

Sailing Instructions

2025 BYC Friday Night Races



1. Rules

- 1.1. The Friday Night Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS) the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Northern California PHRF rules, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. RRS 40 is changed to read "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while on race course, except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment." Y flag will not be flown.
- 1.3. Single-handed boats are permitted to use an autopilot. This changes RRS 52.
- 1.4. RRS 63.1, 63.2 and 63.6 are replaced by the BYC Rolling Mediation Protocol, (Attachment 2).
- 1.5. RRS 75 requiring membership in a yacht or sailing club is waived.

2. Schedule

- 2.1. Every Friday March 14 to September 26 2025 inclusive.

3. Start Times

- 3.1. Time will be synchronized to UTC (Coordinated Universal Time). All Race Committee timing signals are optional and approximate.
- 3.2. Start times:

Division 1	Warning	18:40
Division 1	Start	18:45
Division 2	Warning	18:45
Division 2	Start	18:50

4. Divisions

- 4.1. There will be two divisions.
Division 1, First Start: PHRF 173 or slower or LOA less than 29 (slow or small)
Division 2, Second Start: PHRF 172 or faster and LOA 29 or more (fast and big) and multihulls

5. Communication

- 5.1. Pre-race announcements, including cancellations, will be communicated through the email group, berkeleyyc-beercan-racers@googlegroups.com. All communications are visible to public via URL: <https://groups.google.com/g/berkeleyyc-beercan-racers>
- 5.2. VHF radio channel 79 will be used for all on-the-water communication, including modifications to these SIs, announcement of the course number, postponements, recalls, etc. Participants shall monitor radio communications throughout the race.
- 5.3. Sound and flag signals may be used at the discretion of RC. Sound: single signal for both warning and starts.
- 5.4. Race results shall be announced in BYC after the race whenever possible and are available on the BYC results website at URL: <https://results.berkeleyyc.org>

6. Start/Finish

- 6.1. Starting Line is between the BYC starting mark and either (a) the mast of the anchored RC boat (or orange flag if displayed), or (b) a buoy dropped by RC.
 - 6.1.1. The RC boat is permitted to race, either by;
 - (a) slipping anchor from the starting line station to join the race after the start, in which case, boats on the pre-start side of the starting line when the RC boat leaves station will be considered to have started properly; or
 - (b) employing a buoy to form the start line and using an "honor start".
- 6.2. Finish Line is between the second stanchion—inclusive of corner stanchion—on the north side of the BYC deck (or orange flag if displayed) and the speed limit sign on the opposite side of the marina entrance.

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- 6.2.1. If there is no race committee at the finish line, each finishing boat takes its own time and reports it to beercan@berkeleyyc.org.
- 6.2.2. If a boat runs aground inside the breakwater, their finish time shall be the time the boat comes to a complete stop plus one minute.
- 6.3. Boats claiming a non-spinnaker allowance must signal when crossing the finish line by waving a buoyant cushion or life jacket.
7. **Courses & Marks**
 - 7.1. Courses will be announced by RC ten minutes prior to start (i.e. 18:35) via VHF channel 79. See Attachment 1 for full course descriptions. If a designated RC boat is on station, the course may also be signaled using numerical flags.
8. **Protests**
 - 8.1. Protests shall be filed with the race committee within one hour of the last boat finishing. Protests will be resolved in accordance with the IRRS as amended by the BYC Rolling Mediation Protocol (Attachment 2).

It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

Attachment 1: BYC Friday Night / Chowder Race Courses 2025

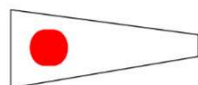
Courses are shown in the tables below.

- Course numbers are announced on channel 79, or optionally signaled by numeral pennants.
- The letter denotes the mark name.
- S denotes a starboard rounding, leave the mark to starboard.
- P denotes a port rounding, leave the mark to port.

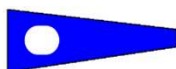
Course	5	13	14	25	41	43	45	53	123	143	213	241	314	341	1234
Marks	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start
	D-P	D-P	D-S	F-P	D-S	X-P	G-P	X-P	X-P	X-P	F-P	F-P	G-P	G-P	Custom
	BYC-S		X-S	BYC-S	X-S		BYC-S	BYC-S	D-P	D-P		D-P		D-P	
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Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish	
Distance	5.4	2.9	4.3	8.6	4.9	3.7	7.9	6.9	4.2	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.7	6.1	TBD

Course 1234:

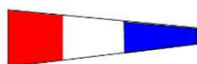
Custom course announced via VHF at least ten minutes before the start of the division.



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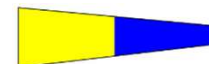
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BYC Friday Night / Chowder Race Legs

Distance in nautical miles
Course in degrees magnetic

	BYC	D	F	G	X	Finish
Start		1.26 227	2.49 250	2.64 267	1.64 265	0.39 86
D	1.26 47		1.41 270	1.85 293	1.00 315	1.58 56
F	2.49 69.7	1.41 90		0.77 338	1.00 45	2.86 72
G	2.64 86.6	1.85 113	0.77 158		1.00 90	3.02 87
X	1.64 84.5	1.00 135	1.00 225	1.00 270		2.02 85

BYC Friday Night / Chowder Race Mark Positions

Circle mark positions based on:

Mark D at 37-51.462 x 122-20.965

Mag. variation 14.4 deg east (2010)

Classic Berkeley Circle configuration

For guidance only - not for use in navigation

BYC	37- 52.07	122- 19.56
D	37- 51.46	122- 20.97
F	37- 51.81	122- 22.70
G	37- 52.57	122- 22.84
X	37- 52.32	122- 21.61
Finish	37- 52.00	122- 19.08



Attachment 2 BYC Rolling Mediation Protocol

Unless there is serious damage or injury, protest hearings will be conducted according to the BYC Rolling Mediation Hearing protocol:

The hearing may begin immediately after the RC has reason to believe that a written protest will be filed. The hearing may adjourn and resume as necessary.

The location of the hearing may move about anywhere within BYC during the course of the hearing.

Applicable sections of Racing Rules of Sailing, Part 5, are modified as follows:

RRS 61.2 (Protest Contents) is replaced with "A protest shall be in writing and need only contain sufficient information to identify the boats involved and the approximate time and place of the incident."

RRS 63.2 (Time and Place of Hearings), 63.3 (Right to be Present) and 63.4 (Interested Party) are deleted.

RRS 63.6 (Taking Evidence and Finding Facts) is replaced with: "The protest committee shall take the evidence of all readily available *parties* to the hearing and of all readily available witnesses and other evidence it considers necessary. Any person who saw the incident may give evidence. At the discretion of the protest committee, any *party* to the hearing or any other person may question any person who gives evidence. The committee shall then find the facts and base its decision on them."

In-House Appeal:

After the decision is announced, a *party* to the hearing may request that the decision be voided and the hearing repeated in accordance with the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, with a hearing at 8pm on the second Monday following the race. Members of the original Rolling Mediation Hearing protest committee shall not participate in the hearing of an in-house appeal.