



2026 Chelsea Open
Supplement to HR-YRA Common Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1. Unchanged from Common Saling Instructions (CSI)
- 1.2. Unchanged from Common Saling Instructions (CSI)
- 1.3. Unchanged from Common Saling Instructions (CSI)
- 1.4. Unchanged from Common Saling Instructions (CSI)
- 1.5. Ensign Class Association Rules

2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1000 on Saturday and 0930am on Sunday. (This changes CSI 2.1)
- 2.2. Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted on the day by 2000 the day before it will take effect (added to SI)

3. Communications with competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Chelsea Yacht Club. (This Changes CSI 3.1)
- 3.2. On the water communications will be VHF channel 72 (This changes CSI 3.2)
- 3.3. Not modified from CSI
- 3.4. Failure of the race committee to make any VHF broadcasts, the timing thereof, or failure in the transmission or reception of any broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

4. Signals made ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Chelsea Yacht Club Flagstaff.
- 4.2. Unchanged from CSI 4.2

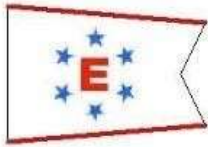
5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. This modifies CSI 5.1
 - 5.1.1. Saturday May 30, 2026 first race signal will be 11:00 am
 - 5.1.2. Sunday May 31, 2026 the first race signal will be 10:30 am
- 5.2. Unchanged from CSI
- 5.3. Unchanged from CSI
- 5.4. Unchanged from CSI
- 5.5. The race committee will attempt to run as many races as possible each day.
- 5.6. The Race Committee may combine starts based on class size. Combining starts may occur at anytime prior to the first warning of that start.



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6. Class Flags
 - 6.1. Unchanged from CSI
 - 6.2. Unchanged from CSI
 - 6.3. The class flag for the Ensign Class will be the Ensign class flag
 - 6.4. The ensign class will not have a streamer



7. Racing Area

- 7.1. The racing area will be the waters of the Hudson River in the vicinity of Low Point. (This modifies CSI 7)

8. Courses (Changes from CSI 8)

- 8.1. Attachment A is course numbers and marks (This changes CSI 8.1)
- 8.2. Attachment B is an illustration of the marks (This changes CSI 8.2)

9. Marks (Changes from CSI 9)

- 9.1. Course Marks consist of Government buoys ("F", "G", "C")
- 9.2. Chelsea permanent Marks White buoys with the corresponding letters on them
- 9.3. Inflatable temporary buoys ("X", "Y", and "Z") that are placed by the race committee.
- 9.4. Mark "X" will be placed South of the starting line
- 9.5. Mark "Z" will be placed North of the starting line

10. Obstructions: (Changes from CSI 10)

- 10.1. **Pipeline Buoys:** 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.
- 10.2. **Mooring Area:** Boats shall not sail or pass on the shore side of moorings or anchored or moored boats in a mooring area. 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.

11. The Start

- 11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 (unchanged from CSI)



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- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff or shroud displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark. (unchanged from CSI)
- 11.3. 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 broadcast on VHF her sail number, bow number or the name of the boat. Delay in the radio broadcast of these calls, or the order in which they are made, or any omission or failure in the transmission or reception of these, will not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a). **(This changes CSI 11.3)**

12. Changing the next leg of the course

- 12.1. Unchanged from CSI 21.1
- 12.2. The race committee may change the course by up to five (5) degrees in bearing and/or 0.2 nm in length without a signal. This changes RRS 33.

13. The finish

- 13.1. The finish line will be between a staff or shroud with a blue flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of the Finishing Mark. This changes CSI 13.1
- 13.2. Unchanged from CSI 13.2

14. The Penalty System

- 14.1. Unchanged from CSI
- 14.2. Unchanged from CSI
- 14.3. Appendix T is not in effect – This changes CSI 14.3

15. Time Limits for Finishing a Race

- 15.1. Unchanged from CSI
- 15.2. Unchanged from CSI

16. Hearing Requests

- 16.1. Unchanged from CSI
- 16.2. Unchanged from CSI
- 16.3. Appendix T is not in effect – This changes CSI 16.3
- 16.4. Unchanged from CSI



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Attachment A

Course #	HR YRA FLEETS 1, 2	HR YRA FLEET 3 and Ensigns	Marks to
1	DX	RX	P
2	XD	XR	P
3	ZX	DX	P
4	XZ	XD	P
5	DF	DX	P
6	GN	FN	P
7	C	D	P
8	CX	DX	P
9	FD	FR	P
10	FR-FR	FN-FN	P
11	GN-GN	FN-FN	P
12	FXF	FXF	P
13	FD	FN	P
14	DF	RF	P
15	JF-JF	JX-JX	P
16	FD-FD	FR-FR	P
17	DF-DF	DF-DX	P
18	JX-JX	JX-JX	P
19	CNC	DND	P
20	CDC	RXR	P
21	ZF-ZF	ZX-ZX	P
22	CF	DF	P
23	ZX-ZX	DX-DX	P
24	DX-DX	DR-DR	P
25	JFJ	JXJ	P
26	JXJ	JXJ	P
27	ZXZ	DXD	P



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Attachment B

