

Poco Loco Bay Race - Sailing Instructions
Richmond County Yacht Club
September 26th, 2026
September - 1000 hours

1 RULES

- 1.1** The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, the prescriptions of US SAILING for all divisions, the rules of PHRF-MA for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions. The regatta will also be governed by the Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions), and these Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee will have final authority on all matters.
- 1.2** Any questions in regard to these Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing or emailed to regatta@rcyachtclub.org. The question and any answer will be posted on the Yacht Scoring website.

2 ENTRY

All boats must have completed registration and paid all fees with the regatta organizing authority before becoming official competitors. All competitors must be members of PHRF-MA for the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Yacht Scoring website.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions after the skippers meeting will be approved by the Race Committee and posted before 1100 hours that day. Changes to the sailing instructions and any Notices posted will be announced on VHF Channel 71 at the Harbor Start and prior to the first warning signal of the race.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the designated official flagstaff located on the yacht club property.
- 5.2** The Answering Pennant, "AP", may be displayed. When "AP" is displayed ashore the time of the warning signal will be posted on the Notice Board before the lowering of the "AP".

6 SCHEDULE

Saturday	September 26 th 2026
Last Minute Registration	0900
Skippers Meeting	1000
Harbor Start	1100
First Warning	1200 (5 min warning at 1200)
Post-Race Party	1900

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The Start and Finish line are at the RCYC Race Pin

7 THE COURSES

MARKS

Start/Finish Line: between an orange flag on the committee boat and the RCYC start pin (N40°30.9' W74°08.4')

OO: Old Orchard Shoal Lighthouse Island

WB: West Bank Lighthouse

RB "10" @ Norton Point (N40 34.2 W74 00.7)

G"21" @ Ambrose Channel (N40 34.0 W74 02.1)

R"2"QR @ Approx 1 NM north of Verrazano Narrow Bridge (N40 37.4 W74 02.8)

COURSES:

Course	Length (nm)
#1 Start Line – OO (port) – WB (port) - R"2"QR (port) – WB (starboard) – OO (starboard) – Finish Line	19.8
#2 Start Line – OO (port) – WB (port) – RB"10" (port) – G"21" (port) - WB (starboard) – OO (starboard) – Finish Line	14.9
#3 Start Line – OO (port) – WB (port) – OO (starboard) – Finish Line	9.6
#4 Start Line – OO (port) – Start Line	3.7

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No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course.

Depending on wind direction the committee may choose to eliminate mark “A” from all courses. The committee will notify the racers of its intention to do so before the first warning signal on VHF channel 71 and by displaying the “C” flag.

8 MARKS

Marks of the course shall be government buoys and fixed lights as depicted in Section 7.

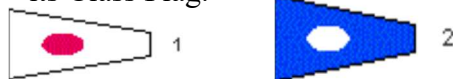
9 START LINE CHECK IN

Before the first warning signal each boat shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. A boat failing to do so will receive a Scoring Penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c).

10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the RCYC Race Pin (N 40°30.902' W 074°08.397)

10.2 Races will be started utilizing RRS 26. Division A will utilize the International Code Flag “1” as its Class Flag. Division B will utilize the International Code Flag “2” as its Class Flag.



10.3 A boat shall start no later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

11 RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. In addition, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast promptly the sail number of each recalled boat on VHF channel 71. The following shall not be grounds for redress:

- A) Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast
- B) Failure of the Race Committee to broadcast recall numbers
- C) A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.

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12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the RCYC Race Pin (N 40°30.902' W 074°08.397)

13 TIME LIMIT

There shall be a 6 hour time limit for the race.

Boats failing to finish within 6 hours of their start time will be scored DNF without a hearing. This modifies RRS Rule 35.

14 SAFETY

All boats shall carry the safety equipment required by National, State, US Coast Guard and Class Association rules. All boats should carry these Sailing Instructions

A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore.

Competitors are reminded that Raritan Bay and New York Bay contain restricted channels and all sailing vessels must comply with COLREGS.

Failure to comply with Safety requirements may result in a penalty, possibly even disqualification from the regatta.

15 SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4 will be used.

PHRF corrected times will be calculated using Time on Distance (ToD).

16 PENALTIES

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply

17 PROTESTS

17.1 The protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag, in accordance with RRS 61.1.

17.2 Protests shall be written on US SAILING forms available from the race committee and lodged with the Race Committee's representative within the Protest Time which will begin at the time of the docking of the Race Committee signal boat and end one hour later. Docking time will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.

17.3 The Race Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt.

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18 RADIO EQUIPMENT

All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving radio transmissions and all boats shall monitor VHF Channel 71.

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive a special radio communication not available to all boats.

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to yachts placing first through third in each sub division. Subdivision breakdown will be determined by the number of entries in the division. The Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker will also get NJYRA Championship awards.

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