



**2024 Duck Island Race**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**August 17, 2024**

**1. RULES AND ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:**

Races will be sailed under the management of the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club Regatta Committee. The organizing authority is not responsible for any damage or injury either ashore or at sea, either to persons or boats.

Races will be sailed under US Sailing Association "The Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS).

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:**

The official Race Committee Bulletin Board located at Henderson Yacht Club will be used to advise contestants of changes in the instructions and published starting times, protest meetings and other official information.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Notices will be posted immediately after the Skippers Meeting, in the case of announcements made at the Skipper's Meeting. Posting of such notices shall be deemed notification to all contestants.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole or suitable pole located on the west side of HHYC Clubhouse.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:**

August 17	8:00 Hrs	Skipper's Meeting
	9:00 Hrs	Starting sequence

**6. CLASS FLAGS:**

Code flags "1" through "8" corresponding to the division numbers defined by the final fleet's splits.

Fleet splits will be circulated at the Skippers Meeting and posted on the official notice board

**7. RACE AREA:**

Starting in Henderson Harbor, racing out to Duck island and finishing back in Henderson Harbor unless a change of course is made. Shorter courses will be selected based upon forecast weather conditions. See Appendix A. Course selection will be announced no later than Skippers Meeting.

**8. COURSES DESCRIPTIONS:**

Courses will be chosen according to conditions, and will be one of the courses listed in Appendix A. The intent is for NFS fleet to sail a shorter course.

Each boat will record time of passing each mark, including the finish, listed in Appendix A for the course raced. Acceptable time instruments are from GPS or cellphone.

Times will be taken when any part of the hull crosses a line perpendicular to the hull and the mark at the closest point of approach (CPA).

#### **9. MARKS:**

See Appendix A

#### **10. THE START:**

Start will be per either option listed below to be announced no later than Skippers Meeting

1. between inflatable mark and committee boat in Henderson Harbor.
2. Between mooring area "A" northeast and northwest buoys

Division starts will follow RRS Rule 26. Code flags "1" through "8" corresponding to the division numbers defined by the final fleet's splits shall signal each start. The starting signal for each division shall be the warning signal for the next.

RC may use the VHF channel 68 to count down times.

A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal may be scored DNS. This changes Rule A5

Recalls will be per Rule 29. May be broadcast over VHF channel 68 with sail number and or boat name. Failure of a boat to hear her call will not relieve the boat of her obligations to start correctly.

#### **11. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START, SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START:**

The race may be finished at any of the marks listed in Appendix A by the Race Committee.

Any course changes will be announced on VHF channel 68. In addition to VHF channel 68, the RC will attempt to reach competitors via cell phone

This amends Rule 32 and 33.

#### **12. THE FINISH:**

Finish will be per either option listed below to be announced no later than Skippers Meeting

1. between inflatable mark and committee boat in Henderson Harbor.
2. Between mooring area "A" northeast and northwest buoys

Competitors will take their own time.

This amends Rule 32 and 33

#### **13. PENALTY SYSTEM:**

Penalties will be assessed in accordance with the RRS. For all classes, rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn penalty is required.

#### **14. TIME LIMITS:**

Time limit for race finish is 2000.

## **15. PROTESTS:**

Written forms must be submitted to the Protest Committee chairman within one (1) hour after finishing.

The Protest Committee chairman is the Race Committee chairman until the Protest Committee is established.

Once the Protest Committee is established, the Race Committee chairman designates the Protest Committee chairman.

Each boat agrees to provide one person to makeup the Protest Committee

The Protest Committee shall consist of at least 3 members

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## **16. SCORING:**

A. Scoring will be done in accordance with PHRF LO scoring system. Time-on-Time scoring will be used.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS:**

All boats are required to check in before the first race if Race Committee boat is on station. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible by hailing HHYC on Channel 16 or Phone 315.938.7240

All boats must meet the equipment requirements of US Sailing Monohull SER Nearshore.

## **18. SAFETY EQUIPMENT CHECKS:**

Safety equipment checks can be made at any time by the RC.

## **19. RADIO COMMUNICATION:**

VHF Radios will be allowed for receiving information from the race committee only. If a competitor receives any radio communication other than from the race committee or mobile phone communication after the start, that materially affects their finishing position, they shall retire from the race in progress.

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to race. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

All boats must submit *HHYC Racing Registration/Liability Waiver* prior to the Skippers Meeting. Form is located at <https://hendersonharboryc.com/Duck>. Copies will be available at Registration as well.