

2023 VALCOUR RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

July 9, 2023

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1. RULES

The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Each boat must carry appropriate insurance, be registered for the race, and be in compliance with State and Federal regulations.

3. IDENTIFICATION

Sail numbers are required.

4. CHANGES TO INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be listed on www.mayorscup.com

Changes to sailing instructions or to the designated course may be given on the water.

5. REGISTRATION

In order to facilitate handicap rating, participants must pre-register online.

Registration will be accepted until 5 PM, Friday, July 7, 2023. However, boats with current LCPHRF rating may register on the day of the race.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Code flag F: Multihull Division

Purple: Spinnaker Division

White: Jib & Main Division

7. ENTRIES

Any sailing vessel may be entered in the Multihull, Racing and Jib & Main Divisions, provided she satisfies the requirements of that Division.

PORTSMOUTH MULTIHULL DIVISION

Multihull boats capable of being rated by the Portsmouth system are eligible to participate in this division. Life jackets must be worn at all times.

SPINNAKER DIVISION

Any monohull vessel rated by or capable of being rated by LCPHRF is eligible to participate in this division.

SPINNAKER DIVISION	LCPHRF RATING
A	Less than 93
B	93-126
C	Above 126

JIB & MAIN DIVISION

Any monohull vessel rated by or capable of being rated by LCPHRF is eligible to participate in this division. They are permitted to race using only the headsail allowed within the boat's PHRF Rating.

This disallows spinnakers, bloopers, flashers or other specialty sails.

JIB & MAIN DIVISION	LCPHRF RATING
A	Less than 159
B	159 and above

8. SCHEDULE

Race date: July 9, 2023. There will be no skipper's meeting. The orange start-line flag will be displayed once the Committee Boat is on station. The first warning will be at 1000. There will be separate starts for the Multihull, Spinnaker and Jib & Main divisions.

Races will be started in accordance with the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing, Rule 26.

Multihull Division: warning 1000, start 1005

Spinnaker Division: warning 1005, start 1010.

Jib & Main Division: warning 1010, Start 1015

The class flag for each class will be hoisted 5 minutes prior to the start for the class. The preparatory flag (Code Flag P) will be hoisted 4 minutes prior to the start for the class. The preparatory flag will be removed one minute prior to the start for the class. The class flag will be removed at the start.

9. CHECK-IN

All participating boats shall sail by the Race Committee Boat prior to the start, on starboard tack, hailing: name of boat, sail number and class

10. STARTING AREA

The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

The starting area is defined as a rectangular box whose length extends 150 feet beyond each end of the start line and whose width is 150 feet above and below the starting line and its extensions. Boats entering the starting area before their class sequence has been signaled may be disqualified for failing to keep clear.

11. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

Boats crossing the line prior to the start must return to start properly. An attempt will be made by the Race Committee to notify premature starters by hailing the early-start vessel's sail number while displaying Code Flag X and sounding one horn. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. GENERAL RECALL

General recalls will be signaled by displaying Code Flag "First Repeater" and two horns. The next signal will be preparatory for the division recalled. The starts for the succeeding division will be postponed accordingly.

13. THE FINISH

The finish line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the adjacent mark.

14. TIME LIMIT

Boats must finish before 4 PM in order to be scored.

15. PROTESTS

A Protest shall be indicated at the time of infraction by notification of the other boat and prominently displaying the protest flag (Code Flag B), or as a minimum, a piece of red cloth not less than 20 square inches nor less than two inches on the smallest side. However, if at the time of this alleged infraction, the protested boat executes a 720° turn, the penalty for the infraction will be considered fulfilled. The Race Committee reserves the right to add additional penalties for gross infringements of the rules. Upon finishing, when the 720° option has not been used, or a gross infringement has occurred, the protesting boat will notify the Race Committee Boat immediately upon finishing of the name and sail number of the vessel protested. Protests shall be written on a protest form and delivered to the Committee Boat within 30 minutes after the finish of the protesting boat. The Protest Committee will hear protests as soon as possible. The Protest Committee reserves the right to wait no longer than 5 minutes before starting the hearing in the absence of the protestor and or protestee.

16. POSTPONEMENTS

Postponements will be signaled by Code Flag AP and two horns. The Code Flag AP shall be lowered and one gun/horn fired one minute prior to the next signal.

17. ABANDONMENT

Abandonment will be signalled by Code Flag N. When flown individually, it indicates abandonment for all classes. When flown with Class Flag(s) indicates cancellation of the indicated Class(es) only.

18. COURSE

Racing, Multihull and Jib & Main Divisions:

Start between the orange flag on the Committee Boat and "GC1"

Leave Crab Island to port

Leave a yellow mark in the vicinity of "GC3" to port

Leave Crab Island to port

Leave "RN 24" to port

Finish between the orange flag on the Committee Boat and "BC1"

19. SHORTENING COURSE

The Race Committee may, at its discretion, shorten the course at any mark prior to the first boat crossing that mark. A Race Committee Boat will establish its position at said mark by displaying Code Flag "S" and sounding two signals.

When either the Spinnaker flag, or the Jib&Main flag is displayed with S flag, the shortened course applies only to that Division.

20. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

When changing the course after the start, the Race Committee will lay a new mark as soon as practicable. A change of course will be signaled near the mark beginning the leg being changed by a Race Committee boat that will display Code flag "C". The approximate compass bearing and distance to the new mark will be either a verbal or written command. A horn will sound periodically. The change will be signaled before the leading yacht has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position.

21. RETIREMENT

A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee.

22. SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

Any time while racing and wind speeds exceed 20 knots all crew members are required to wear a personal floatation device while on deck.

Competitors in the Multihull Division are required to wear a personal floatation device at all time.

The Race Committee intends to communicate with competitors via radio on VHF.

23. RISK STATEMENT

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is her 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 change 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.**

24. SCORING

Boats in the Spinnaker and Jib&Main divisions will be scored on corrected time using the time-on-time method based on the Lake Champlain PHRF rating,