



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2025 BBSC Start-A-Palooza

Saturday, March 22nd

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 is online at <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2025SaP>
- 2.2. The competitor's meeting will be at the Bluewater Bay Marina per the schedule in 6 (below).
- 2.3. 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. Boats without a rating will be assigned one by the Fleet Captain.
- 3.2. 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, X-Class. X-Class is a back-calculated rating that accounts for prior performance. Direct questions to the fleet captains.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Saturday, 22 Mar:

9:30

Competition Round Table

In person Registration @ L.J. Schooner's Pavilion

10:30

Competitor's Meeting

12:25

First Warning

**Multiple starts and short races are planned with an emphasis on competitive (but safe) starting sequences. No starts after 3:00 PM.

5:00 PM

Results & Awards @ L.J. Schooner's "Fan Tail"

- 6.2. The Competition Round Table is the second meeting of the series discussing the upcoming season of sailing. Bring your inputs for weekend racing, Wednesday night fun races, and small boat racing.



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. The racing will be 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. Since this race emphasizes starting practice, the first four practice starts will terminate after the line is clear (multiple short horn blasts) and the boats will maneuver for the next start.
10.3. After the practice starts are complete, three short windward/leeward races will commence.
10.4. 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 61.1(a).

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finish line will be described in the competitor's meeting.
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/2025SaP>
(Or QR Code at the top)

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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

