



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2024 BBSC Double Handed Race

Saturday, September 7th

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. **Special Instruction:** This “Double Handed” race will require each vessel to have only two persons aboard. If you require a safety observer, that person cannot assist in any way, they can’t even hand you a beer or a sandwich. They must remain on the centerline of the boat. The intent for the race is to have two people only.

2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. The official notice board for NoRs, SIs and NoSs is online at: <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2024BBSCDHR> (QR Code above)
- 2.2. Racing communications will also be posted “hardcopy” as conditions permit on the BBSC corkboard inside L.J. Schooner’s Bar & Grill (in the “big screen” room).
- 2.3. The competitor’s meeting will be in-person at the Bluewater Bay Marina per the schedule written in 6. (below).
- 2.4. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted as soon as they take effect. Changes made at the skipper’s meeting will be posted following the skipper’s meeting.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. The race is open to all boats. Entries without a GYA PHRF certificate will be assigned a rating by the Fleet Captain.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may register electronically at the link noted in 2.1 above.
- 3.3. Fees: The PHRF entry fee is \$30 per boat per race, or one-time \$200 for the season.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. No signals are planned to be made from ashore if race committee is on station on the water. If race committee is not on station, signals will be displayed from the end of the elevated dock that extends westward from the beach-area of the Bluewater Bay Marina Complex.
- 4.2. When flag ‘AP’ is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with, “not less than 30 minutes” for RRS race signals regarding “AP.”

5. CLASSES

- 5.1. Spinnaker Class, using legacy GYA PHRF TOD ratings.
- 5.2. X-Class: X-Class is a back-calculated rating based on prior performance in BBSC events. Contact the Fleet Captain (info below) with questions.
- 5.3. Class Flag will be announced at the competitor’s meeting.



6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Saturday, September 7th:

10:00	In-Person Registration @ L.J. Schooner's Pavillion
11:00	Competitor's meeting
12:30	First Warning (both classes)
17:00	Results & Awards @ L.J. Schooner's after boats return

7. CHECK IN

- 7.1. Attendance & participation in the competitor's meeting will constitute as "checked in." Any significant changes of registration information shall be communicated to the race-committee prior to the first warning signal as an "amended check in."

8. RACECOURSE

8.1. Both classes will race the same course:

- Start: (near the "Wednesday Night Ball" in Rocky Bayou)
- ICW #58 (near the Mid-Bay Bridge)
- Boggy 1
- Rocky 1 (boundary)
- Finish: (near the "Wednesday Night Ball" in Rocky Bayou)

Starboard
Starboard
Port

Total Distance: 9.0 NM
(See course diagram)

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Non-government marks shall be described at the competitor's meeting.
- 9.2. The location & approximate coordinates for the "Wednesday Night Mark" will be provided at the competitor's meeting.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be set near the "Wednesday Night Ball."
- 10.2. The committee boat make & model will be described at the competitor's meeting.
- 10.3. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal and she is identified, the RC may broadcast her sail number on the pre-briefed VHF radio channel. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, untimeliness of the hail, the order of hail, or failure to hail all or some boats shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. Race Committee On Station: The finishing line will be in the same location as the starting line, just opposite direction (finish South to North).
- 11.2. Late Finish / RC Not On Station: The race committee *should* be on station to record your finish until 5:00 PM. After this time, or if the RC boat is not on station, please finish at the Wednesday night ball on a line visible from the elevated dock described in 4. (above). Note your finish time, and text that information to (702) 686-9042.



12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. RRS 44.1 is changed such that a Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by One-turn penalty for Part 2 and Rule 31 violations, except two turns when in the zone around a mark.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1. Protest forms are available from the race committee (as conditions and situation permits), and from the Fleet Captain.
- 13.2. Protests, request for redress, and request for reopening shall be delivered to the Race committee or Fleet Captain within the posted protest time limit.
- 13.3. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat has returned and the RC has returned.
- 13.4. Persons will be notified, and notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. Each class will be scored separately.

15. SAFETY

- 15.1. Notify the Race Committee as soon as possible if retiring from the race.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1. The RC will transmit/receive with competitors on VHF channel 72.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Preliminary results and awards for the top three finishers in each class will be announced after the race.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. RRS 3 States the following: '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 each skipper is responsible for his/her vessel and crew.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1. nextSailor website: : <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2024BBSCDHR> (QR Code above)
- 19.2. Contact the BBSC PHRF Fleet Captain:
- 19.2.1. PHRF-Fleet-Captain@bbsc.com
- 19.2.2. (702) 686-9042

20. REVISIONS: 0



APPENDIX A: Course Diagram

