



Sailing Instructions (“SI”)

Thirsty Thursday Portsmouth Race Series for Spring and Summer

2026 Series Race Dates:

Spring Dates- 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18

Summer Dates- 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27, 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 -2028, various Class Rules, and regulations set forth by the NC Wildlife Commission and the US Coast Guard.
- 1.2 Sections T2, T3 and T4 of RRS Appendix T (“Arbitration”) apply.
- 1.3 Section V1 of Appendix V (“Alternative Penalties”) applies. This changes Rule 44.1.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted at the BSC picnic area and to the WhatsApp Thirsty Thursday group chat.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The latest version of the sailing instructions will be posted on the Blackbeard Sailing Club (“BSC”) website and distributed in as timely a fashion as possible on the WhatsApp “Thirsty Thursdays” chat group.
- 3.2 Changes to sailing instructions that would affect the racing for a given event (by date) will be posted on a bulletin board in the BSC Pavilion no later than one hour prior to the scheduled start time of the first race of that day.
- 3.3 Changes that HAVE BEEN appropriately made in writing and properly posted may be announced, on the water, verbally by RC, however, failure to receive, hear or understand any verbal communication made by RC is not cause for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

4. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

On the water, RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 78a. The Race Committee (RC) may, at any time, designate an alternate channel.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the BSC flagpole.
- 5.2 When AP is displayed ashore, '1-minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The event dates for the Thirsty Thursday Portsmouth Race Series are:

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6.2 Scheduled times for racing (all dates) –

16:45 - Competitors Meeting

17:30 - First warning, subsequent races to follow

7. CLASS FLAGS

Class flag(s) shall be the number 1 pennant.

8. COURSES

8.1 Courses will be windward-leeward and will be signaled by the display of a green or red flag indicating the course to be sailed. Course diagrams are illustrated on the attached "Course Diagrams."

8.2 The standard number of legs to be sailed is 4. If other than 4 legs are intended, that numeral pennant will be displayed below the course flag and may be announced over VHF 78A.

9. MARKS

Marks will be orange inflatable shapes or a mark boat displaying code flag "S" or "M."

10. THE START

10.1 The start line is between staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel on the starboard end and the course side of a starting mark on the port end.

10.2 Starts shall follow Rule 26 "Starting Races"

10.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

10.4 After the first race of the day the following starting sequence is intended to begin about 5 minutes after the last boat finishes. The RO may consider requests from boats for additional time not to exceed 5 minutes.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course in accordance with RRS 33, the race committee will lay a new yellow mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line is between staff or halyard displaying the blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1 If no boat in a fleet rounds the first mark within 20 minutes or finishes within 40 minutes of her start, the race for that fleet shall be abandoned.

13.2 Any boat that fails to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes or within the time limit, whichever is greater, will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 In addition to the requirements of Rule 61, a protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest at the conclusion of the race in which the incident occurred. This changes RRS 61.
- 14.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the Race Committee vessel when docked at BSC or in the clubhouse. Official forms are not required to file a request for a hearing but should follow the same structure as a Hearing Request form.
- 14.3 Completed Hearing Requests shall be delivered to the Signal vessel or to the PRO.
- 14.4 The time limit for filing a Hearing Request is 30 minutes after the Race Committee vessel has docked and made one long sound.
- 14.5 Notices will be posted to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.6 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, and RRS Appendix V, Alternate Penalties, will apply. It is required that parties involved notify the Race Committee within the Request for Hearing time limit.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

[DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Series racing consists of multiple events over as many dates. Substitution of crew is allowed on different race days.

17. CONFLICTS BETWEEN RACE DOCUMENTS

In the case of any contradictory information between the Notice of Race ("NOR") and Sailing Instructions ("SIs"), the SIs shall take precedence. Such contradictions, if present, shall NOT be grounds for a competitor to seek redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

18. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from Race officials. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, underage drinking, or failure to comply with the request of any Race Officer, Committee Member or BSC Board Member, the Skipper/Owner will be held responsible, and the boat, competitor, crew or guest may be subject to expulsion from the regatta by the event director. The Skipper/Owner shall release and hold harmless BSC; its Officers, Directors and agents for the Skipper/Owner, his/her crew or guest(s) violation of any of these provisions of these Sailing Instruction

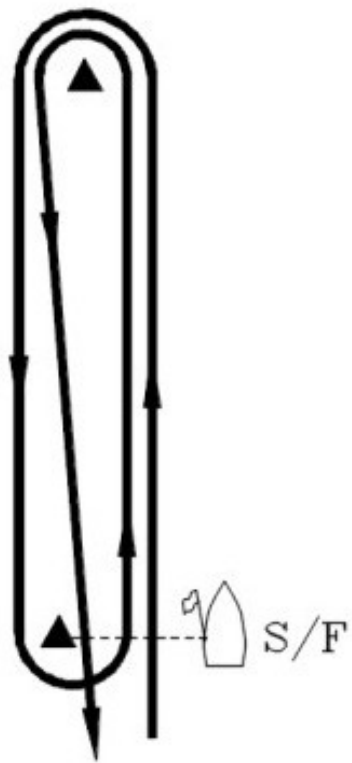
19. RISK STATEMENT

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 "Decision to Race". The race organizers (organizing authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization of official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event.

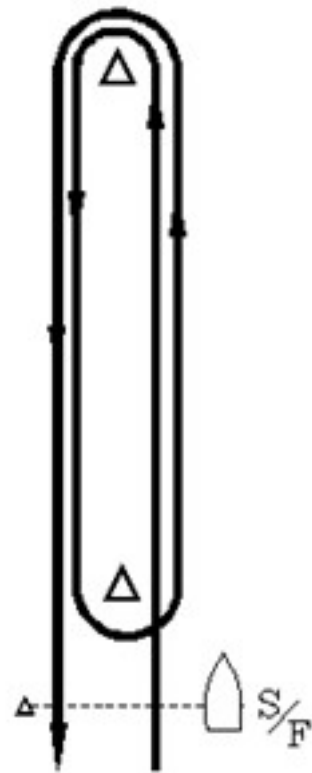
By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. The Skipper/Owner shall be responsible for the actions of his or her crew and guests.

The legal drinking age in North Carolina is 21. Minors are not permitted to consume alcohol.

COURSE DIAGRAMS



GREEN



RED