

LABOR DAY INVITATIONAL

Saturday, 05 September 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Eastport Yacht Club

CBYRA Sanction #25-332



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation “[NP]” in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as detailed in Notice of Race (NoR) 1.
- 1.2 [NP] The RRS changes for using the Vakaros RaceSense system are identified in Addendum RS.
- 1.3 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the NoR or the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 73 while on the water.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 RC may announce signals posted ashore on VHF channel 73, and/or text message, and/or email.
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in RRS Race Signals AP.

5 WARNING FLAGS AND ORDER OF START

For the first race, the RC shall start the following classes in the order outlined below. If a class is not present, its start will be omitted and the next class will start in that place. Subsequent starts may be in a different order so as to maximize racing for all classes.

Class Start Order – First Race	Warning Flag
J/105	Pennant “1”
Viper 640	Pennant “2”
J/30	Pennant “3”
Cal 25	Pennant “4”

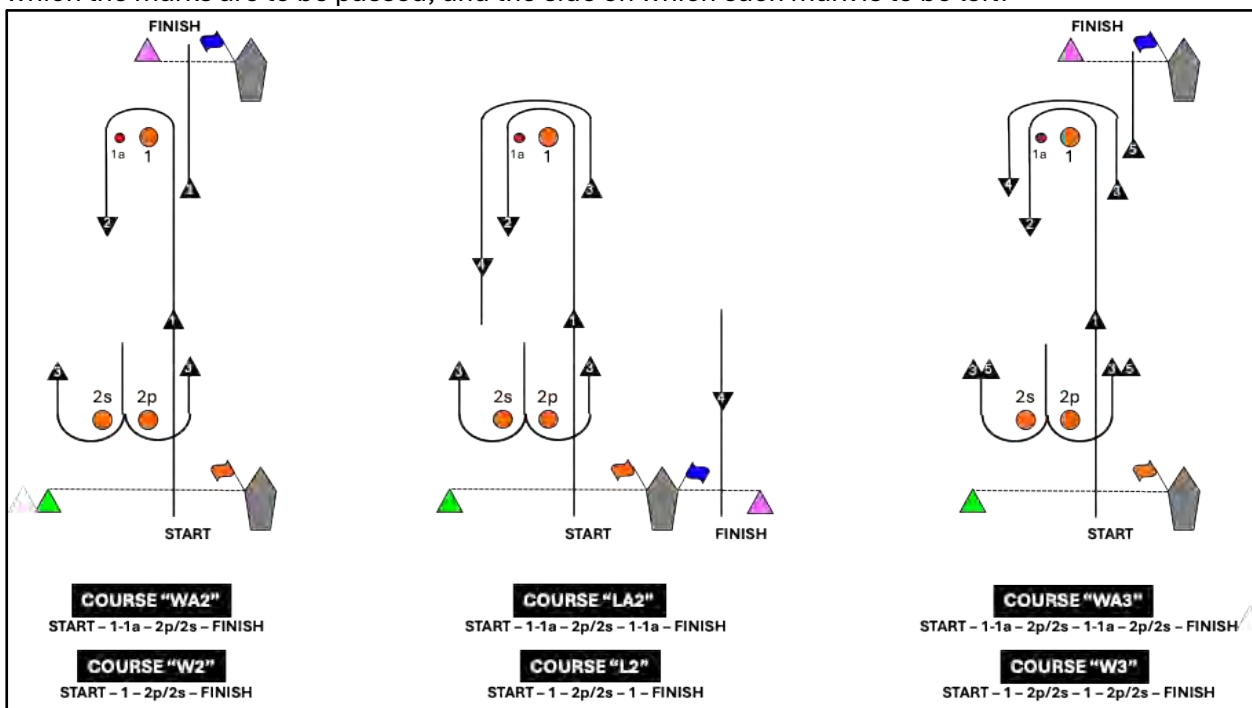


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6 COURSES

6.1 The diagrams below show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



- 6.2 No later than the Warning signal, the approximate magnetic heading and distance to the first mark shall be designated by placards on the side of the RC Signal Vessel opposite the start line.
- 6.3 When the first mark of the course is to be a change mark, code flag "C" will be displayed by the RC Signal Vessel before the warning signal, accompanied by a series of repetitive sound signals.
- 6.4 If only one gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port.

7 MARKS

The marks of the course are as follows:

Mark	Mark Description
Starting	Green Tetrahedron with "EYC" in black block letters, or anchored RC vessel
1	5-foot Orange Cylinder with "EYC" in black block letters
1a	3-foot Red Cylinder
2p / 2s	5-foot Orange Cylinders with "EYC" in black block letters
Change	Yellow Tetrahedron with "EYC" in black block letters
Finishing	Pink Tetrahedron with "EYC" in black block letters

8 THE START

8.1 Starting Line Description

- 8.1.1 For the J/105 and J/70 classes, the starting line is between a Vakaros device mounted to a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and either a Vakaros device mounted to a staff displaying an orange flag on an on-station RC mark vessel or a Vakaros device mounted to the starting mark at the port end.
- 8.1.2 For the Cal 25 and J/30 classes, the starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and either a staff displaying an orange flag on an on-station RC mark vessel or the course side of a green tetrahedron at the port end.



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- 8.2 Routine movement of the on-station RC mark vessel will not be considered an improper action of the RC, so shall not be grounds for redress. This includes minor adjustments or returning to station after being pushed away.
- 8.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 8.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to identify her on VHF channel 73. Boats may not request redress based on the failure to hail their identifier, failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b).
- 8.5 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

9 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

10 THE FINISH

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

11 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 11.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit, and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below for each class.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	90 minutes	15 minutes

- 11.2 The race will be abandoned if no boat passes Mark 1 within the time limit.
- 11.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in her class sails the course. Boats starting but failing to sail the course within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the finishing place of the last boat in her class that sailed the course within the Finishing Window and was not penalized under RRS 30.3 or 30.4. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

12 HEARING REQUESTS

- 12.1 Scoring Inquiries shall be submitted within the Protest Time Limit.
- Scoring inquiries shall be submitted via the "Online Scoring Inquiry Filing" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.
 - Scoring inquiries may be resolved via teleconference or video conference.
- 12.2 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be submitted within the Protest Time Limit. Electronic submittal shall be used and is available via the "Owner's Corner" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page or via email to race.committee@eastportyc.org. A diagram of the incident, if applicable, cannot be submitted via Yacht Scoring, and should be scanned and emailed to the RC at race.committee@eastportyc.org prior to the hearing.
- 12.3 The alternative penalty acceptance form (RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix V2) will be available via the "Documents & Forms" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page. The form, or all of the information from the form, can be emailed to the RC at race.committee@eastportyc.org.
- 12.4 The protest time limit is sixty (60), minutes after the RC Signal Vessel dock time. The time limit for a Request for Redress based on an incident in the racing area shall be the Protest Time Limit.



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- 12.5 The Protest Committee may schedule a hearing prior to the Protest Time Limit if the parties and witnesses are available and have had sufficient time to prepare. The time and location of each protest hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board; if a hearing will be held virtually, the link will be provided via email to each party. For virtual hearings, parties and witnesses are encouraged to download and review the *Online Hearing Procedure Guidelines*, available via the “Documents & Forms” link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify RC as soon as possible either by hail or VHF channel 73, or the EYC cell phone [(410) 271-7193], or email [race.committee@eastportyc.org]. A voicemail message shall include the approximate time of the message, the skipper’s name, boat name, and sail number.
- 13.2 [DP] [NP] A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial traffic of any kind. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.
- 13.3 [NP] A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid underway commercial traffic, provided:
- (a) the boat does not gain an advantage;
 - (b) using propulsion is the only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and,
 - (c) the boat submits a report (in writing or by email) to the RC by the protest time limit that describes the incident and the boat's actions.
- 13.4 [NP] A Committee may protest a boat for SIs 13.2 and/or 13.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.3(b).

14 ENVIRONMENT

- [NP] This is a Clean Regatta. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible.





ADDENDUM RS

RaceSense RRS Changes

[NP] [DP] The following rules and instructions for using the Vakaros and RaceSense system are in effect for the J/105 and J/70 classes.

- RS.1 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Edge configured for RaceSense. This shall be mounted on the aft side of the mast, above any existing instruments and below the boom at all times while racing.
- RS.2 Competitors shall:
- a) calibrate their Atlas 2 or Edge before registration/check-in. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure their device remains in proper calibration throughout the event.
https://youtu.be/CA68kFUbpGl?si=_2wRoIEx_FD7Y0f3
 - b) turn their Atlas 2 or Edge on thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled Warning signal, and leave it on until after they finish the last race of the day.
 - c) turn their Atlas 2 or Edge off after sailing each day. Battery life is approximately 100 hours.
 - d) ensure their device Firmware and GPS are updated to the most recent versions:
Firmware: <https://youtu.be/qgeIN4KS3f0?si=mcZpd5HvVegHH7xO>



GPS: https://youtu.be/b0nkHbL_jDc?si=1qZANR5MdqmhHMAK



- RS.3 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the RC and the relevant information will be available to all boats.
- RS.4 Instructions for using the Atlas 2 can be found [here](#); instructions for the Edge can be found [here](#).
- RS.5 Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep their Atlas 2 or Edge safe and operational, and promptly notify the RC on the water or ashore of any device issues.
- RS.6 The countdown to the start on the Atlas 2 or Edge from RaceSense will be the official time. Signal flags will only be used for information purposes. This changes RRS 26.
- RS.7 The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, no VHF hail will be made, flag X will not be displayed, and no sound will be made. This modifies RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4.
- RS.8 If the RC vessel displays flag O with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, RS.6 and RS.7 will not apply to that race.
- RS.9 If the RC Signal Vessel displays flag R with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros Atlas 2 or Edge unit by switching it off, waiting ten (10) seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Flag R will remain displayed for a minimum of two (2) minutes, and will be removed with the next warning signal.