



2024 AYC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERIES – CRUISER CLASS

1 RULES

The races in the Wednesday and Sunday Series will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* and these *Sailing Instructions*. The *Sailing Instructions* will take precedence should conflict(s) exist. All boats shall be equipped with the safety equipment necessary to comply with all Federal and State laws and regulations.

The first sentence in Rule 44.1 is modified to read “A boat may take a one-turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.”

Rule 77, identification on Sails, shall not apply.

2 ENTRIES

The Wednesday and Sunday series are open to all AYC members in good standing. Boats may be entered in these series by notifying the Fleet Captain prior to the first race of a series. Boats may be entered at a later date by advising the Fleet Captain of their intent to participate in the remaining races of that series.

All boats must have a current PHRF-AL rating. The Skippers’ fee must be paid prior to the race results can be recorded by the Fleet Captain.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the AYC website, the AYC porch and Main Sail Bar bulletin Boards. Official notice of any race cancellations will be posted on the AYC Sailing Fleet Facebook page or sent via text message to members of the fleet 1 ½ hours before the warning signal. Additional notices on race day will be broadcast on VHF channel 68.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND AFLOAT

Signals will not be made ashore. Notification of postponements, abandonments or cancellations ashore will be made via email, AYC Sailing Fleet Facebook page, and or verbal notification. When a Race Committee is not available, audible or radio signals will be made on the water by the Fleet Captain or his/her designee. These persons may be participants in the race.

5 SCHEDULE

The Wednesday Series races will start at a time between 1830 and 1835 hours depending upon the Race Committee announcing the starting order of the Cruisers and MC Scows when sharing the start line. Races will start at a time between 1800 to 1805 hours in September depending upon the Race Committee announcing the starting order of the Cruisers and MC Scows when sharing the start line.

The Sunday Series races will start at 1300 hours with the first warning signal 10 seconds prior to the 6-minute warning. The full schedule is on the AYC website.

6 STARTING ORDER

If the MC Scow fleet is sharing the start line with the Cruiser classes, the Race Committee will notify all racers of the starting order prior to the first warning signal.

7 RACING AREA

The Race Committee, Fleet Captain or his/her designee will announce the intended race location and permanent buoys to be used prior to the warning signal. The attachments describe the lake and permanent buoy locations.

8 COURSES AND MARKS

The course for each class's race will be announced at the Skippers' meeting prior to the race and broadcast on VHF channel 68 prior to the first warning signal. For Sunday races, the Race Committee, Fleet Captain or designee will call the meeting at 1200 hours. Courses will be designated using permanent buoys and or inflatable temporary marks (tetrahedrons, cylinder, or balls).

8a. If a Race Committee is available, a race may be shortened by the RC by flying the Sierra (S) flag, sounding 2 horn blasts and making an announcement on VHS channel 68. The next leg relative to the lead boat will be the last leg to the finish line. The finish line will be between the blue flag on the RC boat and either the permanent or temporary mark.

8b. In the case where no Race Committee is available, a race may be shortened by the Fleet Captain or his designee by sounding two horn blasts and broadcasting an announcement on VHF channel 58. The next leg (relative to the lead boat) will be the last leg to the finish line. The finish line will be between either permanent or temporary marks as designated by the Fleet Captain or designee. No flags will be flown. This modifies Rule 32.

9 START/FINISH LINES AND STARTING SEQUENCE

The start and finish lines will be designated using permanent and/or temporary marks.

9a. WITH RACE COMMITTEE

The start and finish line will be between the orange flag on the RC boat and either a permanent or temporary mark and the finish line will be designated by a blue flag on the RC boat and either a permanent or temporary mark.

The starting sequence modifies RRS Rule 26 where there will be a wake up call of four (4) short horn blasts prior to the 6 minute warning. If the AP flag is flying, there is no wake up (only a single blast when the AP flag has been removed).

The starting sequence for the subsequent classes and any recalled classes will begin with a warning signal which was the start signal for the preceding class (rolling starts).

Boats whose class warning signal has not occurred will keep clear of the boats whose warning signal has occurred.

The following starting sequence will be used and modifies Rule 26:

Signal	Minutes before Start	Flag	Sounds
General Alert	10 seconds before Warning	None	Four (4) short blasts
Warning	6	None	Four (4) short blasts
Class Flag	5	Pennant 1	One (1) short blast
Preparatory	4	P or I flag	One (1) short blast
Prep. Removed	1	P or I flag	One (1) LONG blast
Class Flag removed	0 (start)	Pennant 1	One (1) short blast

9b. WITHOUT RACE COMMITTEE

The start and finish lines will be designated using permanent and/or temporary marks.

Signal	Minutes before Start	Flag	Sounds
General Alert	10 seconds before Warning	None	Four (4) short blasts
Warning	6	None	Four (4) short blasts
Class Flag	5	None	One (1) short blast
Preparatory	4	None	One (1) short blast
Prep. Removed	1	None	One (1) LONG blast
Class Flag removed	0 (start)	None	One (1) short blast

Before the start signal for the first class, the Fleet Captain or his/her designee may signal a postponement of the race using two (2) sounds or may signal an abandonment of the race using three (3) sounds. This modifies Rule 27.3.

The first boat to cross the finish line will record the finishing place of each boat and report to Fleet Captain of designee.

9c. RECALLS

Rule 29.1 applies to all races when the P flag is flown. The X flag will be flown with one sound. If the I Flag is flown by the Race Committee, Rule 30.1 shall apply.

A General Recall for a class will be signaled by the (2) sounds and no flag. This modifies Rule 29.2.

10 PROTESTS

Written or oral protests will be delivered to the Fleet Captain or his/her designee within one-half hour after the final boat has completed the last race of the day. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day on the AYC porch or other location as announced to the affected parties.

11 SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix A of the RRS will apply. Rule A5.3 will apply, overriding Rule A5.2, with regards to scores DNS/DNC/DNF. Scores applied to a boat regardless of the skipper.

11a. RACES TO COUNT AND MINIMUM REQUIRED

At least three (3) boats must come to the starting area for a given race to count toward the series score.

A boat's best 90% of race scores in a series will be used to calculate the final series score. This modifies Rule A2.1.

11b. TIES AND OTHER RULES

Race ties will be handled using Rule A7. Series ties will be broken by Rule A8.

Rules A1, A3, A6, A9, A10 also apply.

10c. RACE SERIES

There will be two (2) Wednesday evening series. The early Summer Series will be on May 22, June 5, 12, July 3, 17, 31. The Late Summer Series will be August 7, 14, 28, September 11, 25.

There will be a single Sunday Series.

11d. AWARDS

Awards for each Wednesday and Sunday Series as well as the traditional eight (8) Sunday trophy race will be presented to the top scoring boats at the Club's end-of-year banquet.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors agree to participate in this event at their own risk, see RRS Rule 4: Decision to Race.

Competitors agree that AYC; PHRF-AL; any officers, members, or affiliates of these organizations will not accept any liability for equipment damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the event.