

2023 BROAD BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION (BBSA)
VETERANS DAY RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Honoring Those That Served
Saturday, November 11, 2023

1. Rules:

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2021 – 2024, and these Sailing Instructions.

- a) Non-spinnaker classes shall be single-headsail only.
- b) Boats shall meet the safety requirements of the US Sailing Near Shore category. These requirements can be viewed at <https://broadbaysailing.org/resources/Documents/Racing/Monohull-SER-2023.0.pdf>.
- c) All changes to the hull, rig, sails or other factors upon which a rating is based must be reported to the Veterans Day Race Coordinator for evaluation no later than Midnight, November 9, 2022.

2. Registration:

Online at the BBSA website at <https://broadbaysailing.org/event-5444379>. Open to all current members of Broad Bay Sailing Association (BBSA).

Entry fee: FREE

Entry Deadline is noon on November 10, 2023. (prefer entries sooner so we can determine one or two Non-Spin divisions / starts)

Non-members wanting to race are encouraged to join BBSA.

Join now – membership is good through 2024.

3. Written Changes to Sailing Instructions:

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted online as an update to the Sailing Instructions by **1300 on November 10, 2022**.

4. Skippers' Meeting

None. All information including fleet splits, sailing instructions (and any changes) with course information will be available on the BBSA website within the event page on the calendar: <https://broadbaysailing.org/event-5444379>.

5. Classes and Flags:

There will be three classes, Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker 1 and Non-Spinnaker 2

- (a) Spinnaker Class Flag (code flag "9", code flag "6", or code flag "7")
- (b) Non-Spinnaker 1 Class Flag (code flag "5")
- (c) Non-Spinnaker 2 Class Flag (white flag)

For Cruising Class boats without a valid rating, the race organizers will assign a rating, which shall not be subject to redress.

Class splits will be finalized by 1230 hours on November 10. It is the responsibility of each skipper to check the website after 1230 to see the final split (splits may change throughout the final week as more boats are registered). Competitors shall fly a class flag/ribbon from their backstay or starboard shroud if the boat does not have a backstay; only the Race Committee may protest a breach of this rule.

6. Scoring:

The PHRF (CR) Circular Random handicap rating will be used for all races.

7. Prizes:

Trophies for the first three places in this race will be given at a BBSA meeting at a time/date to be determined.

8. Sail Numbers:

To facilitate identifying boats for scoring, all boats participating in the Veterans Cup race shall have a sail number on at least one sail, preferably on both the headsail and the main sail.

9. Racing Area:

The race will be held in the Southern Bay in the vicinity of Little Creek Harbor Entrance around a combination of government marks normally used by LCSA.

10. Course Marks

S – Orange Ball drop mark in the vicinity of the RC boat.

J – Yellow buoy off Ocean view beach. Vicinity of N36 56.541; W 76 12.163 (location is shown on many charts as VMRC reef buoy).

K – Red “2” buoy near the entrance to Little Creek channel. Vicinity of N36 56.483; W 76 10.798

L – Green “1” buoy approximately 2 miles north of the Little Creek channel. Vicinity of N36 58.077; W 76 10.068

11. Courses:

Courses shall be posted on the RC boat as indicated by large letters for course marks and numbers for number of laps. Leave RED letter marks to PORT and GREEN letter marks to STARBOARD:

Example 1: **K L K S**

Example 2: **K S x2**

12. The Start:

All starts shall be in accordance with RRS 26. The first Warning Signal will be 0955, with the first start at 1000. It is anticipated (but not required) that except for the first fleet to start, subsequent Warning Signals will be made simultaneously with the previous class Start Signal (aka rolling starts). Races shall be started by using the following signals.

There will be three starts

- (a) First start will be Non-Spinnaker 2 class boats.
- (b) Second start will be Non-Spinnaker 1 class boats.
- (c) Third start will consist of Spinnaker class boats.

13. Starting Line:

The Start/Finish (S/F) Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an Orange Ball drop mark. **The S/F line will be within 1 NM of Little Creek Harbor Entrance Buoy Red 2 (36 56.483' N / 076 10.798' W).**

14. Check In:

All boats shall check-in with the Race Committee before the race by passing by the stern of the Signal Boat with their mainsail hoisted and hailing their boat name and sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

Check-in by VHF radio is not acceptable and will not be acknowledged.

15. Keeping Clear of Starting Area:

Boats are encouraged to remain clear of the starting area as boats are starting. Boats not racing shall keep clear of boats that are racing.

16. Collision With a Race Committee Boat

If any boat collides with any Race Committee boat or a limit buoy streamed off the stern of the signal boat, her penalty shall be to retire.

17. Individual Recall:

A boat is over the starting line early if any part of the hull is on the course side (OCS) of the line when the starting gun sounds. When this happens, flag "X" is flown with one sound. "X" remains flying until all offenders have restarted properly by getting back behind the starting line, but no later than four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal.

Additionally, the RC as a courtesy only, may attempt to announce the "over-earlies" on the radio. (This changes RRS 29.1)

18. Safety/Compliance with Government Restrictions:

Boats racing in or near a shipping channel **MUST** give way to commercial and/or military vessels operating in the channel and are required to **KEEP CLEAR** of those vessels. Competitors **MUST** take evasive action well in advance of any potentially dangerous situation. Communication directly with those vessels via VHF-13/16 is advised.

- a) Any attempt by a competitor to exercise right of way over, to cross in close proximity to, or to interfere with the reasonable transit of the race area by commercial, military, or other vessels unable to respond readily or restricted in their ability to maneuver will be grounds for protest.
- b) Should such a protest occur, the burden of proof is on the vessel allegedly interfering to show that she in no way interfered with that commercial/military vessel. Such protest may also be filed by a protest committee as a result of a report received from the offended vessel or local port authorities/pilots; the protest time limit for this circumstance is 48 hours after the time limit of the last race completed.
- c) As per RRS 42.3(i), if a dangerous situation develops, a boat may use her engine to avoid that situation. No penalty will be assessed, provided she does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

In no way does this instruction absolve any competitor from violation of the Collision Regulations.

19. Shortening Course:

The RC may shorten the course at any time by anchoring at a mark of the course, displaying Flag "S", with two sounds as the first boat approaches. RC will replace the Blue Flag mounted on his boat with Flag "S". Boats shall finish by passing between the RC boat (Flag "S") and the mark in the direction from the previous mark.

If there are multiple laps, the RC may shorten course at the Start/Finish line, displaying Flag "S", with two sounds as the first boat approaches. RC will replace the Blue Flag mounted on his boat with Flag "S". Boats shall finish by passing between the RC boat (Flag "S") and the "S" drop mark in the direction from the previous mark.

20. The Finish:

The finish line shall be the line between the "S" mark and the Blue Flag on the RC boat. Regardless of the color of the "S", all boats shall finish from the course side of the finish line.

If course has been shortened, boats shall finish from the course side between RC boat and designated mark.

While not required, the RC should consider adjusting the finish line so that it is roughly perpendicular to a line drawn from the RC boat and the last mark before the finish.

21. Time Limit:

No boat will be scored later than 2.5 hours after the first start (1230 if the race starts on time). This modifies Rule 35. Boats still racing at the time limit will be scored TLE (1 + the number of boats finished in their fleet).

22. Protests and Requests for Redress:

Boats shall inform the Race Committee of their protest at the time of the protest or as soon as possible after finishing or retiring by voice or by radio. The protestor shall ensure that the Race Committee acknowledges the protest. (This modifies RRS 61.3.).

Protests shall meet the requirements of RRS 61.2. and shall **be delivered by email to racing@broadbaysailing.org or by text to 703-244-2906 within 4.5 hours after the last start.** (This modifies RRS 61.3.) Protest hearings shall be held on Sunday evening or Monday evening at a location TBD.

Protest hearings shall be scheduled by the Veterans Day Race coordinator, or their representative. The protest committee shall be appointed by the Veterans Day Race Coordinator. Should the Veterans Day Race Coordinator be a party in the protest, they may transfer some or all of their duties concerning the protest to the BBSA Racing Fleet Captain.

23. Radio Communications:

All boats must have a working VHF and should monitor VHF-72 thirty (30) minutes before the first warning until racing is completed for that day.

a) Between the Courtesy and the Warning Signal, the RC may announce:

(1) Cancellation of racing due to bad weather or other factors.

b) While racing, the RC may announce:

(1) Boats who are "over early".

(2) Shortening of the course.

(3) Abandonment of racing.

(4) Cancellation of racing due to bad weather or other factors.

Failure of the RC to provide a radio announcement or failure of a boat to receive a radio announcement will not be considered grounds for redress.

To facilitate proper radio communications, boats are urged to limit use of VHF-72 to emergency communication with the RC and early retirement from the race.

24. Weather Cancellations:

Force 6 conditions or greater, as stated in the Beaufort Wind Scale, shall be grounds for cancelling the race.

The RC may cancel or postpone for lightning depending upon the location and direction of the storm.

Delays or cancellations before racing will be by VHF-72 and announced 30 minutes prior to the first warning. Updates will be provided every 15 minutes until it is determined to race or abandon.

Cancellations while racing due to weather will be by VHF-72. Competitors shall respond with acknowledgement.

Any decision to cancel or postpone is based on the judgement of the RC and is not subject to redress.

25. Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate in a race entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any race. The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole responsibility of the person in charge of the boat. The person in charge must ensure that the boat is sound, seaworthy, and manned by a competent crew of appropriate number for the boat. By participating or intending to participate in an event conducted under the rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees to accept these rules.

The person in charge of each boat shall ensure that all competitors in the crew and the boat's owners are aware of their responsibilities under RRS 4.

26. Insurance:

Each skipper of a participating vessel, by entering a BBSA sponsored race, certifies that the vessel they captain is insured for racing with valid third-party liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent.

27. Contacts:

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