



## Fall Racing Series

Rhumb Runners Organizing Authority  
**September 11, 25, October 16, 30,  
November 13<sup>th</sup> 2022**

### 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. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any changes to sailing instructions will be addressed at the skippers meeting, or on the water by raising the L flag.

2.2 The Race Committee will display course changes on a white board located at the stern on the signal boat.

#### 3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

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

#### 4. SCHEDULE

4.1-10:00 Skipper's Meeting

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

11:00 Warning signal for 1<sup>st</sup> race

4.2 Three races are scheduled each race day. Additional races may be run but will not be included in the scoring. One race constitutes a series.

#### 5. CLASS FLAGS

5.1 Pram – vanguard insignia on grey

5.2 Sunfish insignia on yellow

5.3 Capri 16.5 – red diamond on white

#### 6. RACING AREA

6.1 Boca Ciega Bay southwest of BCYC.

#### 7. COURSES – See Appendix A

7.1 Course diagrams will be made available throughout the series and adjusted as needed for prams.

7.2 A white board at the stern of the signal boat will indicate which course to be sailed. **MO** modified Olympic, **T** one triangle, **2 T** two triangles, **W** windward/leeward, **W2** windward/leeward twice around, **WOL** windward off set mark/leeward gate, **WOL2** windward off set mark/leeward gate twice around.

## 8. MARKS

8.1 Solid Orange, green balls, or flags, or any new marks provided by the club.

8.2 Prams will have separate windward mark set closer to the signal boat.

## 9. THE START

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

<b>Visual Signal</b>	<b>Sound</b>	<b>Time to start</b>
Class flag up	1 horn	3 minutes
P flag up	1 horn	2 minutes
P flag down	1 horn one long sound	1 minute
Class flag down	1 horn	0 start

9.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and orange ball or buoy displaying a flag on the port end of the line.

9.3 Each class has its own start.

9.4 Class sequence for starts: Sunfish, Capri's, then prams.

9.5 Wind requirements for Sunfish and Capri's starting or abandoning races shall include a minimum of 3 knots across the course and not to exceed 16 knots sustained.

9.6 Wind requirements for prams starting or abandoning races shall include a minimum 3 knots across the course and not to exceed 14 knots sustained.

## 10. THE FINISH

10.1 The finish line will be between a blue flag on the signal boat and orange ball or buoy displaying a flag at the port end of the line.

## 11. TIME LIMITS

11.1 Time limits are as follows:

<b>Class</b>	<b>First mark time limit</b>	<b>Race time limit</b>
Pram	15 minutes	30 minutes
Sunfish	15 minutes	45 minutes
Capri	15 minutes	45 minutes

11.2 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.

11.3 The race committee may score next place to any boat(s) unduly delaying the start of the next race within the time limit.

11.4 Any boat not finishing within the race time limit shall be scored DNF.

## 12. PROTEST

12.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Chair.

12.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the Race Committee has docked.

## 13. SCORING

13.1 Low point scoring system will apply.

13.2 Each skipper's final series score shall be the average of her race scores excluding her worst score when she has competed in five or more race days.

13.3 If a racer volunteers for Race Committee, she shall receive average points for that day.

#### 14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 Prior to the first warning signal, all boats shall pass by the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack to check in by hailing name and sail or boat number.

14.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

14.3 Racers are encouraged to carry lifesaving equipment on their boats.

14.4 A competitor or support person shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

#### 15. EQUIPMENT

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

#### 16. COMMUNICATION

16.1 Except for safety situations, a boat shall neither make VHF radio transmission nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

16.2 The Race Committee intends to use VHF marine radio channel FIVE.