



2026 Corinthian Commodores' Cup Series

Sailing Instructions

Organizing Authority: Corinthian Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. RRS 40.1 will apply requiring competitors to wear Personal Flotation Devices.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of an Incident, shall apply.
- 1.4. Power assisted winches are permitted if disclosed and included in a boat's PHRF rating. This modifies RRS 52.
- 1.5. Pursuit format races: GPS time will be used for the starting sequence. A boats start time shall be the time assigned on the regatta notice board. A boats preparatory signal shall be 4 minutes prior to its assigned start time. Race Committee may display visual signals for the first assigned start time or the race to provide competitors with a reference time. In the event of a postponement, a boats assigned start time shall be the time assigned plus the duration of the postponement. This modifies RRS 26.
- 1.6. All boats must display the sail number shown on their entry form on their Mainsail or gain Race Committee (RC) approval for a change of number by 1130 hours the day of the race.

2. SCORING

- 2.1. RRS A5.3 shall apply.
- 2.2. Boats who's Skipper or nominee who does not attend the skippers meeting and starts the race, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. RRS A5.3

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & SKIPPERS MEETING

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the CYC website at <https://race.cyc.org/ccup26>
- 3.2. There will be a Skippers meeting in the vicinity of the Clubhouse bar at 1145hrs on each race day. Skippers or their nominee are required to attend the meeting.
- 3.3. Any change to these Sailing Instructions may be posted by 1000 hours on the day of the race or communicated to skippers at the skippers meeting on the day of the race. and shall be signaled by displaying the flag L (Lima) on the Clubhouse flagpole.
- 3.4. All references to the CYC Notice Board in the race documents shall include the CYC Website race.cyc.org/ccup26
- 3.5. Oral changes to the Sailing Documents may be made on the water. If so, flag L (Lima) will be displayed from the Clubhouse flagpole.

4. SIGNALS

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located SE corner of the Club deck. Race Committee may broadcast information about the race on **VHF66A**.
- 4.2. The race committee may signal AP over A (abandon race) by posting a notice on the Notice Board and publication on the CYC website. No audible signal or display of flags will be made. This changes RRS 27.3

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES & RACE EXPIRATION

- 5.1. The series will consist of four race days, conditions permitting, with the first warning signal scheduled at 1230hrs. Parentheses note the OA's intended course.
 - May 17 – Horsfall Vincent Regatta (Angel Island Circumnavigation)
 - June 28 – Ross Wood Memorial Race (Angel Island and Alcatraz figure8)
 - July 19 – Red Rock Rounding (Red Rock Island Circumnavigation)
 - September 6 – Russ Schneider Regatta (Bay Tour style course)
- 5.2. Race Committee may substitute intended courses and a race day may include more than one race.
- 5.3. Race expiration will be 1630hrs for all race days.
- 5.4. Time limit for each race shall be 45 minutes after the first boat has finished. Boats failing to finish before the time limit expires will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS35, A4 and A5.

6. CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

- 6.1. The series will include one class.
- 6.2. Race Committee shall reduce a competitors rating assigned in NOR 1.5 by 6 points (seconds) where that competitor nominates to sail non-spinnaker at the skippers meeting as noted in NOR 5.3.

7. COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1. Courses, marks rounding direction are described in Addendum 1
- 7.2. The course to be sailed will be indicated by numeral placards displayed on the CYC Race Deck.
- 7.3. RRS 34(a) is changed so that any mark may be replaced by an inflatable mark.
- 7.4. The racing area will be San Francisco Bay and its entrances. All marks between the Start and the Finish are rounding marks.

8. RESTRICTED AREAS

8.1. START/FINISH LINE RESTRICTED. Once a boat has started the race it shall not cross the Start / Finish Line unless it is finishing the race.

8.2. For safety, each of the lines below is an obstruction, and boats are prohibited from sailing across any of these lines:

8.2.1. Anita Rock Light and an unmarked buoy (located 150 yards NW of Anita Rock Light).

8.2.2. Anita Rock Light and the closest point ashore.

8.2.3. Unmarked buoy (located 150 yards NW of Anita Rock Light) and the closest point ashore.

8.2.4. The "H" Beam piling (located approximately 200 yards west of StFYC) and the closest point ashore.

8.2.5. The South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge and the closest point ashore.

8.2.6. Alcatraz Bell Buoy, Green-Red-Green buoy off the west end of Alcatraz Island and the closest point ashore on Alcatraz Island.

8.2.7. The Green buoy (#3) south of Point Blunt, Angel Island and the closest point ashore on Angel Island.

8.3. A boat that infringes a Restricted Area shall be scored NSC by the Race Committee.

9. STARTING LINE

The starting line will be between an orange banner on the CYC Race Deck and a temporary buoy or Belvedere Cove Light 1 - *green day mark near the CYC Harbor wall.*

10. FINISHING LINE

The finishing line will be between a blue banner on the CYC Race Deck and a temporary buoy or Belvedere Cove Light 1 - *green day mark near the CYC Harbor wall.*

11. HEARING REQUESTS (*Protest/Redress etc*)

The time limit for Hearing requests is 24 hours after the start of the race. Hearing requests shall be delivered electronically using the form available on the regatta notice board to the CYC Club PRO and the Chief Judge at the email addresses below. This changes RRS 60.3(b). A list of protests received will be posted on the event website noticeboard as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours after the Hearing request time limit. Hearings will be scheduled as soon as possible following racing at the direction of the Chief Judge. Hearings may be held in person, by a video or other conference forum.

PRO email: racing@cyc.org

Chief Judge: Don Wieneke. dkwieneke@gmail.com. 415 663 0186

Protest form: <https://race.cyc.org/ccup26>

12. RETIRING BEFORE FINISH

A boat that retires prior to finishing shall notify the race committee of the boat name, sail number and "Retiring" as soon as reasonably possible by texting **415 320 1CYC (415 320 1292)**, on VHF66A or by phone.

13. INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER VESSELS

13.1. Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel, fairway or large-vessel traffic lane. Boats so doing shall be subject to protest and disqualification upon notice from any competitor, the RC, a government agency, or the operator of the vessel.

13.2. A boat that receives five or more horn blasts from a commercial or government vessel shall be presumed to have impeded such passage. The time for protest will be extended in such cases. This changes RRS 61.3.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

Regatta Notice Board: <https://race.cyc.org/ccup25>

Regatta Chair: Marcus Canestra

Race Committee email: racing@cyc.org

Race PRO email: racing@cyc.org

Chief Judge: Don Wieneke dkwieneke@gmail.com 415 663 0186

CYC Office: 415-435-4771 **Harbormaster:** 415-302-5083 <http://www.cyc.org>

Addendum 1 to 2026 Corinthian Commodores' Cup Sailing Instructions

Courses and Marks

DESCRIPTION of ROUNDING MARKS	
4	YRA Mark "4", Buoy near Pt Knox
6	YRA "M" 200 yd north of Ft Mason Docks
12	YRA Mark "12", G "1" FI G 4s Little Harding Rock
14	Yellow Mark 0.1nm north of Southampton Platform, "Bob Klein"
15	Yellow column approx. 0.5 nm east of Yellow Bluff "Hank Eason"
16	YRA Mark "16", Yellow Column "C" .25nm east of Fort Point, "Blackaller"
17	YRA Mark "17", RG "HR" FI (2+1) R 6s, Harding Rock
19	YRA Mark "19", R FI R 2.5S 4M Red buoy "SF North Channel buoy 8" near Racoon Strait
AI	Angel Island
AZ	Alcatraz Island
BV	Inflatable Mark located 0.3nm east of Peninsula Point "Belvedere"
LHI	Inflatable Mark approx. 0.2nm north of YRA Mark "12", G "1" FI G 4s Little Harding Rock
RR	Red Rock Island
N	YRA mark "N", FI R 4S 3M "2", Sausalito Entrance Buoy
X	YRA Mark "X", Yellow Column 0.1nm north of Golden Gate Yacht Club
W	Inflatable Mark approx. 1.5nm to Windward of the Start line
L	Inflatable Mark approx. 0.2nm to Windward of the Start line.

To avoid confusion, Windward means the prevailing wind direction at the time of the race start.

No	Course (P or S denote port or starboard round direction respectively)	~Dist
1	Start * BV-P * AI (either direction) * BV-S * Finish (<i>pursuit</i>)	6.0
2	Start * BV-P * AI and AZ in a figure 8 sequence, either direction * BV-S * Finish (<i>pursuit</i>)	9.0
3	Start * RR (either direction) * Finish (<i>pursuit</i>)	8.5
4	Start * Course determined at the Skippers meeting on each race day to be considered an "on the water" amendment * Finish (<i>pursuit</i>)	TBD
5	Start * Course determined at the Skippers meeting on each race day to be considered an "on the water" amendment * Finish	TBD
6	Start * W-P * L-P * W-P * Finish	TBD

Courses 1,2,3&4 will be pursuit start scoring with start times to be published prior to or at the skippers meeting.