

2025 HUDSON RIVER PURSUIT RACE – SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1.** This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Nyack Boat Club Hudson River Race Sailing Instructions.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1.** All entrants must be members of the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association (HRYRA) and possess a valid PHRF certificate issued by HRYRA or YRA-LIS.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1.** Notices to competitors will be posted to the event page/RC Bulletin Board by 8:30 a.m. Oct. 4th, 2025

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1.** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Race Committee slip.
4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’. This changes Race Signals, AP.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1.** Saturday, October 4th 2025
 One race is scheduled.
5.2. Skippers meeting: 09:30 hrs. on the patio.
5.3. Warning signal: 10:30 hrs.

6. DIVISIONS

- 6.1.** There will be one start for two divisions: spinnaker and non-spinnaker. Each yacht shall display from the backstay (approximately 6 feet above the deck level) a colored streamer indicating her division of entry.

Division	Class Flag	Streamer
1 Spinnaker	Code #1	Blue
2 Non-Spinnaker	Code #1	White

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1.** The racing area will be the part of the Hudson River between the Tappan Zee Bridge and Stony Point.
7.2. The start and finish will be near the Nyack Boat Club East of the NBC mooring field.
7.3. The NBC mooring area is designated as an obstruction. The mooring area is defined as the area within straight lines joining all outermost mooring buoys, No yacht shall sail within these obstructions while racing.
7.4. The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Research Buoy, located east of the North River Shipyard is designated as an obstruction. No boat shall sail within this obstruction while racing. The obstruction is defined as the area within straight lines joining tripod guard buoys surrounding the Research Buoy.

8. COURSE

- 8.1.** Courses are shown below.
8.2. The course number will be displayed on the stern of the RC boat.

9. TIME LIMIT

- 9.1.** There will be a 6 hour limit (measured from a yacht’s starting time) for the first yacht in each division to sail the course. If one yacht sails the course within the limit, an additional two hours will be given to all remaining yachts in their respective division.

10. MARKS

- 10.1.** The starting and finishing marks will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons. Marks of the course will be Government Marks and shall be left to port.

11. THE START

- 11.1.** Before the first warning signal, each yacht must hail the Race Committee with her Sail Number and Division, or she may call the Race Committee on VHF Channel 78 with the same information and receive verbal confirmation.
11.2. The starting line will be between the hoist displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a nearby mark.
11.3. There will be a single start for divisions 1 & 2.
11.4. The event will utilize a “pursuit” or reverse handicap start. Starting times will be staggered according to assigned PHRF handicaps (Distance Ratings). A list of starting times (ADDENDUM 1) will be made available no later than 0830 on the date of this race.
11.5. In the event of a postponement or delay, the RC vessel will announce by VHF radio the number of whole minutes that the start has been delayed. To correct their start time after a postponement or delay, racers should add the indicated number of whole minutes to their scheduled start times.
11.6. For the purpose of establishing a boat’s Preparatory Signal time, it shall be four minutes prior to her start time. Boats not racing (see RRS Definition of racing) shall keep clear of the racing area! All competitors are reminded to review RRS 21.1 and 64.2(b).
11.7. When at a boat’s starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line, the race committee shall promptly hail the boat on VHF Channel 78. When the hull of the hailed yacht has been completely on the pre-start side of the starting line, the race committee shall hail the yacht that she is clear. The X flag will not be displayed. This changes RRS 29.1.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1.** The Finish line will be between the hoist displaying the orange flag on the signal boat and a nearby mark. In the absence of the signal boat, the finish will be between two orange tetrahedrons.
12.2. Each yacht shall contact the Race Committee on VHF Channel 78 when approaching the finish.

13. PROTESTS

13.1. Protest hearing(s) (if needed) will be held in the NBC Boardroom the day of the race or via Zoom at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Protest filing limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee Boat docks or the last competitor finishes, whichever is later.

14. COMMUNICATIONS

14.1. Each boat shall monitor VHF Channel 78 for Race Committee notifications.
14.2. A boat withdrawing from a race shall notify the Race Committee on Channel 78.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1. Appendix T Arbitration will be in effect.
15.2. The scoring penalty, rule 44.3, will apply for a violation of a rule of Part 2. The penalty will be the number of places as described in rule 44.3(c).

15.3. Rule 44.1 will apply for a violation of rule 31.
15.4. For a violation of rule 31, or if a yellow flag is not displayed as required in rule 44.3(a), a boat may instead accept a scoring penalty as described in Rule T1 (see Appendix T of the RRS.)

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. 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 the race.

Hudson River Race Courses

Spinnaker Division		
Course	Mark(s)	Calculated Distance*
1	26	16.6
2	24	14.3
3	22	12.0
4	18	8.8
5	16, 26	17.8
6	16, 24	15.6
7	16, 22	13.3

Non-spinnaker Division		
Course	Mark(s)	Calculated Distance*
1	22	12.0
2	18	8.8
3	16	7.0
4	14	5.9
5	16, 22	13.3
6	16, 18	10
7	16	7.0

*Nautical Miles

