



# **TAYC Tier 1 Fleet September 27, 2026 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## **1 RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the 2025-2028 ISSA Procedural Rules, the notice of race and these sailing instructions. In an event of a conflict between governing documents and the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall take precedence.

1.1 RRS Appendix P is in effect per PR13(c).

## **2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

Official notices including changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Notice Board on Techscore and on the window facing the porch at TAYC. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before the first race in which they are to take effect. In the event of a conflict the white board will take precedence.

## **3 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

September 27:

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| Report time      | 0915 |
| Skippers Meeting | 0930 |
| No Warning After | 1600 |

## **4 BOATS & EQUIPMENT**

4.1 SSPP's FJ's will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way. Jib halyards tails shall remain rigged behind the spreaders.

4.2 Mainsheets may be rigged with a 3:1 or 4:1 purchase.

4.3 The penalty for infringing upon 4.1 or 4.2 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.

4.4 Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment; however slight, to the dock/boat committee immediately after arriving on shore and to the Race Committee Finish Boat on the water immediately after all boats in that race have finished.

4.5 Breakdown points will not be awarded for the failure of knots, the loss of pins or rings, except the Jury may grant redress for the failure of the main halyard masthead knot.

## **5 FORMAT**

5.1 The format will be a round robin, two division regatta.

## **6 COURSES AND MARKS**

6.1 Standard **W4** course, with a windward offset and leeward gate above the start/finish line, will be utilized unless conditions require, or the race committee see fit to alter. A **W3** (or **W5**) course may be used to facilitate rotations by finishing near the rotation site.

6.2 The course to be sailed will be announced orally and taken from the course diagrams posted on these Sailing Instructions (appendix 1).

6.3 All rounding marks will be orange bemis marks. The start/ downwind finish mark will be a yellow pin. The upwind finish mark will be a round orange mark.

6.4 In accordance with ISSA PR 7.8c, after the starting signal, the race committee may change the position of any mark to maintain course configuration, if no boat is on that leg of the course. No signals are required (changes RRS 33).

## 7 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING RACE

In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7 (d) races will not be shortened. They will be abandoned. No signals are required. A race may be abandoned at any time at the discretion of the race committee, in consultation with the protest committee if possible.

## 8 START, FINISH AND RECALLS

Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9 except that RRS Appendix S - Sound-Signal Starting System will be modified as follows:

8.1 Individual Recall - When, at a boat's starting signal, any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line, or she must comply with RRS 29.1, the race committee shall promptly display flag X (or a designated flag or device). The flag shall be displayed until the hull of each such boat has been completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions, and until all such boats have complied with RRS 29.1 if it applies, but not later than two minutes after the starting signal, whichever is earlier. The Race Committee may also attempt to notify individual boats by hailing their sail or bow numbers. (Changes RRS 29.1 and U4)

8.2 General Recall – The race committee may signal a general recall by multiple sounds and the hail of “general recall” and need not display the First Substitute. Following a general recall, the warning for any subsequent start may be initiated at any time. (Changes RRS 29.2) After a general recall, RRS 30.1 (I Flag Rule) shall apply and no signal need be given. (Changes RRS 30.1)

8.3 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail boats "On Course Side" (OCS) as soon as possible after the start. Failure of electronic equipment, failure to hear a hail, order of hail, or delay in hailing will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1 (a).

8.4 The “round the ends rule” provisions of RRS30.1 may apply for any start if hailed prior to the starting sequence. The signal will be made orally and with the display of flag “I”. This changes RRS30.1

## 9 BREAKDOWNS

9.1 Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protest. There will be a bosun boat on the water.

9.2 Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e). Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3

## 10 PROTESTS

10.1 A boat need not fly a red flag immediately after an incident to signify a protest, but she must comply with PR 15(a) and RRS 60.2. A boat must notify the Race Committee immediately after finishing about her intention to protest and must identify the party or parties being protested. This modifies PR 15(b)..

10.2 Protests and requests for redress (including breakdowns) must be submitted to the Race Committee at the regatta desk within 30 minutes of the protestor reaching the beach following the set of races involved in the incident.

10.3 Protest forms will be available on the table.

## 11 SCORING

11.1 Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 11.

## 12 COACHING

- 12.1 Coaches, team leaders, chaperones advisors, parents, or other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area on the published dates of the regatta, unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chairperson. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors, and teams associated with the infringing personnel.
- 12.2 Coaches, team leaders, chaperones, advisors, parents, or other support personnel may go afloat in the sailing area while serving as an umpire or assisting with race management.
- 12.3 Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment, or sustenance, on the water or near the docks or while ashore.

### 13 SAFETY

- 13.1 Competitors and Coaches shall wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs). Inflatable type PFDs are not permitted.
- 13.2 Failure to comply with 13.1 will be grounds for disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.
- 13.3 Competitors shall supply the equipment to meet the requirements of 13.1.
- 13.4 At its discretion, the Race Committee or Organizing Authority may require a competitor to retire from racing if the competitor is determined to be a risk to their own or others' safety.
- 13.5 Drysuits shall be required at race committee discretion

### 14 TROPHIES

- 14.1 No trophies will be awarded.

### 15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Part 1 – Fundamental Rules, #4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

### 16 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

### 17 CONTACTS

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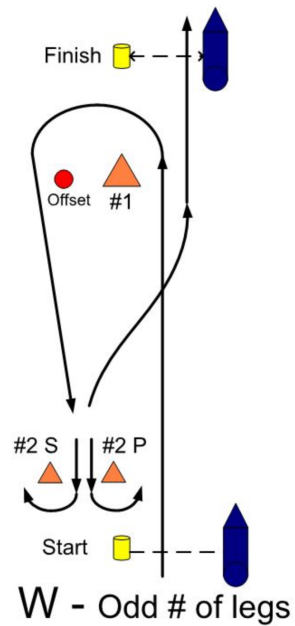
### 18 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND BEHAVIOR

Participants are expected to act in a sportsmanlike manner at all times on and off the water throughout the entire event.

Immediately before, during, and immediately after, no contestant shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, or distilled spirits, each as defined in Chap 51 of the US Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use), or marijuana, cocaine, or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 US Code 802), the possession of which, by that contestant is unlawful under 21 US Code 841. Infringements of this regulation or other discipline expectations occurring during the event may be the basis for a hearing under RRS 69.1. The protest committee for such a hearing shall be the regatta chairperson, a member of the MASSA Board of Directors, and the protest committee chairperson. This protest committee shall, at a time and place selected by them, meet to hear said protest, and their decision to impose scoring penalties, or other sanctions they alone deem appropriate, including summary removal from the regatta, shall be final, without appeal.

# Appendix 1: Course Chart

**Course W3/ W5**



**Course W4**

