

# 2023 AYC OPEN REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

April 22nd-23rd, 2023

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** The Atlanta Yacht Club

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 the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*
- 1.2. Appendix V, ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES, will apply

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located on the wall facing the fish pond at the AYC Clubhouse

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except:
  - a. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect
  - b. Changes may be made on the water by displaying code flag "L" (yellow and black diagonal squares), and communicating with each Competitor

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the docked signal boat
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in Race Signal AP

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. A competitors meeting will be held at the first boat ramp pavilion at 0900 am on Saturday
- 5.2. The schedule of the warning signals:

Date	Time of first Warning Signal
Saturday, April 22	1000 am
Sunday, April 23	0925 am

- 5.3. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race
- 5.4. No more than four (4) races may be sailed in one day
- 5.5. There will be no warning signal after 1225pm on Sunday

## 6. STARTING ORDER AND CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Thistle Class flag or solid green flag
- 6.2. Flying Scot Class flag or "F" flag
- 6.3. Y-Flyer Class flag or solid yellow flag
- 6.4. Snipe Class flag or solid blue flag
- 6.5. 420 Class flag or "J" flag
- 6.6. Laser Class flag or solid red flag

## 7. [NP] RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area will be in view of the AYC pavilion

## 8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The diagrams in Illustration "A" show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left
- 8.2. The courses will be one of the following:
  - O** – Olympic (also known as Triangle-Windward-Leeward)
  - T** – Triangle – two laps
  - W** - Windward-Leeward (with a potential separate windward mark for some classes)
  - G** – Windward-Leeward with an offset at the Windward mark and a gate at the Leeward mark
- 8.3. The course will be designated by a placard on a ladder behind the mast on the RC Signal boat

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### 9. MARKS

- 9.1. Rounding Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be yellow tetrahedrons. For course G, Mark 1a will be a red ball
- 9.2. For Course W, if a #1 pennant is flown underneath the class flag, this indicates that the weather mark for that class will be a red ball. All other marks will be the same as shown
- 9.3. For course G, if one of the leeward gate marks, 2, is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to Port
- 9.4. New rounding marks as provided in Change of the next leg of the Course will be yellow tetrahedrons with a black band, except the "red ball" windward mark in course W (for some classes designated in instruction 9.2) will be a newly set red ball with a black band
- 9.5. The offset mark, Mark 1a (red ball), for course G will be removed if Mark 1 is changed
- 9.6. The Starting Marks will be an RC boat and a nearby orange cylinder
- 9.7. The Finish Marks will be an RC boat and a nearby orange cylinder

### 10. THE START

- 10.1. [NP] To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple short sounds shortly before a warning signal is made
- 10.2. [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during a starting sequence
- 10.3. [NP] The starting line will be between a staff from which an ORANGE flag is displayed on the RC signal boat and the course side of a nearby ORANGE cylinder
- 10.4. A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her start will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4 and A5
- 10.5. The race committee will not hail OCS boats

### 11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) as defined in sailing instruction 9.4, and remove the original mark as soon as practicable
- 11.2. When in a subsequent change a "new" mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark (no black band)
- 11.3. If any one gate mark has a black band both gate marks shall be understood to be a change mark

### 12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. Unless the course is shortened, the finishing line will be between a staff from which an BLUE flag is displayed on an RC boat and the course side of a nearby ORANGE cylinder
- 12.2. The display of Flag "A" (one white and one blue panel) at the finish of any race means, "Racing has ended for the day"
- 12.3. Unless postponed or Flag "A" is displayed, racing will continue upon the finish of the preceding race. Boats should proceed to the starting area
- 12.4. If racing is suspended for a "shore break", the Finish boat will display Race Signal AP over Flag "H" (Red and White vertical panels). When flag AP over Flag "H" is displayed, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in Race Signal AP

### 13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1. The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish. If no boat has finished within the time limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 13.2. Boats still racing 45 minutes after the first boat finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, given redress, or scored as in sailing instruction 13.3 will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will be assigned scored points equal to the number of starters in that race. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5. The score given by the race committee is not subject to Redress. This changes 62.1(a)
- 13.3. [NP] FOC - Finished on Course: If boats in a race are unduly delaying the start of another race, the race committee may terminate the race and score those boats in the place they would have finished based on their position at the time the race is terminated. The score given by the race committee is not subject to Redress. This changes 62.1(a)

### 14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available on the Official Notice Board. Protests shall be delivered to a member of the Protest Committee (PC) in the AYC club house Board Room within 30 minutes after the race committee boat docks
- 14.2. The Protest time limit shall be posted on the official notice board. The Race Committee will post Race Committee Actions and Race Committee Protests by the end of Protest Time and The Protest Committee will post a schedule of hearings by twenty minutes after the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2

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**15. SCORING**

15.1. Five (5) races are scheduled, of which one (1) shall be completed to constitute a series. No score will be excluded

**16. [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1. USE OF PERSONAL FLOTATION: While use of a personal flotation Device (PFD) is not required, the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee strongly recommend that each competitor wear a USCG-approved PFD at all times while on the water
- 16.2. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course

**17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 17.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the PRO
- 17.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the PRO
- 17.3. Requests for substitution shall be made to the PRO at the first reasonable opportunity.

**18. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 18.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones

**19. PRIZES**

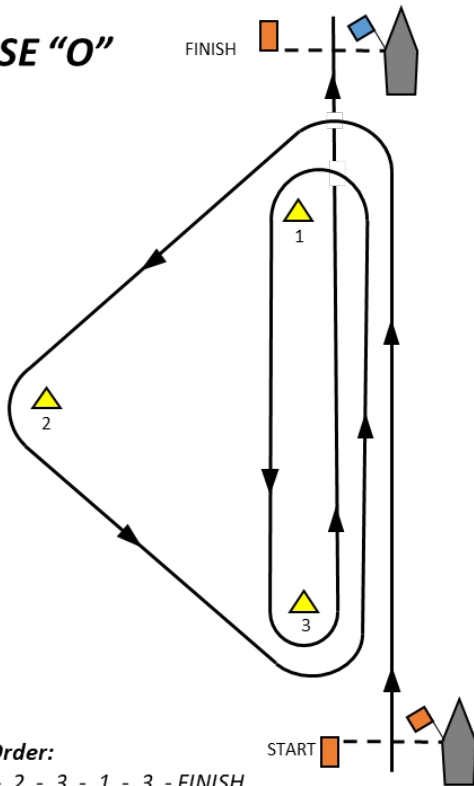
- 19.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in classes with eight or more participating boats, the top two finishers in classes with six or more, and the top finisher in all classes

**20. RISK STATEMENT**

- 20.1. Participants in this regatta acknowledge by their participation that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. Such risks include but are not limited to those created by strong winds, 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 injury, including permanent, catastrophic injury, or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, collision, or other causes. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, each participant expressly accepts the risks associated with participation and releases all claims they may have against the Atlanta Yacht Club and its officers, directors, members, committees, and employees ("Released Parties") for property damage, personal injury or death, or any other basis arising at or in the vicinity of the host facility before, during, or after the races. In addition, each participant accepts responsibility for damage or injury caused by their breach of The Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision and agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any claims which may arise from participant's negligence or intentional acts.
- 20.2. COVID-19 Policy: The organizing authority is committed to the safety of all competitors participating in this event and will conduct the event based upon local conditions at the time of the event utilizing applicable government regulations and the Atlanta Yacht Club Activity Guidelines. Under Georgia law, there is no liability for an injury or death of an individual entering AYC premises if such injury or death results from the inherent risks of contracting COVID-19. You are assuming this risk by entering these premises.
- 20.3. Participants should not attend if they have a fever, are feeling sick, have been in contact with someone who has or who may have COVID-19, or if they have had any illness symptoms within the last ten days.

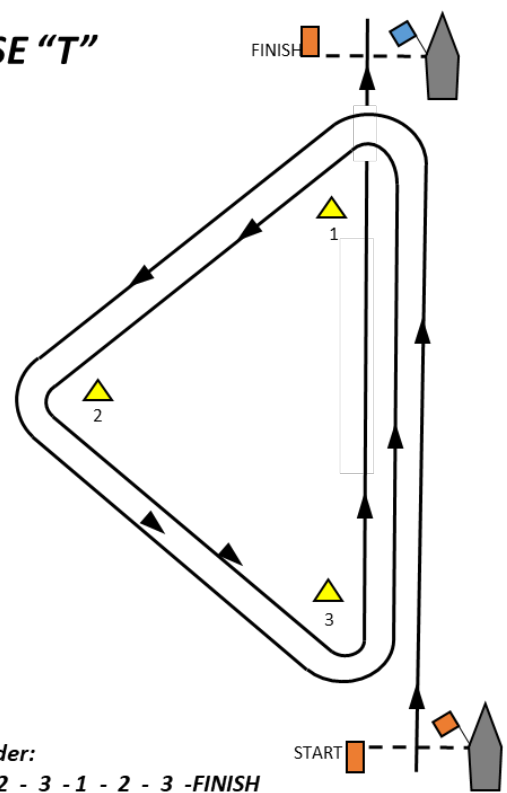
**Illustration A – Course Diagrams**

**COURSE "O"**



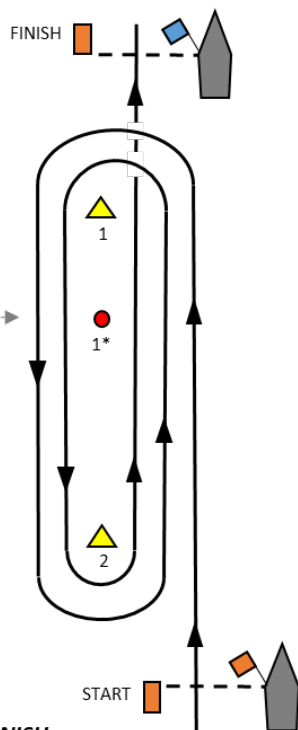
**Rounding Order:**  
 START - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - FINISH

**COURSE "T"**



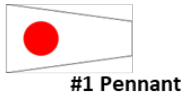
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**COURSE "W"**



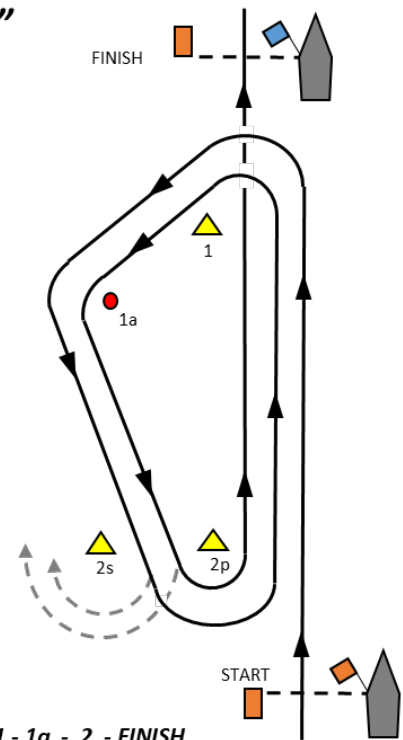
Mark 1\* - If a #1 pennant is flown underneath the class flag during the start sequence, this indicates that "Mark 1" for that class will be a red ball.

Classes where the #1 pennant is NOT flown will use the normal marks. All other marks will be the same as shown



**Rounding Order:**  
 START - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - FINISH

**COURSE "G"**



**Rounding Order:**  
 START - 1 - 1a - 2 - 1 - 1a - 2 - FINISH

**Notes:**

- For all courses, Mark "1" (and Mark 1a for course G) has no required side when finishing
- For course G, if Mark 1 is moved via change of course, Mark 1a (the offset mark) will be removed
- Actual angle between legs may vary depending on wind direction and available space in the racing area