



HOT X Charity Regatta **for [earlier.org](https://www.earlier.org)**

October 28-29, 2023

Organizing Authority, Lake Townsend Yacht Club
Lake Townsend Marina, Browns Summit, NC 27214

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted immediately following the competitors meeting on October 28 and before 0800 on October 29 except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

2.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. The Race Committee signal vessel will signal come within hail by displaying Signal Flag L with one sound. Each boat will receive and acknowledge the oral change.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the east side of the club equipment shed at the lake.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the docked Race Committee signal vessel.

4.2. When AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered. This modifies Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1.

Saturday, October 28

Competitors meeting 10:00 at the lake

First Warning Signal 11:30

Sunday, October 29

First Warning Signal 10:30

No warning signal after 2:30

5.2 Signal Flag "A" displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flags will be designated and displayed at the Competitors' Meeting and posted to the Official Notice Board immediately following the Competitors' Meeting.

7. RACING AREA

7.1. The race course will be set south of the boat launch.

8. COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Sailing Instructions Addendum 1 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs and the order in which marks are to be passed.

8.2 The course will be displayed from the Race Committee vessel prior to the warning signal.

9. MARKS

9.1 Windward and Leeward marks will be orange cones.

9.2 The Windward Offset mark will be a 2 foot yellow ball.

9.3 The Start/Finish line marks will be 2 foot orange balls.

9.4 The Change mark will be an 4 foot yellow cylinder.

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal vessel and the finish mark.

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 and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

12.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

12.3 In the interest of starting another race or completing the day's racing in a timely fashion, the Race Committee may assign a finish position to any boat(s) still racing, provided their position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner. Such boat(s) will be scored as finished. This changes RRS 28.1, 35, A3, and A4.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 For the multihull classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

14.2 The time limit for the first boat in each race to sail the course is 60 minutes.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee signal vessel docks and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the Official Notice Board.

15.3 Notices will be posted not on the Official Notice Board no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15.4 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt at the equipment shed.

16. SCORING

16.1 Classes with four or more boats will be scored as one-design classes

16.2 Open monohull and open multihull classes will be scored if more than four boats register for each class. Otherwise, one open class will be scored.

16.3 Handicapping for the races will be in accordance with the Portsmouth Yardstick using the Wind Dependent Handicap Factors.

16.4 Each race will be individually scored using low-point scoring. No scores will be excluded.

16.5 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

13.6 A Boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores

17. SAFETY

17.1 [DP] Prior to racing each day, a boat shall sail on starboard past the stern of the race committee boat and hail her sail number.

17.2 [DP] A boat that has withdrawn from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible.

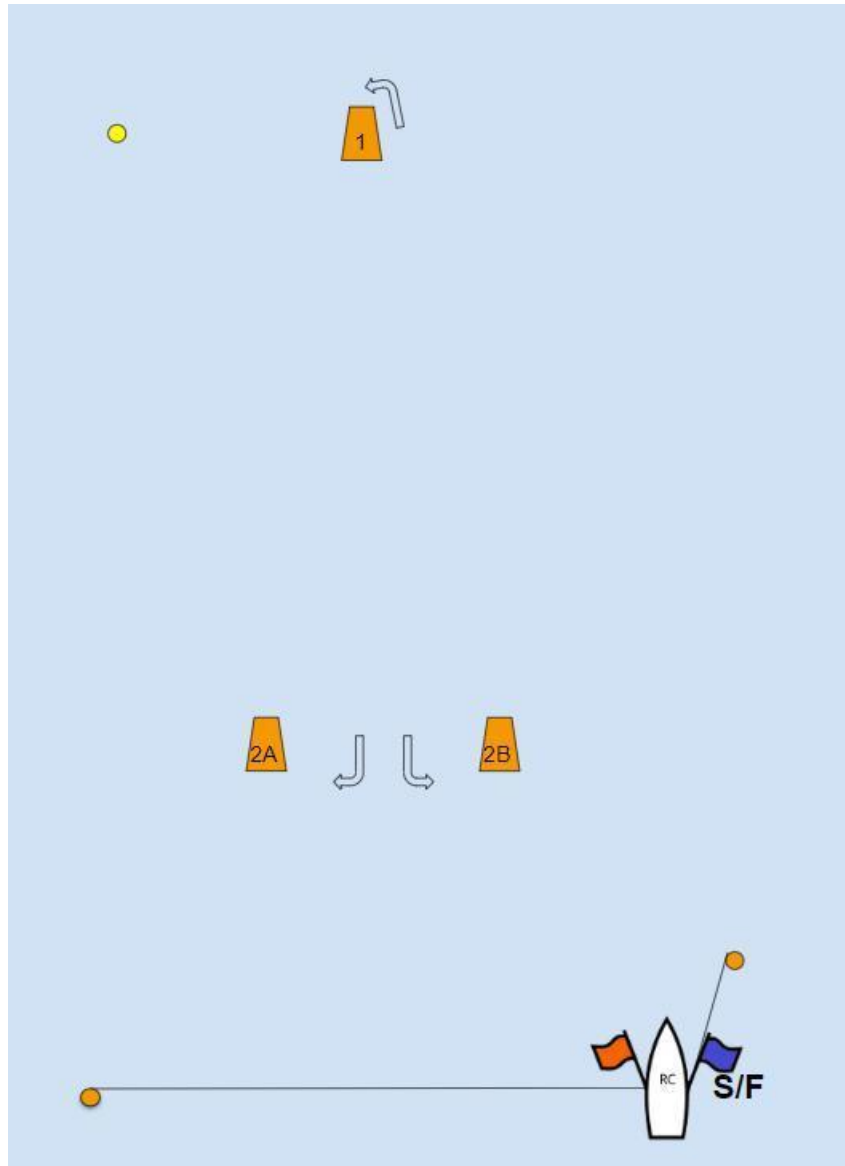
18. TRASH DISPOSAL

18.1 Trash may be placed aboard any official vessel.

19. RISK STATEMENT

19.1 30.1 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.**

Addendum 1 – The Courses



Windward / Leeward Courses

1	S-1-1a-2a/2b-1-1a-2b-F
2	S-1-1a-2a/2b-1-1a-2a/2b-1-1a-2b-F