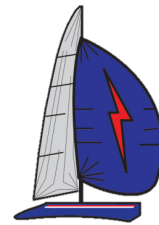




## Ford Yacht Club 68th Annual Regatta August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025



### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The series shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 It is recommended competing boats comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations – Category 4  
([http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2016Mo404012016-\[19873\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2016Mo404012016-[19873].pdf))

### 2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS AND INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located at the Ford Yacht Club's Peg Spriggs Pavilion near the fuel dock in the West Basin.
- 2.2 There will be an optional general competitors' meeting on the day of racing at 1000 hours.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day of the race.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a pole located near the Ford Yacht Club Peg Spriggs Pavilion. A courtesy announcement will be made on VHF channel 71 to accompany any signals made onshore.
- 4.2 Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.[Boats are requested not to leave the harbor until this signal is made.]

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The scheduled first warning signal of racing shall be **1200** hrs.

### 6 CLASS FLAG

CLASS	CLASS FLAG
<b>Spinnaker A</b>	<b>Blue</b>
<b>Spinnaker B</b>	<b>Yellow</b>
<b>One Design / Spinnaker C</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>JAM A</b>	<b>White</b>
<b>JAM B</b>	<b>Purple</b>
<b>Cruising Class</b>	<b>FYC Burgee</b>

### 7 RACING AREA

Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas.

## **8 THE COURSES**

**8.1** The diagrams in Attachment A show the available courses, the corresponding signal that the race committee signal boat will use to identify that a course has been selected, the order in which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and approximate course lengths.

**8.2** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the corresponding signal identified in Attachment A for what course has been selected.

## **9 MARKS**

**9.1** All marks are identified in Attachment A

## **10 THE START**

**10.1** Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

**10.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in Attachment A.

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

## **11 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in Attachment A.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

For all classes, the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1*

## **13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

**13.1** Time limits and target times for all classes are as follows:

Race Target Time	Race Time Limit
2-3 hours	4 hours

**13.2** Boats failing to finish within 4 hours after their start will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**14.1** Protest forms are available in the Ford Yacht Club lobby and [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org).  
Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to a sail committee member, mailbox on the official notice board, sail committee mailbox in the Ford Yacht Club lobby within the appropriate time limit.

**14.2** For each class, the protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished for that boats class.

**14.3** Notices will be posted no later than 1 hour after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted.

**14.4** Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

## **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**15.1** It is recommended boats check in by hailing their mainsail numbers to the RC signal boat before the start of the first race.

**15.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

**16 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**16.1** On board VHF radios are required for monitoring purposes. The RC will be monitoring VHF channel 71.

**17 AWARDS**

**17.1** Awards will be presented at the large tent in the main parking lot at approximately 6:30pm

**18 Disclaimer of Liability**

**18.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**19 INSURANCE**

**19.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 (USD) per incident or the equivalent.