

## BYC LIGHTHOUSE RACE 2025

### Organizing Authority:

Benicia Yacht Club  
400 East Second Street  
Benicia, CA 94510-3305  
PRO Mark Campbell

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

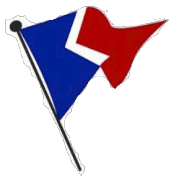
- 1.0 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices will be posted on the Benicia Yacht Club Racing Website(s) [https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing\\_and](https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing_and) on the Racing Board located in the BYC Norton Lounge and at <https://www.jibeset.net/ourregatta.php?A00=yes&A11=yes&CLUB=BENYC>
- 2.0 **RULES:**
  - 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 to 2028. This is a pursuit format race with the highest PHRF rated boats starting first and in order to the lowest rated boats.
- 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](https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing_and) and on the Racing Board located in the BYC Norton Lounge prior to application of the change. In addition, at least one email will be sent the registered competitors to alert them of the change if possible.
- 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 with the Race Chair before starting. Check in may be by hail or on VHF Channel 71 or by text to 415 238 3977.
  - 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 text to - Steve Corwin, 415 238 3977.
- 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 **AREAS OF OBSTRUCTIONS OR RESTRICTED:**
  - 7.1 **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.
  - 7.2 **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.

- 8.0 **THE START/FINISH:**
- 8.1 **START SEQUENCE:** The first boat start time will be at 08:30:00 hours July 19, 2025. Boats will start in reverse order to their PHRF ratings as listed as a coarse Sheet addendum 1 in the SI's.
- 8.2 **Start Line:** The starting line is the Southernmost pile of fuel dock aligned perpendicular (90 degrees) to an imaginary line running down the center of the harbor entrance from the Carquinez Strait.
- 8.2.1 Boats are allowed to motor out of the marina however, they must stop their engine within 100 feet outside the marina entrance.
- 8.3 **ABANDONMENT OF RACE:** The race chair may determine to abandon a started race. An announcement over VHF radio Channel 71 will be made immediately.
- 8.4 **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.
- 8.4.1 All boats must send their finish time or status (e.g., DNF) via text to Race Chair Steve Corwin 415-238-3977 within 30 minutes of finishing. Also, they must report the same via email to [race@beniciayachtclub.org](mailto:race@beniciayachtclub.org) within 24 hours of completion of the race
- 9.0 **TIME LIMIT:** 20:00 hrs Saturday, July 19, 2025.
- 10.0 **PENALTY SYSTEM:**
- 10.1 **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 a one 360 degree turn penalty.
- 11.0 **PROTESTS AND REDRESS:** Protests must be filed with the Race Chair no later than Sunday, July 20, 2025, at 15:00 hours. Protests must conform to RRS rules.
- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 If necessary, the protest will be held at an agreed time by both skippers and the Protest Chairman.
- 12.0 **SAFETY REGULATIONS:**
- 12.1 **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.
- 13.0 **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.
- 14.0 **RISK STATEMENT:**
- 14.1 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.**

**It is the boat captain's responsibility to have all crew members sign the BYC Crew Release Form for 2025/26 prior to participating in any BYC races or race related events.**

- 15.0 **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For more information, contact the Race Chair, Steve Corwin, [race@beniciayachtclub.org](mailto:race@beniciayachtclub.org).



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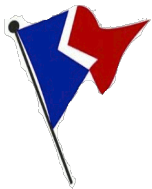
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## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs) Addendum 1 Start sequence instructions for: July 19, 2025.**

<b>Boat</b>	<b>PHRF</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
<b>Start Base</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>08:30:00</b>
<b>Serene</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>08:30:00</b>
<b>Playpen 2</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>08:41:43</b>
<b>Woodstock</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>08:47:02</b>
<b>Living Happy</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>08:48:06</b>
<b>Hurricane Gulch</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>08:51:18</b>
<b>Warwhoop</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>08:54:30</b>
<b>Vitamin Sea</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>08:54:30</b>
<b>Cali</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>08:56:38</b>
<b>E-Ticket</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>09:05:09</b>
<b>Harvest</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>09:13:40</b>
<b>Racer X</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>09:13:40</b>
<b>L'Attitude</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>09:23:15</b>

**Distance                      30.88            Miles**



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### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs) Addendum 2 Course Sheet Marks.

#### Course:

- **Starting Line/Mark**– Southernmost pile of fuel dock aligned perpendicular (90 degrees) to an imaginary line down the center of the entrance to the harbor from the Carquinez Strait
- **East Brother Light Station(Three Brothers Islands)** – round the Islands in either direction,
- **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
EBSL	East Brother Light Station – Three Brothers Islands	N37.963233° W122.433643°

Charts Provided for Descriptive Purposes Only and Not to be Used for Navigation Purposes

