

2023 Willoughby Memorial Race Instructions

Starting Times and Sequence:

Racing is for non-spinnaker, single headsail only and will be per RRS 2021-2024. Starting times (pursuit style) are shown on a separate sheet. Participants will synchronize their time with the R/C at the skipper's meeting and will have the opportunity to do so again using the timing signals shown below. Boats must keep clear of the starting area until the moment 4 minutes before their assigned starting time. The R/C will attempt to hail boats that are OCS on VHF 72. **No code flag or sound signal will be used.** This changes RRS 29.1.

- 1200 - RED warning flag up. <HORN>
- 1201 - PREP flag up. <HORN>
- 1204 - PREP flag down. <LONG HORN>
- 1205 - RED warning flag down <HORN> and race starts.

Courses:

All rounding marks will be left to starboard. Courses will be signaled by a flag on the backstay of the R/C boat.

- West** - Denoted by BLUE flag. B, C, A, D and finish between S/F mark and R/C boat. 4.4 nm
- East** - Denoted by WHITE flag. A, D, B, C and finish between S/F mark and R/C boat. 4.4 nm

Marks:

- S/F** - Orange ball drop mark near R/C boat
- A** - Bird Nesting Pole at northeast end of Little Bay 36°57.420' 76°16.486'
- B** - Daymark #5 (Green) at west entrance channel to Little Bay
- C** - Yellow ball drop mark southwest of daymark #7 at North entrance channel to Little Bay. 36°58.080' 76°18.400'
- D** - Orange ball drop mark at southeast end of Little Bay 36°57.130' 76°17.430'

Daymarks #9 and #11 are [passing] marks of the course and must be passed on the south side (to starboard when westbound and to port when eastbound). The area marked by the line of buoys (if present) that defines the security perimeter near the Navy base is an obstruction. The area marked by the line of buoys that defines the perimeter of the HRBT work boat staging area is an obstruction. Boats must stay out of these restricted zones at all times.

Line Restriction:

After starting, boats shall not cross between S/F mark and R/C boat except to finish. This modifies RRS 28.2. Boats that violate this instruction and do not "unwind" before finishing will be scored NSC by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. The restricted line is considered an obstruction.

Protests and Penalties:

In addition to the requirements of 61.1(a), boats shall notify the RC of their protest immediately after crossing the finish line or immediately after they retire. This changes RRS 61.1(a). A written protest/redress request must be filed with the Race Committee within the time limit (60 minutes) of the RC boat docking at Willoughby Harbor Marina or Rebel Marina. Boats infringing a rule of RRS Part 2 may take a penalty in accordance with RRS 44.2 (2 Turns Penalty - Highly Recommended). The "yellow flag" penalty acceptance (Rule 44.3) is not available. If any boat collides with any Race Committee vessel and causes injury or damage, her penalty shall be to retire.

Mark Pick-Up:

The first two boats to finish shall pick up the marks at the end of the race. For west course, the order is: 1st=C; 2nd=D. For east course, the order is: 1st=D; 2nd=C. Make sure all boats have rounded before pick-up!!

Yellow Mark
C

Marina

Day Mark #5
B

Start/Finish

Bird Nest
A

Orange Mark
D

Naval Base