



## 2024 AZALEA BOWL REGATTA

Cape Fear Community Sailing  
Carolina Yacht Club | Wrightsville Beach, NC  
April 12-14, 2024

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Notice of race and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. The High School Fleet shall be governed by ISSA Procedural Rules and SAISA Supplemental Rules. The College Fleet shall be governed by ICSA Procedural Rules.
- 1.2 RRS V1 shall apply.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board (Techscore website for each fleet) or orally to all competitors on the water. Techscore = [scores.hssailing.org](https://scores.hssailing.org) and [scores.collegesailing.org](https://scores.collegesailing.org).
- 2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted before the competitors meeting each day. Changes to the schedule of races shall be posted before 2000 the day prior.
- 2.3 Signals made ashore shall be announced at the Sound Side Gazebo.

#### 3. BOATS & SAILS

- 3.1 Each team is responsible for rigging the boat they sail in the first rotation of the regatta each morning. Each team is responsible for unrigging the boat they sail in the last rotation of each day. Failure to properly care for boats and/or sails may subject a team to protest under this rule. This includes failure to take proper care while rotating.
- 3.2 At the beginning of each day, sails will be located near the Sound Side Gazebo or in their designated boats. Sails shall be returned to the Sailing Shed following each day of racing unless otherwise instructed by the Organizing Authority.
- 3.3 Rudders shall be clipped or tied to the hulls at all times of CYC boats. They shall be laid flat in the hulls at the end of the day with tillers detached.
- 3.4 Provided sails must be foot along the boom.
- 3.5 College Teams who use our newer fleet of CYC 420s 1-18 must rig a provided mast float on the top of the mainsail.
- 3.6 All teams must keep the auto bailer closed in all 420s for the duration of the regatta.
- 3.7 Teams which decide not to sail in a rotation are responsible for their assigned boat unless otherwise instructed by the Organizing Authority.

#### 4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. The schedule of races is as described in the Notice of Race.
- 4.2. The number of races will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. The Race Committee will attempt to complete a full rotation.
- 4.3. Three completed races per Division will constitute a regatta.

##### **Friday, April 12, 2024**

- 1230 Check-in
- 1300 Optional practice
- 1630 Rules seminar with Jerry Thompson

##### **Saturday, April 13, 2024**

- 0830 Report Time
- 0900 Check-in / Registration Ends
- 0930 Competitors Meeting
- 1000 Racing Begins
- 1800 Dinner & College Sailing Forum

##### **Sunday, April 14, 2024**

- 0830 Report Time
- 0900 Announcements
- 0915 Racing Begins
- 1430 No warning signal for College after this time
- 1500 No warning signal for High School fleets after this time
- 1530 Awards ceremony

#### 5. ROTATIONS

- 5.1 The rotation sequence and boat assignments will be available on Tech Score.
- 5.2 Boats shall be rotated between races in accordance with the rotation schedule posted
- 5.3 Boat rotation will take place off the CYC docks. The rotation area will be described at the competitors' meeting or by hail if conditions change.

#### 6. RACING AREA

- 6.1 The sailing area for all fleets will be in Banks Channel within sight of the CYC docks. There will be one race course with different starts for high school and college teams.

#### 7. COURSES & MARKS

- 7.1 The Course Diagram is attached in Appendix A. The course can be moved throughout Banks Channel based on wind direction.
- 7.2 Marks 1, 1a, 2s, and 2p will be red balls. The Starting Mark will be a yellow ball. The Downwind and Upwind Finish Mark will be White.
- 7.3 The Upwind Finish may be to windward or leeward of marks 1 and 1a depending on the space available in Banks Channel.
- 7.4 The course will be displayed via white board on the back of the RC boat.

#### 8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 The College Fleet's Class Flag will be Numeral Pennant 1
- 8.2 The High School Fleet's Class Flag will be Numeral Pennant 2
- 8.3 A hail may be made prior to the Warning Signal announcing which fleet will start next.

## 9. START/FINISH

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix U - Audible Signal Racing System in accordance with ISSA and ICOSA Procedural Rules.
- 9.2 Boats starting more than 4 minutes after their starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. (This changes RRS A4, applied under ISSA and ICOSA Procedural Rules)
- 9.3 Boats not in sequence or racing shall keep clear of the start/finish area.

## 10. RECALLS

- 10.1 Individual recalls shall be signaled by hailing the sail number (or other distinguishing feature) of each recalled boat. Code flag X will be displayed.
- 10.2 General Recalls will be made in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(b) and ICOSA PR 18.b. After a General Recall, RRS 30.1 shall apply except Flag I need not be displayed. (This changes RRS 30.1)
- 10.3 The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats that are over early (OCS). Failure of a boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail, or the order of boats in the hail will not be grounds for redress. (This changes RRS 62.1)

## 11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line for W2, W4, and W6 will be between the blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the White Ball to starboard of the RC boat. This Finish Line for W3 and W5 will be between a blue flag on the race committee boat and a white ball to port of the finish boat.

## 12. SCORING

- 12.1 Scoring will be in accordance with the ISSA's and ICOSA's respective Procedural Rules under RRS Appendix A.

## 13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The race will be abandoned if no boats round the windward mark ten minutes after the start of the race or if the lead boat has not finished 30 minutes after the start of the race. Failure to meet the time limits will not be grounds for redress. (This changes RRS 62.1(a))
- 13.2 In the interest of starting another race or completing the day's racing in a timely fashion, the Race Committee may assign a finish position to any boat(s) still racing, provided their position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner. Such boat(s) will be scored as finished. This changes RRS 28.1, 35, A3, and A4.

## 14. SHORTENING AND ABANDONING RACES

- 14.1 For the High School Fleet, ISSA PR 7.8(d) does not apply. Races may be abandoned at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 14.2 For the College Fleet, ICOSA PR 18.c.(i) is changed to state "Marks may be moved as necessary to maintain a course configuration or change course length, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates. No change of course signals are required". Therefore, Races may be abandoned at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 14.3 If the course is shortened by displaying code flag S, it shall be displayed with the class flags of the fleets which it applies to.

## 15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 For the High School Fleet, ISSA PR 8(b) states "Before Protesting a competitor shall not communicate with anyone other than teammates or other competitors before reporting to the Race Committee an intention to file a protest. Breaking this rule may be grounds for closing the protest hearing". (This changes RRS 61)
- 15.2 Protest Forms shall be completed as soon as possible after completion of the set of races in which the event at issue took place. The time limit for protests at the end of the last set on each day is 15 minutes after the race committee boat has docked.
- 15.3 Protest forms shall be turned into the dropbox on the Sound Side Gazebo by the Flag Pole.

## 16. BREAKDOWNS

- 16.1 Requests for Redress for Breakdowns will be acted upon in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e) and ISSA PR Appendix 3 for the High School Fleet and ICSA PR 20 and ICSA PR Appendix D for the College Fleet.

## 17. RETIREMENT

- 17.1 A yacht that retires from a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the racing area. If that is not possible, the competitor shall notify a regatta representative immediately after arriving ashore.

## 18. FUNDAMENTAL RULES

- 18.2 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Race Committee immediately upon completion of the race. Absent a determined effort to comply, the penalty for infringement may be disqualification from the race or regatta, for the crew or entire team, subject to the decision of the Protest Committee.
- 18.3 Competitors may only receive coaching, instruction, assistance, equipment, or sustenance while not racing.
- 18.4 Competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III or V lifejackets at all times when afloat. Inflatable type lifejackets are not permitted. Code flag Y need not be displayed.
- 18.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.
- 18.6 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

## 19. COACHING / SPECTATING

- 19.1 For all fleets, coaching shall be done from the docks.
- 19.2 Spectator boats are not allowed for the entire duration of racing.
- 19.3 Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, advisors, and other support personnel shall not be on the water unless when rendering assistance under RRS Rule 1 or as instructed by the Race Committee.

## 20. PARTICIPATION

- 20.1 With the exception of RRS Rule 4, each school shall compete in all scheduled races. Any school breaking this rule, without permission from the race committee, is subject to severe disciplinary actions.

## 21. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to teams placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall in the High School and College fleet. 1st will be recognized for each fleet's A and B divisions.

## 22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1 30.1 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.**

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional logistical information and requirements have been distributed to all entries via the CapeFearCommunitySailing.org, Techscore and/or email.

## DINNER

A College Night Dinner will be available on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at approximately 1800 for all competitors, family, friends and guests. The dinner will be on the Carolina YC screened porch. Each team registration includes four (4) dinners. Each college sailing team will give a short presentation about their school and program following the dinner. Students and parents interested in information about college sailing should plan to attend. All colleges should plan to be represented. To control crowd size and in fairness to those who are participating in the regatta, only people with dinner tickets will be admitted to the Saturday evening event.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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