

# 2023 Hot-Buttered Rum Race Instructions

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**Starting Sequence, Times, and Class Flags/Ribbons:**

Racing is for non-spinnaker, single headsail only and will be per RRS 2021-2024. The R/C will attempt to hail boats that are OCS on VHF 72. Please contact the R/C on VHF-72 if you retire.

Silver Label Fleet (Class Flag White) - White Ribbon or Flag flown on the backstay; rating 157 and lower  
 Gold Label Fleet (Class Flag Yellow) - Yellow Ribbon flown on the backstay; rating 158 and higher

1200 Warning - Silver Fleet (subsequent start for Gold Fleet per RRS 26; intended to 'roll').

Time Limit - 2.5 hours after the last start (e.g. 1440 if the Gold Fleet starts at 1210). Boats not finished by the time limit will be scored DNF.

**Courses:**

All rounding marks will be left to starboard. Courses will be signaled by a flag on the backstay of the R/C boat.

**West** - Denoted by BLUE flag.

**East** - Denoted by WHITE flag.

**East Course** - Silver Fleet - A, D, B, C, D, C and finish between S/F mark and R/C boat 6.8nm  
 - Gold Fleet - A, D, B, C and finish between S/F mark and R/C boat 4.4nm

**West Course** - Silver Fleet - B, C, A, B, D and finish between S/F mark and R/C boat 6.9nm  
 - Gold Fleet - B, C, A, D and finish between S/F mark and R/C boat 4.4nm

**Marks:**

**S/F** - Orange ball drop mark near R/C boat

**A** - Birdnest pole at east end of Little Bay 36°57.420' 76°16.486'

**B** - Daymark #5 (Green) in southwest entrance channel to Little Bay

**C** - Yellow ball drop mark southwest of daymark #7 at NW channel entrance to Little Bay 36°58.080' 76°18.400'

**D** - Orange drop mark at southeast end of Little Bay 36°57.130' 76°17.430'

Daymarks #9 and #11 are [passing] marks of the course and must be passed on the south side (to starboard when westbound and to port when eastbound). The area marked by the line of buoys (if present) that defines the security perimeter near the Navy base is an obstruction. The area marked by the line of white buoys that defines the perimeter of the HRBT Work Boat/Spud Area for Safe Harbor is an obstruction. Boats must stay out of these restricted zones at all times.

**Line Restriction:**

After starting, boats shall not cross between S/F mark and R/C boat except to finish. This modifies RRS 28.2.

Boats that violate this instruction and do not "unwind" before finishing will be scored NSC by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. The restricted line is considered an obstruction.

**Protests:**

In addition to the requirements of 61.1(a), boats shall notify the RC of their protest immediately after crossing the finish line or after immediately after they retire. This changes RRS 61.1(a). A written protest/redress request must be filed with the Race Committee within the time limit (60 minutes) of the RC boat docking at Willoughby Harbor Marina or Rebel Marina. Boats infringing a rule of RRS Part 2 may take a penalty in accordance with RRS 44.2 (2 Turns Penalty - Highly Recommended). The "yellow flag" Scoring Penalty (Rule 44.3) is available. If any boat collides with any Race Committee vessel, her penalty shall be to retire.

**Mark Pick-Up:**

The first boat in Silver Fleet and the first boat in Gold Fleet to finish shall pick up the marks at the end of the race. For east course, Silver first-to-finish picks up "C" mark, Gold first-to-finish picks up "D" mark. For west course, Silver first-to-finish picks up "D" mark, Gold first-to-finish picks up "C" mark. Make sure all boats have rounded before pick-up!!

