



Winter and Spring Series

Rhumb Runners Organizing Authority
Winter Series - 1/14, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/11, 3/25

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by these Sailing Instructions. (Rules 26, 27.1 and 35)

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notice to competitors will be addressed at the skippers meeting prior to each race day.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes to sailing instructions will be addressed at the skippers meeting.

3.2 The Race Committee will display course changes on a white board located at the stern of the committee boat.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 9:00 Rig boats

10:00 Skipper's Meeting

10:45 All racers must be rigged and heading for the starting line.

11:00 Warning signal for 1st race

4.2 At least 3 races are planned each race day. One race constitutes a series.

5. CLASS FLAGS/ FLAGS

Pram - Vanguard insignia on grey

Sunfish - Sunfish insignia on yellow

Capri 16.5 - TBD and announced at Skipper's meeting

6. RACING AREA

6.1 Beautiful Boca Ciega Bay south of BCYC.

7. COURSES - See Appendix A.

7.1 Course diagrams will be made available each race day and adjusted as needed for prams.

7.2 A white board at the stern of the Race Committee boat will indicate which course to be sailed. "MO" modified Olympic, "T" one triangle, "T2" two triangles, "W" windward/leeward, "W2" windward/leeward twice around.

8. MARKS

8.1 Solid orange balls or flags or any new marks purchased by the club.

8.2 Prams will have a separate windward mark which will be closer to the Signal Boat than the windward mark for the Sunfish and Capris.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the following modifications:

Visual Signal	Sound	Time to Start
Warning - Class Flag (up)	1 - horn	3 min.
Preparatory Flag (up)	1 - horn	2 min.
Preparatory Flag (down)	1 - long horn	1 min.
Start - Class Flag (down)	1 - horn	0 min.

9.2 The starting line will be between a flag on the signal boat and the port end starting mark.

9.3 Sunfish will start first.

9.4 Capris will start after Sunfish.

9.5 Prams will start after Capris.

Flags Sound Time to start

10. THE FINISH

10.1 The finish line will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and a orange ball or buoy displaying a flag.

11. TIME LIMITS

11.1 Time limits are as follows:

Class	First Mark Time Limit	Race Time Limit
Pram	15 -minutes	30 minutes
Sunfish	15 minutes	45minutes
Capri	15 minutes	45 minutes

A race shall be abandoned if no boat has rounded the first mark within the first mark time limit or if no boat has finished within the race time limit.

11.2 Any boat not finished within 15 minutes of the first boat of her class start shall be scored DNF. this changes rule 35.

12 SAFETY

12.1 Prior to the waring signal for a fleet's first race of the day, sailors shall sail by the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack, check in my hailing skipper name and sail number and receive RC acknowledgement.

12.2 Sailors who retire should attempt to report to the RC before leaving the racing area.

13 EQUIPMENT

13.1 Sailors of club owned boats shall report in writing all damage, however slight, to the Race Chairman.

14 PROTEST

14.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Chairman

14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 1hour after the Race Committee has docked.

15 SCORING

14.1 Low point scoring system will apply.

14.2 Each skipper's final series score shall be the average of her race scores excluding her worst score when 5 races are completed.