

## Notes for HRYRA CSI 2026

1. The Racing Rules of Sailing have been updated with several significant changes for 2025-2028. The HRYRA Common Sailing Instructions have been modified to be consistent with the new RRS. Please make sure you are using the latest version.
2. Please note that the Notice of Race should basically be limited to the items in Appendix J, J1; see RRS 89.2(a). Information about dinners, parties, etc., should be published in a separate announcement flyer.

3. The Notice of Race for the regatta should contain a statement such as:

The Sailing Instructions will consist of the HRYRA 2026 Common Sailing Instructions (CSI) and Supplementary Sailing Instructions for this regatta.

4. Please note that CSI 1.2 specifies that the supplementary sailing instructions for an individual regatta should be posted as a *notice to competitors* in addition to being made available to all racers prior to the first day of the regatta.
5. An item regarding sail number visibility has been added (CSI 1.4) at the request of US Sailing. Note that violations are subject to protest.
6. The streamer for double-handed racers is specified to be GREEN (CSI 6.1).
7. In <https://yralis.org/phrf-racing/racing> VII 3.3, YRALIS terminology for course description and PHRF ratings uses “ALL PURPOSE” to designate courses that are not specifically W/L (previously called “DIST.”) HRYRA certificates still use “DIST.” HRYRA will use the terms interchangeably as having the same meaning. VII 3.4 uses “W/L” to designate a Windward/Leeward course).
8. YRALIS VII 3.4 still specifies that W/L ratings are ONLY to be used in courses that have only two marks. HRYRA has received permission to modify this for courses with more than two marks provided that all legs are substantially parallel (several courses used by Hudson Cove are of this variety, e.g. S-W1-L-W2-F.) If any of your courses are like that, then you should
  - a. include in the NOR a statement such as:

In accordance with the posted notice from YRALIS, PHRF Regulations 2026, paragraph VII 3.4, first sentence is changed to be:

Windward/Leeward - Commonly abbreviated to W/L, this rating is ONLY for use in races where all legs of the course are substantially parallel and is adjusted to reflect the boats performance in VMG windward/leeward headings with no significant reaching element to the course.

- b. And post in *notices to competitors* the following letter from the YRALIS PHRF Committee:

To The HRYRA ;  
June 15, 2023

As the Hudson River Representative of the YRALIS PHRF Committee, the YRALIS PHRF committee is allowing the HRYRA Regattas at HCYC and any other YC that is under the guidelines of the HRYRA to add in the NoR of any such Regatta the change to the YRALIS PHRF regulations regarding paragraph VII 3.4:

3.4 Windward/Leeward - Commonly abbreviated to W/L, this rating is ONLY for use in races where ~~there are only two marks of the course (windward and leeward)~~ all legs of the course are substantially parallel and is adjusted to reflect the boats performance in VMG windward/leeward headings with no significant reaching element to the course.

Regards,  
Michael Colucci  
YRALIS PHRF Committee

9. If there are too few Double-Handed boats to allow for a separate class in a particular regatta, those present should be notified and given the option of racing in another class for which they have a PHRF rating. This **will** have an effect on the scoring for that class.
10. At the [strong recommendation of the US Sailing Racing Rules committee](#), the following has been included in the CSI for 2026:

16.4. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”

The reason for the change is that the rule as currently stated (using “or” rather than “and”), means that for a boat’s protest to be valid, she must have BOTH been involved in an incident AND seen the violation that occurred in that incident.

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