



JOHN WRIGHT FROSTBITE SERIES

WINTER 2025 - 2026

Organizing Authority:

Benicia Yacht Club
400 East Second Street
Benicia, CA 94540-3305
(415) 238-3977

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

- 1.0 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices will be posted on the Benicia Yacht Club Racing Website(s) https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing_and on the Racing Board located in the BYC Norton Lounge
- 2.0 **RULES:**
- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 to 2028.
- 3.0 **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change in Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Benicia Yacht Club Racing website(s) <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing> and on the Racing Board located in the BYC Norton Lounge at least 2 days prior to application of the change. In addition, at least one email will be sent the registered competitors to alert them of the change.
- 4.0 **CLASS FLAGS:**
- 4.1 **Y Flag-** will not be required however all racing participants shall wear a coast guard approved PFD from time of check in prior to the race until returning to their space dock.
- 4.2 **CLASS FLAGS** are not required to be flown by competitors.
- 5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS:**
- 5.1 **ON-THE WATER COMMUNICATIONS:** Each boat intending to race must check in at the captains' meetings before starting (11:30 PST the day of each race). Radio communications will be over VHF Channel 71. Skippers may use their cell phones to communicate/text to the Race Chair - Noble Griswold, (707)315-0484 if VHF channel 71 is not available/working.
- 5.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or communication that is not available to all boats.
- 5.3 **RETIRING:** A boat retiring from a race must notify the Race Chair by hail, on VHF channel 71, or by phone/text - Noble Griswold, (707)315-0484.
- 6.0 **COURSES AND MARK DESCRIPTIONS:** The Course Sheet is part of the Sailing Instructions and included as SI Addendum 2. The course sheet includes all marks with their descriptions.
- 7.0 **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** The Frostbite series will have races on the following dates.

Date	Meeting Time
November 8, 2025	11:30
December 13, 2025	11:30
January 10, 2025	11:30
February 7, 2025	11:30
March 14, 2025	11:30

8.0 **AREAS OF OBSTRUCTIONS OR RESTRICTED:**

8.1 **RESTRICTED:** Daymark "23" (near Benicia's 1st Street Pier) must be left to the north. Boats may not pass between the islands or visible rocks and the North shore of the Carquinez strait.

8.2 **INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC:** Boats must not interfere with commercial vessels, naval vessels, tugs, or fishing boats. Boats so doing and thereby endangering their own safety and that of others will be subject to disqualification and/or protest by other competitors. This includes receiving 5 horns or a phone call from the harbor pilot to the committee or race chair.

9.0 **THE START/FINISH:**

9.1 **START SEQUENCE:** The start time will be at 12:00 hours. Boats will start in reverse order to their PHRF ratings as listed as a coarse Sheet addendum 1 in the SI's.

9.2 **Start Line:** The starting line is the Southernmost pile of fuel dock.

9.2.1 Boats are allowed to motor out of the marina however, they must stop their engine within 100 feet outside the marina entrance. Deep keel yachts may start outside the marina by adding 60 sec to their published start time.

9.3 **ABANDONMENT OF RACE:** The race chair may determine to abandon a started race. An announcement over VHF radio Channel 71 will be made immediately.

9.4 **THE FINISH:** The finish line is an extension due south true from the marina green light keeping buoy 25 to the south. Yachts are encouraged to take their finish time and note the finish of the yachts around them.

9.5 All boats must send their finish time or status (e.g., DNF) via text to the PRO Mark Campbell 510-453-4136 within 30 minutes of finishing. Usage of the BYC Second Half 2025 Racers Group chat is also an option for texting.

10.0 **TIME LIMIT:** The time limit will be 17:00.

11.0 **PENALTY SYSTEM:**

11.1 **ALTERNATIVE PENALTY:** The two-turn penalty as written in paragraph 44.1 of the RRS 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing with U.S. prescriptions will be in effect. If fouled by another boat, immediately hail your intent to protest so that the other boat can elect to perform the alternate penalty. To absolve the protest, the protested boat must get clear and perform two turns in the same direction, staying clear of all boats until on the proper course for the next mark. Fouling a mark is now a one turn penalty.

12.0 **PROTESTS AND REDRESS:** Protests must be filed with the Race Chair no later than 19:00 hours the day of each race. Protests must conform to RRS rules.

12.1 Protest mediation will be conducted per the "Protest Mediation" document posted on the racing bulletin board at BYC Norton Lounge. A boat that accepts fault at a mediation hearing shall receive a DNF score. The scores for the other boats will be adjusted accordingly.

12.2 If necessary, the protest will be held at an agreed time by both skippers and the Protest Chairman.

13.0 **SAFETY REGULATIONS:**

13.1 **MINIMUM EQUIPMENT:** All boats must comply with the U.S. Coast Guard safety

equipment requirements for recreational vessels. All boats must display the proper running lights.

- 14.0 **DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH:** Boats observed willfully discharging trash overboard shall be disqualified from all races sailed on the day that the infraction is observed. The onus is on the protesting boat.

15.0 **RISK STATEMENT:**

- 15.1 22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

- 16.0 **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For more information, contact the Race Chair, Noble Griswold, (707) 315-0484, noblegriswold@gmail.com



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**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs) Addendum 1 Start sequence instructions with
respective course choices.**

BOAT - FULL	PHRF	1	2	3,4 and 5	6	7	8
SERENE	216	12:00:00	12:00:00	12:00:00	12:00:00	12:00:00	12:00:00
PLAYPEN2	183	12:01:39	12:03:18	12:03:25	12:03:51	12:01:52	12:01:52
FOGCUTTER	171	12:02:15	12:04:30	12:04:39	12:05:15	12:02:33	12:02:33
WOODSTOCK	168	12:02:24	12:04:48	12:04:58	12:05:36	12:02:43	12:02:43
LIVING HAPPY	165	12:02:33	12:05:06	12:05:16	12:05:57	12:02:53	12:02:53
HURRICANE GULCH	156	12:03:00	12:06:00	12:06:12	12:07:00	12:03:24	12:03:24
WARWHOOP	153	12:03:09	12:06:18	12:06:31	12:07:21	12:03:34	12:03:34
VITAMIN SEA	147	12:03:27	12:06:54	12:07:08	12:08:03	12:03:55	12:03:55
CALI	141	12:03:45	12:07:30	12:07:45	12:08:45	12:04:15	12:04:15
E TICKET	117	12:04:57	12:09:54	12:10:14	12:11:33	12:05:37	12:05:37
HARVEST	93	12:06:09	12:12:18	12:12:43	12:14:21	12:06:58	12:06:58
RACER X	90	12:06:18	12:12:36	12:13:01	12:14:42	12:07:08	12:07:08
L ATTITUDE	66	12:07:30	12:15:00	12:15:30	12:17:30	12:08:30	12:08:30



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs) Addendum 2 Course Sheet Marks

Course:

- **Starting Line/Mark**- Southernmost pile of fuel dock
- **Finishing Line/Marks** - The finish line is an extension due south true from the marina green light. Crossing Longitude 122°09.276' W is the finish keeping buoy 25 to the south.

1.0 Descriptions of Marks:

Mark	Description	
X	Mark at the Start/Finish line	W122° 09.276, Buoy 25 to the south
B	Bales mark between Sander's Tug & Valero Dock	N38°02.300' W122°08.80'
21A	Buoy 21A (green) off Ninth Street	N38°03.394' W122°10.897'
BP	Red/Green buoy 50 yds west of Carquinez Bridge	N38°03'395' W122°13'387'
3	Buoy 3 (green) west of Benicia Bridge	N38°02.304' W122°09.750'
25	Buoy 25 (green) in shipping channel	N38°01.989' W122°07.345'
7	Green buoy east of Benicia Bridge	N38°02.900' W122°05.952'
8	Red Buoy #8 Point Pinole	N38°01.510' W122°22.138'

Course		Miles
1	Start, 21Ap, Finish	3
2	Course one twice around	6
3	Start, 21Ap, 25p, 21As, Finish	6.2
4	Start, 21Ap, 3p, Finish	6.2
5	Start, 3s, 21As, Finish	6.2
6	Start, BPp, Finish	7
7	Start, 3s, Finish	3.4
8	Start, 21Ap, Bs, Finish	3.90