



**DETROIT REGIONAL YACHT-RACING ASSOCIATION (DRYA)**  
2021 COUNTER SERIES COMPRISING 11 CLUB-SPONSORED REGATTAS  
**DRYA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (DRYA SI)**

*The DRYA's role shall be to provide the umbrella Notice of Race (DRYA NOR) and these DRYA Sailing Instructions (DRYA SIs), review of **Sponsoring Club** regatta documents, scoring, and provide race committees (RC) and protest committees for each **Sponsoring Club's** regattas.*

Terms in *italics* or **bold italics** are defined in the DRYA NOR.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '(DP)' in a rule means that a boat may be given a Discretionary Penalty for breaking that rule Changes RRS (64.6).

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing shall apply to all races, including those crossing into Canadian waters.
- 1.3 The US Sailing prescription to 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.4 The *Supplemental NORs* and *Club Supplemental Sailing Instructions (Club SSIs)* issued by each race's *Sponsoring Club*.
- 1.5 These DRYA Standard Sailing Instructions (SIs) apply only to the extent that they are adopted by the *Sponsoring Club* in its *Club SSIs* for the regatta. The *Sponsoring Club* may change these instructions in their *Club SSIs*, which shall control if there is a conflict between the two.
- 1.6 (NP) The use of elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is not protestable by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the DRYA SIs or *Club SSIs* will be posted by 0900 on the DRYA and OA websites on the day before it will take effect.

## **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at the OA and [www.drya.org](http://www.drya.org).
- 3.2 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 72.
- 3.3 The following communications may be made by the RC on VHF channel 72: time checks, race area, schedule changes, starting order of classes, elimination of class start, location of race committee vessel, courses, change of courses, shortening, postponement, abandonment, starting signals, recalls, and the next start sequence.
- 3.4 For individual recalls, the RC's failure to hail sail numbers, an incorrect hail, late hail, or the order in which sail numbers are hailed will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 3.5 Errors or omissions in communications by the RC, or a competitor's failure to hear RC's communications, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

## **4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

[NP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

## **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 The location of signals made ashore will be specified in the *Club SSIs*.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' will be replaced with a time of 10 minutes or as specified in the *Club SSIs*. This changes Race Signals AP.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will be 1030 hrs unless modified by the *Club SSIs*.

**SI 6.2-6.4 apply only to Windward/Leeward (W/L) races:**

- 6.2 The RC may run one, two or three races, when time and conditions permit. The warning signal for the
- 6.3 second (or third) race will be given shortly after all boats in a class have finished or retired and the RC is ready to start the sequence. The order of starts for subsequent races will be at the discretion of the race committee.
- 6.4 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means ‘No more racing today.’
- 6.5 No race will be started after 1500 hrs.

**7 STARTING SEQUENCE FOR ALL COURSES AND CLASS FLAGS,**

7.1

Course Start # and Class***	Class Flag	# of Classes	Course Length**
Start 1 -PHRF 1 (59 and lower) and J120	#7 and #8	2	Long
Start 2 -PHRF 2 (60-99)	F	1	Long
Start 3 -PHRF 3 (100-150) incl EX27	#1	1	Long
Start 4 -C&C 35 and PHRF Cruise	#0 and E	2	Short
Start 5 -PHRF 4 (151 and higher) and CAL 25	2nd Substitute and Class Logo*	2	Short
Start 6 –DELTA, NONSUCH 30 and CLUB JAM	D Logo , #9 , Club Burgee	3	Short

\*Black Class Logo on white field  
 \*\*Course length shown is for W/L races.  
 \*\*\*The starting sequence is shown for both Point to Point (P2P) and W/L races with the fastest starting first to give cleaner racing and due to covid19 group restrictions to limit exposure to the virus.

- 7.2 [DP] Boats shall display their class flag, not smaller than size 0, from the aftermost backstay at least six feet above deck
- 7.3 Shorthanded boats that wish to race CLUB JAM shall hail the RC Signal Boat on VHF channel 72 prior to the first Warning Signal for the day and state their intentions and boat details including owners name, boat name, sail number, and previous class.

**8 RACING AREA**

- 8.1 All racing shall take place on Lake St. Clair and / or the Detroit River. As of the publication date, US boats are prohibited from sailing in Canadian waters. See the *Club SSIs* for future notices and relief.
- 8.2 The locations of the Point to Point (P2P) races will be as shown on the *Club SSIs*.
- 8.3 Addendum A illustrates the W/L Racing Area. The center of the AC Course circle bears approximately 044°, 4.4 nm from the Peche Island Range Rear Light (F 114ft PA). The approximate location is 42° 24.75’ N, 082° 51.52’ W. The starting area will be approximately 0.75 nm downwind from the center of the course circle.
- 8.4 Approximately 30 minutes before the warning signal for the first race, an RC Mark set boat will be near the center of the AC circle, displaying flag Lima. This RC Mark set boat shall proceed to the starting area after the RC signal boat is on-station. The RC Signal Boat based on wind direction will proceed directly to the selected start area and anchor in preparation for the attention signal and start sequence.

## 9 COURSES

- 9.1 The P2P courses will be described in the *Club SSIs*.
- 9.2 The diagram in Addendum B shows the W/L course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which mark is to be left. The leeward mark may be a gate or a single mark. If Mark 2 is a single mark, it is to be left to port.
- 9.3 No later than the preparatory signal, the race committee signal vessel shall display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first legs of the course to 1 L and 1S
- 9.4 The course length to 1L will be not greater than 1nm.
- 9.5 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule RRS 33.
- 9.6 [NP][DP] When a separate RC finish boat is used, boats shall not sail between the RC signal boat and the RC finish boat. Boats doing so may be protested by the RC.

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 The marks for P2P races will be described in the *Club SSIs*.

### SI 10.2-10.3 Apply only to Windward/Leeward (W/L) races:

- 10.2 Mark 1L (the long weather mark) and marks 2S and 2P (the gate) will be **orange** inflatable marks.
- 10.3 Mark 1S (the short weather mark) will be a **green** inflatable mark.
- 10.4 The starting and finishing marks will be **orange** inflatable marks or markset bots. These are orange and yellow inflatable cone shapes made up of tube rings that decrease in diameter towards the top.
- 10.5 One or more 'keep away buoys' may be attached to the RC signal boat. Since they are intentionally attached to their respective RC vessels, they are part of the mark by definition.

## 11 OBSTRUCTIONS

[NP][DP] Boats crossing the Lake St. Clair shipping channel (see NOAA Chart #14850), are forbidden to interfere with major ships (Federal law 89-764). Boats shall adhere to USCG Rule 18, which reads in part: "(b) A sailing vessel underway shall keep out of the way of: ... (ii) a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver." A boat receiving five (5) horn blasts from a commercial vessel transiting the ship channel may be protested by the RC.

## 12 THE START

- 12.1 The initial order of starts and classes for all courses shall be as shown in SI 7 (Start 1 through 6).
- 12.2 The RC will make a series of short sound signals approximately one minute before the warning signal for the start of the initial race of the day.
- 12.3 The RC will use 'rolling starts' (a start's warning signal displayed simultaneously with the removal of the previous start's starting signal). Competitors should watch the visual signals and listen to announcements from the RC
- 12.4 For W/L races, on or before the preparatory signal, the RC shall display the course to be sailed (L and S) on a placard from the RC signal boat. This changes RRS 27.1.
- 12.5 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an **orange** flag on the RC Signal Boat on the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark as described in SI 10.4.
- 12.6 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

## 13 CHANGE OF COURSE BETWEEN W/L STARTS

- 13.1 In the event of a significant wind shift after one or more starts in the W/L Series the RC may signal a change of course for the next start using the following procedure (this changes RRS 33):
  - Flag C and the new bearing and distance to the new windward marks will be displayed with multiple sound signals.
  - The new Mark 1L and 1S marks will remain orange and green.
  - The RC will continue to display flag C and the new heading and distance for all starts for which the new windward mark applies.
- 13.2 The RC will not change the legs of a race after it has started.

## **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finishing line for W/L races will be between a staff displaying a **blue** flag on the RC Signal Boat and the course side of the port end finishing mark as described in DRYA SI 10.4.
- 14.2 [DP] 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 RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **15 SHORTENING COURSE**

- 15.1 If the Signal Boat signals a shortened course (displays flag S with sounds) before the first boat in each class has reached a Mark), all boats will leave that mark to port and then proceed to the finish line. This changes RRS 32.2.

## **16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 16.1 For P2P courses, the Race Time Limit (RRS 35) for each class is five (5) hours after its starting signal unless modified by the *Club SSIs*. Any boat finishing within its time limit shall qualify that class within its division for any overall results, even if a class within the respective division did not qualify individually for the race.
- 16.2 The target time for W/L races is 60 minutes.
- 16.3 The Race Time Limit (RRS 35) for each class in a W/L race is 75 minutes after its starting signal.

## **17 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 1900 hours on the day of the regatta or two hours after the last boat in the protesting boat's class finishes the last race of the day, whichever is later.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available online at [www.drya.org](http://www.drya.org).
- 17.3 Hearing requests shall be sent by email before the protest time limit to [Protests@DRYA.org](mailto:Protests@DRYA.org). If using a paper form, take a clear photo of the form and email it to the address above.
- 17.4 Competitors will be informed as soon as possible of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as possible at a mutually convenient time and place, generally the week following a regatta.
- 17.5 Competitors protesting another boat shall notify the Finish Line RC of the protest and provide sail numbers, boats involved and the Class.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1 Races shall be scored using PHRF time-on-time.
- 18.2 For W/L races, one (1) race constitutes a series.
- 18.3 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- 18.4 Club Jam boats will not be scored for Season Standings.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 [DP] Upon arriving in the starting area, boats are requested to check-in with the RC either by hail or on VHF channel 72).
- 19.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

Official vessels will be identified with an "RC" flag.

## **21 PRIZES**

- 21.1 Awards for individual regattas shall be in accordance with the *Club SSIs*.
- 21.2 The DRYA will award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place flags for each class in the Spring, Summer, Overall Series, Point to Point Series and W/L Series.

## **22 RISK STATEMENT**

The DRYA and the *Sponsoring Club* shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to or after the regatta. Competitors participate in the regatta at their own

risk. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to 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.**

**23 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a recommended minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident.

**24 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact: DRYA, 23915 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080, (586) 778-1000 [www.drya.org](http://www.drya.org) David Spiers (248) 318-6553 or [spiersdjam@aol.com](mailto:spiersdjam@aol.com)



ADDENDUM B  
ILLUSTRATING THE W/L COURSES  
(NOT TO SCALE)

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Both courses are 2 laps / 4 legs, downwind finish  
All marks left to port, except gates.  
If there is only one leeward mark (Mark 2), it shall be left to port.  
On legs 1 and 4 Marks 2S and 2P are not marks of the course.

COURSE L  
LONG COURSE  
START – 1L – 2P/2S – 1L – FINISH

COURSE S  
SHORT COURSE  
START – 1S – 2P/2S – 1S – FINISH

