

# ATLANTA YACHT CLUB 2024 AYC OPEN

**APRIL 27-28, 2024**

'[NP]' means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).  
'[DP]' 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. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the clubhouse near the fishpond.
- 2.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio (Channel 69) and/or the signal boat PA system. No boat is required to carry a radio.
- 2.3 [DP] While racing, no voice broadcast or data communication from the competitors is allowed except for safety reasons or to notify the race committee of intent to withdraw from the race.

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to these SIs will be posted before 8:00am on the day it will take effect, except, any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00pm on the day before it will take effect
- 3.2. Oral changes to these SIs may be made on the water by hail from the signal boat in accordance with RRS 90.2(c) The RC signal boat will display code flag "L" (yellow and black diagonal squares), and communicate the changes with each affected boat before the next warning.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RC signal boat at the race committee dock.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in Race Signal AP. This changes the RRS Race Signals.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. A competitors meeting will be held at the viewing pavilion at 11:30am on Saturday
- 5.2. The schedule of the warning signals:

Date	Time of first Warning Signal
Saturday, April 27	12:30pm
Sunday, April 28	9:25am

- 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. CLASS FLAGS

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|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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 Sunfish	Class flag or solid white flag
6.6. Laser/ILCA	Class flag or solid red flag

Above list is not intended to reflect the sequence of fleet starts. Section 8.3 addresses f Fleet starts.

## **7. [NP] RACING AREA**

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

## **8. THE COURSES AND ORDER OF FLEET STARTS**

- 8.1. The diagrams in Illustration "A" show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the Rounding Marks are to be rounded or passed, and the side on which each Rounding Mark is to be left.
- 8.2. The course will be designated by placards on a ladder behind the mast on the RC Signal boat.
- 8.3. The order of Fleets starting will be designated by placards on a ladder behind the mast on the RC Signal boat.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1. Rounding Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be yellow tetrahedrons. For courses G and DG, Mark 1a will be a red/orange ball.
- 9.2. For Courses W and DW, if a #1 pennant is flown underneath the class flag, this indicates that the weather mark for that class will be a red/orange ball. All other marks will be the same as shown.
- 9.3. For courses G and DG, 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 Section 11, will be yellow tetrahedrons with a black band, except the "red/orange ball" windward mark in course W or DW (for some classes) will be a newly set red/orange ball with a black band.
- 9.5. The offset mark, Mark 1a (red/orange ball), for courses G and DG 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. Race Committee may also make multiple short sounds just 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 in that a boat starting late will be scored DNS even if she starts, sails the course, and finishes.
- 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 Section 13.3 will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will be assigned scored points equal to the number of starters in that race. 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. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5 in that boats may be scored in their finishing place (s) without sailing the course or finishing. 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 will be available on the Official Notice Board and at the RC Signal Boat. Protests shall be delivered to a member of the Protest Committee (PC) in the AYC club house Board Room within 30 minutes after the RC Signal 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

### **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: 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. (DP) A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course

### **17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

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

### **18. [DP] RADIO AND PHONE COMMUNICATIONS**

- 18.1. [DP] While racing, a boat shall not receive any radio or phone communications not available to all boats. No voice broadcast or data communication from the competitors is allowed except for safety reasons or to notify the race committee of intent to withdraw from the race.

### **19. PRIZES**

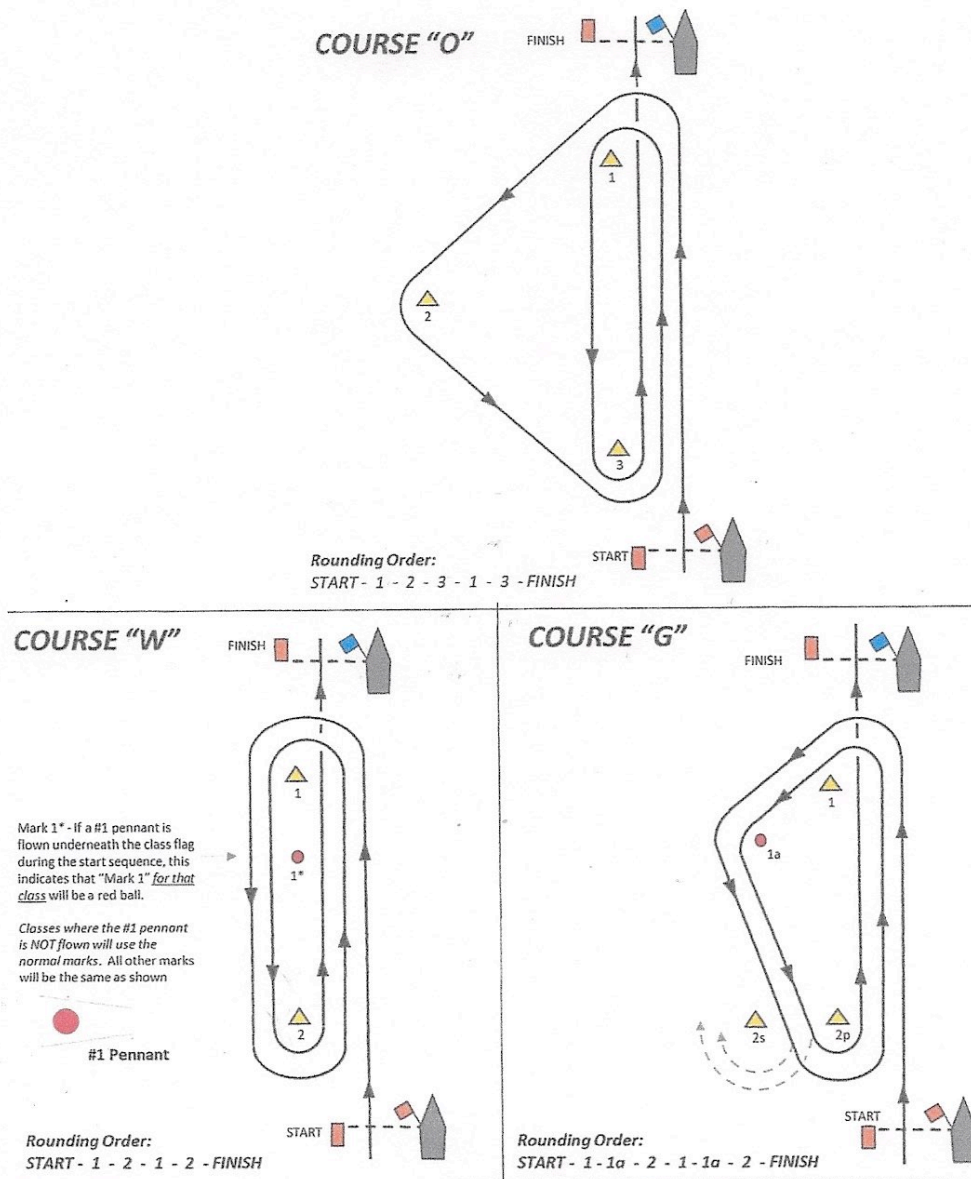
- 19.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in classes with eight or more participating boats, the top two finishers in classes with six or more, and the top finisher in all classes

### **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.

## Illustration A Course Diagrams



### Notes:

- For courses "O", "W", and "G", Mark "1" (and 1a) has no required side when finishing.
- Actual angle between legs may vary depending on wind direction and available space in the racing area.

## Illustration A Course Diagrams (Continued)

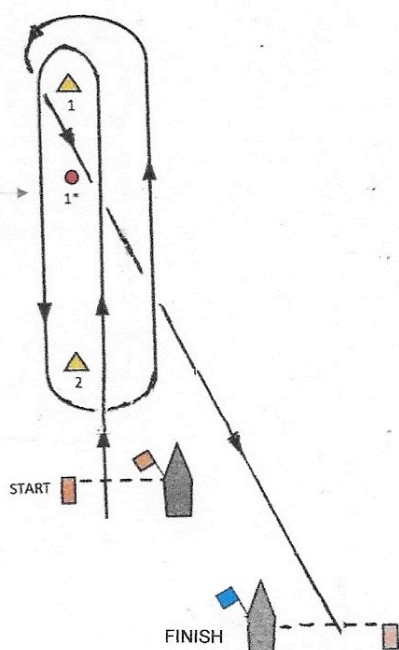
### COURSE "DW"

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



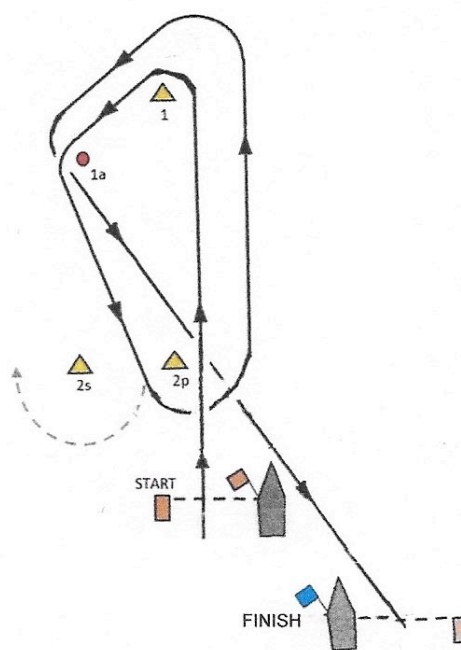
#1 Pennant



*Rounding Order:*

START - 1 - 2 - 1 - FINISH

### COURSE "DG"



*Rounding Order:*

START - 1 - 1a - 2 - 1 - 1a - FINISH

### Notes:

- For Courses "DW" and "DG", Mark 2 (2p/2s for "DG") has no required side when finishing.
- Actual angle between legs may vary depending on wind direction and available space in the racing area.