

# 2024 Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series

## Sailing Instructions

*January 7 & 21; February 4 & 18; March 3 & 17; April 7*  
*First Warning 1255*

1. **Rules:** The 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as adopted by US Sailing except as amended by these Instructions.
2. **Entries:** Races are open to BAMA rated multihulls and monohull keel sailboats 20' and over
3. **Equipment:** All boats **must** comply with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) equipment requirements for recreational vessels.
4. **Start/Finish Lines:** Once the first warning has sounded, the Start/Finish line is restricted to boats preparing to start, starting, passing through the starting line to begin a second lap, or finishing. See Addendum for information about restricted areas.
5. **Starting and Course Signals:** Starting will be as described in Rule 26 as changed here. No flags. The official race signals will be oral by radio ONLY on VHF channel 69. No course, class, preparatory, postponement, shorten-course, or starting infraction flags will be flown. And because of the need for a clear radio channel for the starting sequences, no communication by radio with the RC will be allowed during the starting sequences, except to point out an error by the committee or a safety hazard. Note: fleets are often combined into multi fleet starts.
6. **Radio:** All boats must have working VHF radios and must be turned on to VHF channel 69 throughout the race.
7. **Late Starts:** A yacht will be scored as DNC if it starts more than 15 minutes late unless it hails the RC and requests a late start and is given permission to start.
8. **Time Limit:** 1600 hours. Racers who do not finish before time limit expires will be scored for a Late Finish and will be scored "number of finishers in the division plus 1." This changes Rule 35.
9. **Individual Recall:** 1 sound, sail number or boat name may be hailed via radio.
10. **General Recall:** 2 sounds and a radio hail to the fleet being recalled. The RC will instruct re fleet's starting order via radio.
11. **Postponement:** 2 sounds and a radio hail to all racers. To lift postponement, 1 sound and a radio hail to all racers one minute prior to the start of the next sequence.
12. **Abandonment:** 3 sounds and a radio hail to all racers.
13. **Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Any changes to the sailing instructions will either be posted on Jibeset prior to 1200 hours on the day it will take effect or RC will advise via radio hail prior to the first warning.
14. **Courses:** The course sheet is published separately and ranks as a part of these sailing instructions.
15. **Shorten Course:** Races may be shortened at the end of the first "lap." Horns will be used to signify finishing.
16. **Restricted Areas in addition to Start/Finish Line restriction:** The area northwest of Coast Guard Island bounded by a line from day marker G "S" to R "2" to R "4" and from each end of that line to the nearest point on Coast Guard Island is restricted. See the Addendum to the Sailing Instructions for more information.
17. **Sail Numbers:** Sails whose numbers differ from number on entry must be reported to RC before each race.
18. **Withdrawals:** Yachts withdrawing are to notify the RC by hailing on VHF channel 69.
19. **Protests:** Please consider some way of resolving the matter informally. Protests must be received no later than 0900 hours on Tuesday following the race at the email address [race@oaklandyachtclub.com](mailto:race@oaklandyachtclub.com) and contain information identifying the parties, the facts and the rule(s) claimed broken.
20. **Responsibility:** Skippers are solely responsible for deciding whether to start or continue racing.
21. **Ratings:** All monohull yachts must have a NCPHRF certificate and multihull yachts must have a BAMA rating certificate. The certificate is to be the current year or 1 year prior. One Single Race (SR) entry per boat, per series, will be accepted without the PHRF Certificate.
22. **Scoring:** Scoring per RRS Appendix A using the low point scoring system, except that number of yachts finishing plus 1 for DNF, DNS, DSQ, OCS or RET, plus 2 for DNC, plus 3 for DNE. Time on distance will be the basis for handicap scoring. Two throw-outs per Half series.
23. **Management:** Oakland Yacht Club shall have full power to interpret and enforce these instructions.
24. **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded after each race, the first half, and the second half.

## Addendum to Sailing Instructions

### A. Start/Finish Line Restricted Area

The line between the orange panel on the OYC race deck and the orange buoy off the OYC docks is restricted except for boats starting, restarting, approaching the end of the first “lap”, or finishing. This means that ***if you are approaching the start line in the opposite direction from how you started, you may not cross it; if you are approaching in the same direction you started, X is a Mark of the Course, and you must cross the line.***

The start/finish line, including the buoy, is an Obstruction for boats sailing in the opposite direction from the way they started, not a Mark of the course. The *Mark room* rules do not apply at this buoy between boats headed in the opposite direction from the way they started; for those boats the three-boat length circle has no application; and the proper hail if a boat is being forced into the restricted area is “Obstruction!”, not “Room at the Mark!” But for boats starting, ending the first lap, or finishing, the rules governing starting, rounding marks, and finishing apply as appropriate.

### B. The Restricted Area at Coast Guard Island

The provisions for the restricted area off Coast Guard Island remain unchanged:

The area northwest of Coast Guard Island bounded by a line from day mark FI (2 + 1) G 6s “S” to R“2” to R“4” and from each end of that line to the nearest point on Coast Guard Island is restricted.

The entire area defined by the restriction – not just the buoys – must be avoided; and the proper hail is “Obstruction!”; and the three-boat length circle has no application.

### C. Violations of Restricted Areas

Because of the safety concerns, violations of the restricted areas cannot be exonerated by penalty turns, and the RC will disqualify boats observed violating the start/finish line restriction without a protest.