

Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May

2023 Keel Boat Local Offshore Race Series

Sailing Instructions

June 12, 2023 v 1.0

1. Rules

The Rules will be governed by the current US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (Hereafter: USRRS), the prescriptions of the USSA, the rules of the J70 class association, the rules of ORR EZ and these sailing instructions.

2. Entry

- Open to all boats owned by CYCCM members in good standing and Non Members, who have completed online registration at yachtscoring.com, signed a liability waiver and, paid the series entry fee.
- All boats must meet the Safety Equipment Requirements Keel Boats as attached to the NOR
- There will be two classes, ORR EZ Class A, and J70 Class B.
- Boats in the ORR EZ must have a valid current certificate. J70 must have a valid class measurement document as required by class rules.
- A boat may not change her ORR EZ rating or class after completing her first race.
- All boats must have sail numbers.
- All boats must have an operating VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting. Unless stated differently at skippers meeting channel 72 will be used.

3. Notice to competitors

- All notices shall be posted on the CYCCM Notice Board located on the porch of Wally World Building

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- Changes to these sailing instructions shall be posted not later than 0930 the day they take effect. These instructions supersede any conflicts with the NOR.
- The RC may change the order of start , and the finish line configuration on the water on the day of racing

5. Signals made ashore

- All signals ashore shall be made from the Race Committee mark boat “OVAH” on the club docks. If “OVAH” is not available signals shall be made from the club mast.
- When “AP” is displayed ashore the Warning Signal for the next race shall not occur earlier than 60 minutes after the “AP” is removed.
- Code flag L displayed ashore indicates an important message for competitors has been posted on the official notice board.

6. Schedule

- The race schedule will be posted on the official notice board and on YS in the NOR. The first race(s) shall be June 17, the final race(s) and awards presentation shall be September 09, 2023.
- A competitors meeting will be held the morning of each race day at **1030 hours**. Warning signal for first start for regular series races will be at 1200 hours.

7. Checking in

Before the first warning signal of the day, each yacht shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC (by repeating the sail number)

8. Marks

Marks 1, 2, 3 will be orange tetrahedrons, Marks used for changes in the course in accordance with USSRR rule 33 will be yellow tetrahedrons. Offset marks if used shall be small Red Balls. Mark 1 shall be the windward mark, Mark 2 (if used) shall be the reaching mark and Mark 3 shall be the leeward mark. Green Tomato shaped marks may be used for starts/ finishes below the leeward mark.

9. Courses

Courses will be displayed on a course board from the starting line by the RC signal boat. Courses will be designated as T or W followed by the number of legs. Typical courses are displayed under section 22.

- Display “T6” shall be a triangle course consisting 6 legs consisting of triangle followed by a windward leg, a leeward leg and a finish to windward, all marks to port. Course mark sequence is Start 1-2-3-1-3- finish. A “T 5” course shall be a triangle course consisting of a triangle followed by windward leg marks to port and a finish to leeward through the starting line: Start 1, 2, 3, 1, Finish.
- Display “W2” shall be windward /leeward course. Start to Weather taking Mark 1 to port, and a leeward leg to finish. The number of legs to be sailed will be included. “W 3 “ shall be a windward leeward course consisting of windward leg to Mark 1 to port, a leeward leg to mark 3 to port, another windward leg to windward finish between committee boat orange flag and Mark 1.
- Finish line for W2 and W4 courses shall be same configuration as the starting line, finishing by crossing the finish line from the course side taking the committee boat to port and the finish mark to starboard. The RC may utilize a start/finish line below the leeward mark. This will incorporate a green tomato mark on the port end. Finishes shall be between the blue flag and the green tomato mark on downwind finishes. Finishes for W3, T6, W5 etc., to weather, will be between the finish boat to starboard and the weather mark (1) to port.
- RC boat course board shall display the course, number of legs, magnetic heading to the first mark.

10. Start/Finish

- ORR EZ Fleet Class A and will be indicated by flag code flag “ 1 “
- J70 fleet Class B will be identified by code flag “ 2”
- Two or more starts shall be scheduled: The RC shall determine the order of start depending on conditions. The RC may combine fleets into a single start by announcing before the start. Start order shall be announced on VHF before the start of the first sequence.
- The starting sequence shall be in accordance with USSRR Rule 26.
- Prior to the warning signal for the beginning of the starting sequence(s) the RC signal boat, as a courtesy, shall display code flag “F” with repeated short signals. The RC shall announce over VHF radio channel 72, the course, the heading to the first mark and, the order of start and other important announcements as necessary. The Code flag “F” will be removed with several short signals shortly before the warning signal for the start. None of the “F” sequence signals are timed. Failure to hear or understand radio transmissions shall not be grounds for redress. The warning signal for the second start will be made shortly after the start of the previous class.
- The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and an orange tetrahedron or green tomato shaped mark. Any yacht which does not start within 10 minutes of her class starting signal shall be scored DNS.
- Finish line will be between a blue flag and adjacent mark. **For 2023 the finish line for downwind finishes shall be on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting line unless noted**

before the race begins. The Mark for the finish line on downwind finishes will be a red ball.

Upwind finishes will be between a blue flag on the RC boat and the weather mark.

• **11. Recalls**

Individual recalls shall be signaled in accordance with USSRR Rule 29.1.

- In addition, as a courtesy the RC shall attempt to hail recalled boats promptly and broadcast via VHF the sail number or name of the recalled yacht(s). Failure of this transmission to be made or received, promptness of the notification, or the position of a boat in the notification sequence shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes USSRRS 62.1.
- **General recalls** shall be signaled in accordance with USSRR Rule 29.2

12. Shortening or Abandoning After the Start

Race committee may shorten or abandon the race according to USSRR rule 32

13. Changing the Next Leg of the Course

The RC may change a leg of the course pursuant to USSRR 33, 33a.1, 33 b, c. As a courtesy a course change heading to the next mark may also be announced via VHF radio. Failure of this transmission to be made or received, promptness of the notification, shall not be grounds for granting redress.

14. Time Limits

- If the first yacht in a class does not reach Mark 1 within one hour of its start, or the first yacht in a class does not finish within 2.0 hours the race shall be abandoned for that class. If one boat finishes before the two hour time limit expires, then boats which are still racing which do not finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish shall be scored TLE and be scored one point more than the last yacht finishing within the time limits.
- No race will be started after 1630 hours.
- If a race is postponed or no race has been started, after two hours from initial “Postponement,” all races for that day are canceled.

15. Safety

A yacht that retires from the race course shall notify the RC before leaving the course area. If a yacht is unable to notify the RC prior to leaving the course area she shall notify the RC as soon as it arrives ashore. Retiring boats, if possible, should also notify other nearby boats she is retiring.

16. Scoring

- Low Point Scoring system for a series longer than a regatta shall be used except: Rule A9 is changed as follows: A boat registered for the CYCCM LOR series but, did not start, or did not finish, or retired or was disqualified, shall be scored one more than the number of boats that started that race. Awards will be based on scores of 75% of the actual races sailed rounded down to the nearest integer, except if fewer than 9 races are sailed the scores shall be based on all of the races sailed.
- CYCCM encourages owners /boats to compete in major regattas including class regional and national championships. A competitor who misses a CYCCM series race(s) while participating in a class, regional or national championship may request redress for missing a CYCCM offshore race. Such redress may be requested for no more than one missed day of racing. The scores for redress for the missed race(s) will be the calculation of the average scores of races sailed without throw-outs.

17. Alternative Penalties and Protests

- Appendix V Rules V 1 and V2 will be in effect.

18. Protests

- A protesting yacht shall display a red flag flown conspicuously from the backstay as soon as possible after the incident.
- The protested yacht can acknowledge her infringement by using alternative penalties under paragraph 17 of these sailing instructions.

- A protesting yacht must notify the protested yacht as soon as possible after the incident of her intention to protest.
- A protesting yacht must notify the RC on the Finish Boat of its intent to protest, promptly after finishing and must hail their sail number and the sail number of the yacht being protested. In the event the protesting yacht has to retire instead of completing the race she shall notify the RC its intention to protest as soon as possible.
- A protest form must be filled out and given to the RC PRO within 45 minutes after the RC Signal Boat is docked at CYCCM.

19. Radio use

- The RC shall make radio transmissions to the fleet via VHF channel 72. RC broadcasts of its intentions are as a courtesy only and in no way relieve competitors of their responsibility to monitor and respond to RC flags and signals.
- The RC will not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirements or requests for emergency assistance.

20. Responsibility

- The CYCCM Race Committee's only responsibilities are to provide a course, start, and collect racing information and time calculations. The decision to participate, start, finish, or retire is solely the responsibility of each competitor.

21. Registration

- Registration shall be done through Yachtscoring.com. All fees must be paid, signed waivers, and certificates must be entered in YS by the third race entered. CYCCM members can charge to club account.

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22. Courses

Note for 2023 the downwind finishes will be between a blue flag on the signal boat and a red ball on the opposite side of the signal boat from the start line.



