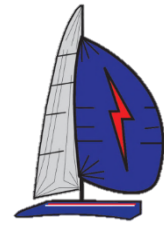


SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Ford Yacht Club/ Sail GI Pursuit Race to “Last Call” August 1st, 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))
- 1.3 All boats shall have working and operational navigation lights as required by the United States Federal Law as described by the United States Coast Guard. “Dead Batteries” will not be tolerated as an excuse for non-operational navigation lights while racing.
- 1.4 This is a Jib and Main only race.
- 1.5 Rating increases (an increase in your rating is good!) will be given for including non-sailors and US Military Veterans, US Military Active Duty, and First Responders in a yacht’s racing crew as described below. One one rating increase will be allowed per crewmember, but multiple are allowed per yacht!
 - 1.5.1 A 3 second a mile increase in your yacht’s rating will be added for each non-sailor onboard your racing yacht.
 - 1.5.2 A 6 second a mile increase in your yacht’s rating will be added for each US Military Veterans, US Military Active Duty, and First Responders onboard your racing yacht.
 - 1.5.3 Non-sailor is defined as not owning a sailing yacht or previously crewing on a sailing yacht during a race. This will be determined at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 1.6 While proceeding to the finish line, once past R”2” Fl R 4s all racing yachts are permitted to use their auxiliary engine to expedite their progress to the finish line.
- 1.7 As this race is meant to be more fun than adventure, in the case Mother Nature provides us with storms, heavy rain, or other inclement weather the race may be canceled or postponed. Notice of this will be communicated via all means available as far in advance as possible prior to the skippers meeting.

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 a **mandatory** skippers meeting at 1630 hours at the Ford Yacht Club Peg Sprigg’s Pavillion. This is MANDATORY to receive your starting time, the R/C boat will not be equipped to determine starting times while on station!

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1600 hours 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. Signals ashore will be accompanied by a courtesy announcement on VHF channel 71.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1** The scheduled first warning signal of racing shall be **1755 hours**.

6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1** As this is a pursuit style race, the BLUE flag will be used class flag for all starts (please see 10.2 for more information regarding the start)

7 RACING AREA

Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1** The diagrams in Attachment A shows 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

Marks are described 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 initial start shall be in accordance with Rule 26. The class flag will be a blue flag. After the initial start, the blue flag will be re-hoisted and will remain flying until the last start. All starts subsequent to the first start may be called to attention by a horn only. Hour and minute may be announced on VHF channel 71 by the Race Committee. The race committee will use GPS time.
- 10.3** 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.
- 10.4** 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 a line projected directly out from the FYC East Basin entrance green buoy across the river to Celeron Island, as described in Attachment A.
- 11.1** All boats are asked to alert the Race Committee on VHF channel 71 when they are approximately 5 minutes out from finishing with boat name and sail number.
- 11.2** All boats must light up their mainsail sail numbers when finishing to identify their finish

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
4-5 Hrs	6hrs

At 2200 hours, all racing yachts are permitted to use their auxiliary engine to proceed directly to the finish line, any remaining course marks may be skipped.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1** Protest forms are available in the Ford Yacht Club lobby and 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** All protests will be decided through Rock-Paper-Scissors, best 2 out of 3. Each yacht's skipper shall designate a contestant.
- 14.1** For each class, the protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished for that boats class.
- 14.2** Notices will be posted no later than 24 hours 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.
- 14.3** 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** Boats shall 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.
- 16.2** Boats abandoning the race or choosing not to finish must alert the Race Committee on VHF station 71, a response will be given by the RC to confirm the retirement from the race.

17 AWARDS

- 17.1** The top three finishers will be announced at the FYC Lounge after the race.
- 17.2** Awards shall be also presented at the FYC Awards Night.

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.