAM – COURSE W

The starting area for **weeknight** series course W is indicated by the shaded area shown on the diagram at left.

The starting area for **invitational** and **club** course W will be within the area bounded by marks CR, A, C, and B.



Course W Shapes and Options



Windward/leeward or leeward/windward from start to mark indicated by shape. Two laps (Start–1–2–1–Finish)



Windward/leeward or leeward/windward from start to ABYRA mark C. One lap (Start–1–Finish) for weeknights; two laps (Start–1–2–1–Finish) for invitational and club races



Windward/leeward or leeward/windward from start to inflatable mark. Two laps (Start–1–2–1–Finish)

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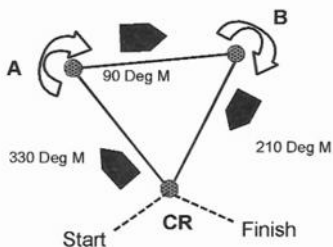
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COURSE DIAGRAMS – OTHER COURSES

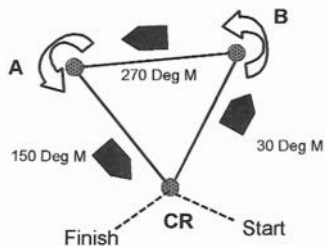
Course Green

Triangle to Starboard



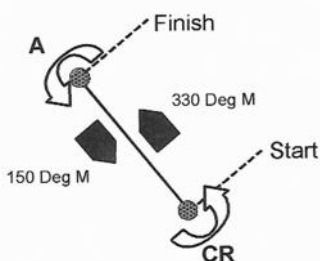
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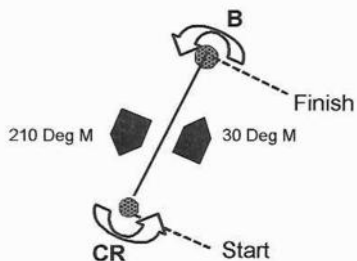
Course A

Windward/Leeward to A



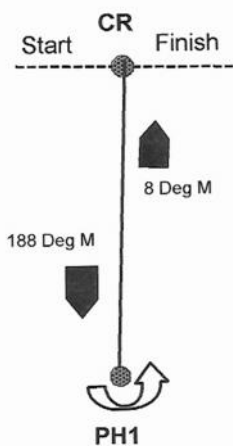
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Windward/Leeward to B



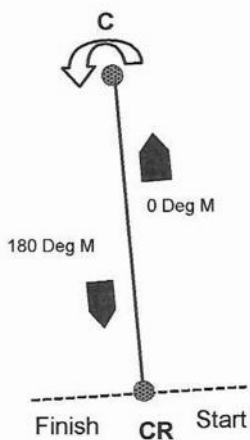
Course 1

Windward/Leeward to PH1



Course C

Windward/Leeward to C



RACE SIGNALS

The following flags should be in the race signal bag. Please make sure that the Race Committee is familiar with the meaning of each one.

Race Committee RC flown at the masthead

Courses

Green Green shape

Red Red shape

A White shape with black A

B White shape with black B

C White shape with black C

1 White shape with black 1

CR White shape with black CR

W White shape with black W

Starting Races

Preparatory Signal Blue with white square (P)

Rule 30.1 is in effect Yellow with black circle (I)

Rule 30.2 is in effect Black/yellow/blue/red (Z)

Rule 30.3 is in effect Black flag

Postponement Red and white vertically striped cylinder (AP)

Recall - shape must be flown AND sound signals given

Individual (one sound) White flag with blue cross (X)

General (two sounds) Blue and yellow pennant flag (1st Substitute)

Abandonment

Return to start area Blue and white checkered flag (N)

Return to dock (N) over vertical blue and white (A)

Other Signals

Shorten Course White cylinder with blue square (S)

Come Within Hail Yellow and black checkered flag (L)

Missing Mark Blue with white cross (M)

Wear personal buoyancy Red & yellow diagonally striped cylinder (Y)

(suggestion) or life jacket flown from rigging

RACE COMMITTEE GUIDELINES & INSTRUCTIONS

1. Tuesday Twilight RC boat chairperson will contact RC to arrange for drop off of RC equipment. Wednesday Twilight and Friday Twilight pick up the RC package at NSSC (scratch sheets for all classes, order of finish sheets, start gun, flags and shapes, anchors, protection buoy and inflatable marks when needed).
2. Mount all equipment and supplies on RC boat (RC flag at masthead, flag halyards prepared with downhauls, anchor ready, etc.).
3. Motor to CR at least one hour before start and take wind direction reading to determine the course direction and type. Set course according to this chart. If using course W, motor to W starting area and set course as desired.

<u>Wind Direction</u> <u>Between</u>	<u>Start at</u> <u>Mark</u>	<u>Send</u> <u>Boats to</u>	<u>Use</u> <u>Course</u>
345° and 15° M	CR	C	C
14° and 60° M	CR	B	Red or B
61° and 119° M	CR	A	Green
120° and 177° M	CR	B	Red
178° and 198° M	CR	1PH or C	1 or C
195° and 239° M	CR	A	Green
240° and 300° M	CR	B	Red
301° and 345° M	CR	A	Green or A

4. Place committee boat on the starting line as indicated in the Course Diagrams and set starting line perpendicular to the course.
5. Log wind speed, wind direction and sea state on the "Order of Finish" sheet.
6. Position Race Committee boat on start line. The starting line length should be long enough so there will be no overcrowding. As a rule of thumb in moderate air (9 to 12 knots) set the line length at 1.25 times the aggregate length of the longest class of boats expected to start. (Example: 10 boats each 35 feet long, require about 450 feet long). In very light air, reduce it. Position the RC Boat so the line is square to the course and throw the protection buoy out towards the start buoy.
7. Raise shape(s) for selected course under Race Committee flag and lash start gun to rail aimed away from the line.
8. **DON'T BE RUSHED! POSTPONE IF NECESSARY!** RC may transmit instructions and monitor VHF Channel 72.
9. Record all racers in the area of the racecourse prior to hoisting the starting signal. This information must be recorded and is important even if the boat does not race or the race is abandoned (see General Notices 7).

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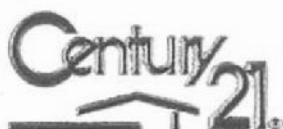
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10. Approximately one minute before scheduled warning, sound sequence alert, which consists of 4 sounds.
11. Hoist warning (class) flag at schedule time. Correct timing of gun and shape is essential. Record class starter's sail numbers at this time. NOTE: If gun is not fired in conjunction with the hoist of the shape, the shape signifies the desired task.
12. One minute later raise the Preparatory (blue with white square) shape with a gun.
13. Three minutes after raising, lower the Preparatory shape with a gun.
14. One minute later remove class flag with a sound and simultaneously raise the class flag for the next start.
15. Make decision to shorten course - see race instructions. When in doubt, shorten course. Refer to "Race Signals."
16. After all classes have started, move the RC boat to the finish position. Set anchor and hoist blue shape to signify "on station" for finishes.
17. Prepare ahead of time for the finish! Take time and sail numbers on the order of finish sheets, fire gun for first boat to finish in each class, taking protest reports, etc.
18. **USE OF THE ORDER OF FINISH SHEETS IS MANDATORY! NO EXCEPTIONS - NO EXCUSES.** At least **two** accurate order of finish sheets must be provided in a timely fashion after the race. All RC skippers must sign order of finish sheet to get credit for serving RC.
19. Immediately after the race, return to NSSC with the order of finish sheets and protest reports and check in with the operations officer, results chairperson and race chairperson.
20. Boats whose skippers are serving race committee cannot race and are scored DNC. Skippers are encouraged to sign up for committee boat duty at the Skipper's Meeting. After all dates are filled any remaining boats will be assigned a race duty by the committee boat chairman.
21. It is the responsibility of the committee boat's skippers to properly staff the committee boat. At least 6 crew members are needed. Skippers must follow proper committee boat procedures, as listed in these Guidelines and Instructions. A committee boat crew member must remain until finish times are properly recorded by the Race Chairman. The Committee Boat Chairman is available to answer any questions to ensure proper race procedures. If you are unsure about procedures, ask. Committee boat procedures will be reviewed at the Skipper's Meeting.
22. Consult Race Instructions for further information.

ABYRA BY-LAWS

As Amended January 11, 2016

Article I: Name

The name of this association shall be Anchor Bay Yacht Racing Association.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Association is to promote and manage a series of competitive events on Northern Lake St. Clair and adjacent waters, and to act as an intermediary between member organizations in preparing a calendar of marine events. It shall act as the representative of its members in interactions with other Yacht Racing Associations. The Association shall promote such social events as will foster harmonious fraternal relations among member clubs to accomplish its purpose.

Article III: Membership

All sailor yacht clubs and one-design or owner organizations in the Anchor Bay area are eligible for membership in the association. Eligible groups become members upon payment of established dues. Other class and owner associations may become members of the Association by application or invitation upon approval of the current member organizations and payment of dues. Once accepted they may exercise all member rights.

Article IV: Member Rights

Each of the member organizations shall appoint three delegates to the Governing Board, each of whom can vote in items of business at regular or special meetings of the Association. The member organization shall give the delegates full authority to represent the member organization in all votes. They shall have been identified prior to the January meeting and assume the role of delegates immediately following that meeting. They will serve for one year. Delegates must be present at any meeting to vote. At least fifty per cent of the delegates must be present at any meeting to constitute a quorum.

Article V: Officers

The officers of this Association are a Chairman, Past Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be members of member clubs and be nominated from the membership and, except for the Past Chairman, be elected by the voting members at the annual meeting to serve for one year. They shall take office at the close of the meeting. Candidates for Chairman shall have served during a prior year as a delegate from a member club.

The Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall conduct its normal affairs. He shall oversee and have control of all committees whose heads are not otherwise designated. He shall have the power to appoint special committees as needed.

Past Chairman is the Chairman of the immediate previous season and is not an independently elected post, who, at his option, shall assist the remaining board members with advice and counsel and who shall be responsible for preparations and planning of the haul out party. The past Commodore shall remain as an independent voting member. He shall not officially represent any member organization while serving in this office.

The Secretary will maintain and is the custodian of the minutes, files and records of the Association and will conduct correspondence as needed. The Secretary shall perform the duties of the Chairman in the event of his absence or incapacity.

The Treasurer receives all dues, fees and other income and disburses funds. He is the custodian of the perpetual trophies, and handles arrangements for prizes and trophy presentations.

Article VI: Governing Board

The Governing Board of this Association shall consist of the elected officers and delegates from the member organizations. The Board shall have the power to transact normal business of the Association, meeting as is necessary to confer on the business of the association.

Article VII: Committees

The Governing Board will appoint committees as required.

Article VIII: Meetings

1. The Governing Board will meet as necessary in the fall to identify upcoming member organization events, resolve conflicting event dates, and develop a final schedule for submission to the appropriate government offices for final approval.
2. Regular membership meeting in January to elect officers and conduct critique of past schedule of events. This shall be the annual meeting of the Association.
3. Special membership meetings called by the Chairman, Governing Board or by petition of at least six voting members by mailed notice two weeks prior to the meeting.
4. The Association will schedule a Spring Skipper's meeting to introduce the Association Governing Board and to present the schedule of events to member organization sailors.

Article IX: Dues and Fees

1. Member organization dues shall be set by a 2/3 majority of the member organization delegates present at any regular or special meeting, provided that member organization delegates are given two weeks prior notice of change.
2. Race registration fees when required to offset racing expenses will be set by the Governing Board.
3. Fees may be required to cover costs associated with the promotion and support of racing on Anchor Bay. These fees will be set by the governing board.

Article X: Amendments

These By-laws may be amended by 2/3 majority of the voting members present at any regular or special meeting, provided that members are given the full text of the proposed amendments two weeks prior to the meeting.

