



# BLUEWATER BAY SAILING CLUB



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 2024 BBSC Start-A-Palooza

Saturday, 16 March 2024

#### 1. RULES & FORMAT

- 1.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The format for this race will emphasize upwind racing starts, with multiple short races.

#### 2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. The official notice board for NoRs, SIs and NoSs is online at <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2024BBSCSaP> (also the QR code at the top)
- 2.2. Racing communications will also be posted “hardcopy” as conditions permit on the BBSC corkboard in the side room of L.J. Schooner’s Bar & Grill.
- 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 PHRF rated boats. Entries without a GYA PHRF certificate will be assigned a rating by the Fleet Captain.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may register electronically at [nextSailor.com](https://nextSailor.com), at the links above in 2.1.

#### 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. The competition will feature one class, Non-Spinnaker

#### 6. SCHEDULE

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| 6.1. Saturday, 4 Nov: |   |
| 9:30                  | In person Registration @ L.J. Schooner’s Pavilion |
| 10:30                 | Competitor’s Meeting                              |
| 12:25                 | First Warning                                     |
| 5:00 PM               | Results & Awards @ L.J. Schooner’s “Fan Tail”     |



## 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. RACECOURSES (Both Classes)

- 8.1. The racing area will be located on the waters of Choctawhatchee Bay, just outside Rocky Bayou.
- 8.2. The course will be windward/leeward defined by dropped marks.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks shall be described at the competitor's meeting.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1. The location of the start line will be described at the competitor's meeting.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the RC boat and an orange mark.
- 10.3. Since this race emphasizes starting practice, the first four practice starts will terminate after the lines is clear (multiple short horn blasts) and the competitors will maneuver for the next start.
- 10.4. After the practice starts are complete, three short windward/leeward races will commence.
- 10.5. 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. The finish line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the RC boat and an orange mark (the same as the starting line).
- 11.2. **Time Limit:** There is no planned time limit, but changes to that are at the discretion of the race committee.

## 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. The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 14.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 14.3. No score shall be excluded.

## 15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 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. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. 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.

## 18. FURTHER INFORMATION

nextSailor website:

<https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2024BBSCSaP>

(Or QR Code at the top)

BBSC PHRF Fleet Captain

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## 19. REVISIONS: 0



## APPENDIX B: Starting Sequence per RRS 26

### 26 STARTING RACES

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
5*	Class flag	One	Warning signal
4	P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

\*or as stated in the notice of race or sailing instruction

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.





## APPENDIX C: Important Flag Signals

'P' Prep

'X' individual recall

'AP' Postponement (Code flag below)

'L' Come within hail (or follow me)

'S' shortened course

