

2021 CHELSEA OPEN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. **RULES:** All races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021–2024 published by the United States Sailing Association, and by the "HRYRA Cruising Fleets 2021 Common Sailing Instructions"(CSI), all as modified by these instructions. Changes in these instructions, and other official notices, will be posted on the Boathouse Bulletin Board. Notices posted at least one hour before the start of the affected event shall be deemed notification to all participants.
2. **PHRF Certificates:** The PHRF Certificate requirement of Section 1.3 of the HRYRA Fleets 2021 Common Sailing Instructions does not apply to the Open fleets or to any one-design fleet.
3. **VHF RADIOS:** Each boat shall monitor VHF channel 72 for Race Committee Notifications. Errors in VHF transmissions shall be disregarded.
4. **STARTING AND FINISHING:** Racing will take place both days north of the Newburgh Beacon Bridge in the racing area in front of the CYC mooring Field. The Start/Finish line is between the pole flying the Race Committee flag on the Race Committee Boat and a small yellow tetrahedron (**see race course details**).
 - a. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
 - b. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number, Failure to hail her number, failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

5. THE COURSES

- a. The courses are described in Attachment A.
- b. The course shall be designated by a black-on-white number posted to both sides of the Race Committee signal boat.
- c. When any course containing a hyphen (such as FID-WID) is signaled, all boats shall complete the first lap by sailing through a gate, defined as the R/C boat and "Y" Mark (Start/Finish line).

6. MARKS

- a. Attachment B illustrates the location and describes the marks of the course corresponding to Attachment A.
- b. The starting and finishing marks shall be the race committee signal boat to the east and a nearby floating mark designated as Mark "Y" to the west.

7. **OTHER SIGNALS:** All race signals will be flown from the Race Committee Boat in accordance with The Rules of Sailing except:
 - a. Code Flag "N" will mean that all races currently in progress are abandoned.
 - b. Code Flag "S" will be flown ONLY AFTER the start.
 - c. If flown from the Race Committee boat at the start/finish line, Code Flag "S" will mean: Sail the short course (the portion of the course before the hyphen in the course description and finishing at the start/finish line.)
 - d. If flown at a nearby rounding mark, it will mean: Finish between the nearby mark and this flag.
 - e. If Code flag "AP" is flown from the Chelsea Yacht Club Flagstaff, It will be dropped one minute before the next warning signal.

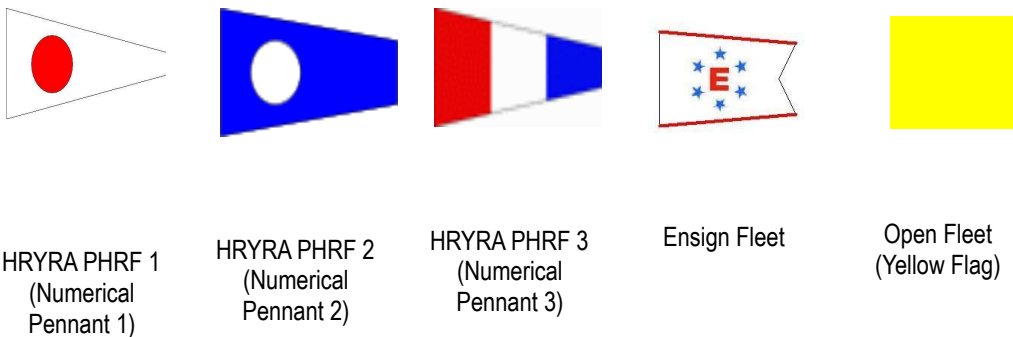
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- f. When code flag "AP" is displayed from shore, 'It will be dropped no less than 30 minutes from the next warning sign.
 - g. **CHELSEA YACHT CLUB DOES NOT USE "AP OVER A", "AP OVER H", "N OVER A", OR "N OVER H". CODE FLAGS "A" AND "H" MAY BE USED AS CLASS FLAGS.**
 - h. **This rule modifies Rule 32 and HRYRA Instruction 5.3.**
8. **COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC:** Commercial traffic is often present in the race area. Boats are permitted to use ANY means of propulsion to avoid interference with commercial vessels in the race area. When a boat uses a means of propulsion that is normally prohibited to avoid interference with commercial traffic, that boat must return to the exact location where it began such use and come to a complete stop before continuing to race. Any boat that interferes with commercial traffic shall be disqualified.
9. **PIPELINE BUOYS:** Note that there are five lighted buoys in the course area marking a submerged pipeline near CYC Mark W. These buoys are improperly marked in the NOAA charts as three lighted buoys. CYC Mark W is just north of this line of five lighted buoys. Parts of this pipeline have been observed floating between the eastern four buoys and it may not be safe to pass on the shore side of these buoys.
10. **MOORING AREAS RESTRICTION:** Boats shall not sail or pass on the shore side of moorings or anchored or moored boats in a mooring area. A boat which sails or passes on the shore side of such moorings or boats shall be disqualified. The entire CYC mooring area beginning with the first anchored boat or mooring North of CYC Lighted Buoy (W) and continuing to the last anchored boat or mooring South of CYC Lighted Buoy (N) shall rank as a continuing obstruction. Mooring areas and boats and moorings in mooring areas shall not rank as a mark of the course. When not used as a mark of the course, Chelsea lighted buoys are obstructions that may be passed on either side. Contact with empty moorings, and fending off anchored or moored boats with any part of the body is permitted without penalty. A boat which collides (boat to boat contact) with a boat anchored or moored in a mooring area shall be disqualified, unless she alleges that she was wrongfully forced by another boat to make contact with the anchored or moored boat and unless she protests that other boat.
11. **OPEN FLEET WHISKER POLES:** In the Open fleets, whisker poles that are not used with a spinnaker shall be attached to the mast and shall be no longer than 1.5 times "J".
12. **PENALTIES:** Section 14 of the HRYRA 2021 Common Sailing Instructions does not apply to the Open fleets or to any one-design fleet. HRYRA Fleets refer to CSI 14 (RRS 44.3). Open Fleet or One Design Fleet refer to RRS 44.1 and 44.2
13. **TIME Limits:** Refer to CSI 15
14. **Hearing Requests:** Refer to CSI 16
15. **Scoring:** Refer to CSI 17
16. **Safety:**
- a. Before each warning signal, each boat shall report her sail number to the race committee by oral hail. Hails on VHF do not satisfy this requirement.
 - b. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on VHF channel 72 or by oral hail.

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17. **RISK STATEMENT:** RRS 3 states: “ The Responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is theirs alone.” By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks, including but not limited to, strong winds, rough seas, weather changes and the risk of permanent catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
18. **STARTING ORDER/CLASS FLAGS:** The order in which classes start shall be HRYRA PHRF 1, HRYRA PHRF 2, HRYRA PHRF 3, CYC, **Ensign Fleet, Open Fleet.** (see amendment)
19. **The class flags** which serve as the warning signal for each class shall be as follows (flags for any additional classes will be posted on the Boathouse Bulletin Board):



Class	PHRF Values	Class Flag	Streamer Color
HRYRA 1	< 130, with Spinnakers	Code Flag 1	Blue
HRYRA 2	> 130, with Spinnakers	Code Flag 2	Orange
HRYRA 3	All without spinnakers	Code Flag 3	White
Ensign	One Design	Ensign Flag	none
Open	Non HRYRA without Spinnakers	Yellow Flag	none

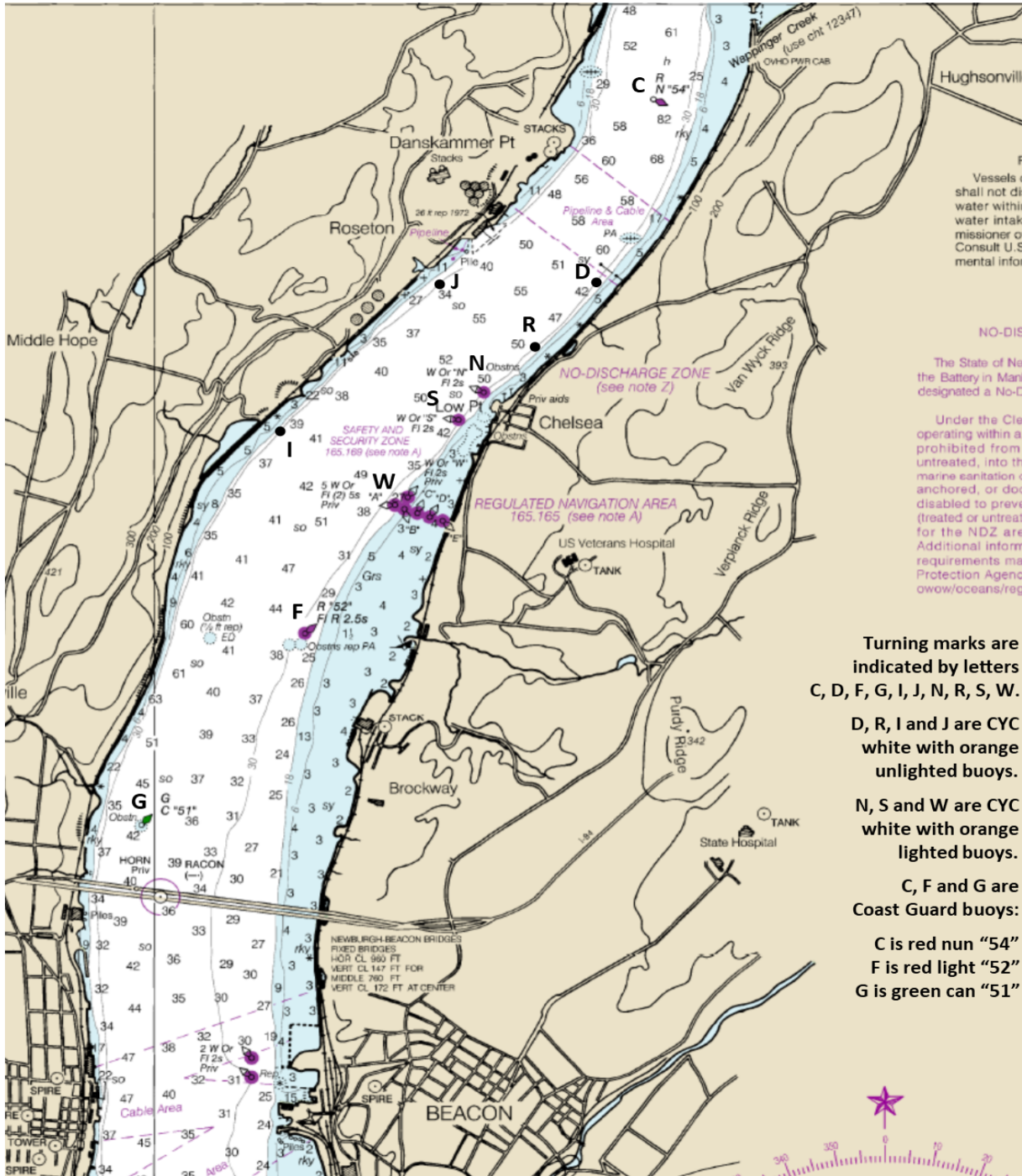
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Attachment A: [Amended Courses](#)

Course #	HRYRA FLEETS 1, 2	HRYRA FLEET 3, Ensign and Open Fleets	Marks to
1	DW-DW	DW-RW	P
2	WD-WD	WD-WR	P
3	RW-RW	RW-NW	P
4	WR-WR	WR-WN	P
5	F	F	P
6	C	C	P
7	DIF	RIW	P
8	FID	WIR	S
9	DJF	DJW	P
10	FJD	WJD	S
11	FD	FR	P
12	DF	RF	P
13	JF-JF	JF-JW	P
14	FD-FD	FD-WD	P
15	DF-DF	DF-DW	P
16	FID-FD	WID-WD	S
17	DIF-DF	DIW-DW	P
18	FID-WR	WID-WR	S
19	JDF-JDF	JDF-JDW	S
20	FID-FID	FID-WD	S
21	DIF-DIF	DIF-DW	P
22	CW-CW	CW-DW	P
23	DIF-DW	DIW-DW	P
24	FC-WC	WD-WD	P
25	JDG-JDF	JDF-JDW	S
26	DIG-DIF	DIF-DIF	P
27	GID-FID	FID-FID	S

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Attachment B:



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Amendments 6/11/2021:

5. THE COURSES:

C: Removed : “When any course containing a hyphen (such as FID-WID) is signaled, all boats shall complete the first lap by sailing through a gate, defined as the R/C boat and “Y” Mark (Start/Finish line).”

There shall be no starting line restrictions or requirements.

7. OTHER COURSES

C: Removed: If flown from the Race Committee boat at the start/finish line, Code Flag “S” will mean: Sail the short course (the portion of the course before the hyphen in the course description and finishing at the start/finish line.)

18. STARTING ORDER/CLASS FLAGS: It is the intention of the RC to start the classes in following order: HRYRA PHRF 1, HRYRA PHRF 2, HRYRA PHRF 3, Ensign Fleet , CYC Open Fleet.
Any changes to that will be signaled from the committee boat.

Attachment A: The HRYRA FLEET 3 will sail the shorter courses the same as designated for ENSIGNS and OPEN fleet.