



LXXIV Corinthian Midwinter Series

January 17-18 & February 21-22, 2026



Sailing Instructions

Organizing Authority: Corinthian Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. RRS 40.1 will apply requiring competitors to wear Personal Flotation Devices.
- 1.3. NOR #7 is deleted and replaced with RRS Appendix V1 & V2 – Alternative Penalties will apply.
- 1.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 1.5. One Design class rules are in effect where sufficient boats are registered to form a One Design fleet.
- 1.6. Power assisted winches are permitted if disclosed and included in a boats' PHRF rating. This modifies RRS 52.
- 1.7. All boats must display the sail number shown on the entry form on their Mainsail or gain Race Committee (RC) approval for a change of number by 1000hrs the day of the race.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the CYC website at race.cyc.org/mids26.
- 2.2. Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1000hrs on the day of the race and shall be signaled by hoisting the flag L on the Clubhouse flagpole. The CYC website may have copies of such documents.
- 2.3. All references to the CYC Notice Board in the Sailing Instructions shall be deemed to read the CYC Website race.cyc.org/mids26
- 2.4. Oral changes to the Sailing Documents may be made on the water. If so, Flag L (Lima) will be displayed from the Race Committee Boat.

3. SIGNALS

- 3.1. 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**.
- 3.2. The race committee does not intend to make audible signals as boats finish but may make a visible or audible acknowledgement of boats crossing the finish line.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1. Four races are scheduled in the regatta. An additional race on a single day may start shortly following the finishing of the preceding race.
- 4.2. First warning signal is scheduled at 1230hrs on all race days.
- 4.3. It is the intention of the Race Committee to have a Pursuit start race on February 22. Courses and start times will be published as Addendum 3 as an amendment to the Sailing Instructions by 2000hrs February 21, 2026.
- 4.4. The expiration time for each race will be 1645 hrs. Boats failing to finish before the time limit expires will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

5. SCORING – AOTEA TEAM TROPHY

The Aotea Team Trophy will be awarded to the best performing three-boat team from a single yacht club sailing in different divisions. The Aotea Team score will be calculated by aggregating scores of the Team members for each race completed. Appendix A-Scoring shall apply to the Aotea Team Trophy.

6. CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

- 6.1. Division and class flags will be included in Addendum 1
- 6.2. Divisions are scheduled to start in the order listed in Addendum 1 with the class flag as the signal.
- 6.3. Boats wanting to change their division assignment may file a written request to the RC (racing@cyc.org) to change divisions. Such requests shall be received by 1700hrs on Friday January 16, 2026.
- 6.4. Teams wanting to compete for the Aotea Team Trophy shall declare themselves to the Race Committee by 1000hrs prior to the first race start of the series by emailing racing@cyc.org.

7. COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1. Courses and marks are described in Addendum 2.
- 7.2. Numeral placards will be used to display the course to be sailed.
- 7.3. RRS 34(a) is changed so that any fixed mark may be replaced by an inflatable mark.

8. RACING AND RESTRICTED AREAS:

- 8.1. The racing area will be San Francisco Bay and its entrances.
- 8.2. The Race Committee Boat will be located in the vicinity of Pt Knox.
- 8.3. For safety, each of the lines below is an obstruction, and boats are prohibited from sailing across any of these lines:
Each of the lines bounded by the points below and the closest points ashore.
 - (i) The Green and Red Bell buoy off the west end of Alcatraz Island and the closest point ashore on Alcatraz Island.
 - (ii) The Green buoy (#3) south of Point Blunt, Angel Island and the closest point ashore on Angel Island.
 - (iii) Anita Rock Light (Light List 4290) and an unmarked buoy (located 150 yards NW of Anita Rock Light).
 - (iv) Anita Rock Light (Light List 4290) and the closest point ashore.
 - (v) Unmarked buoy (located 150 yards NW of Anita Rock Light) and the closest point ashore.
 - (vi) The "H" Beam piling (located approximately 200 yards west of StFYC) and the closest point ashore.
 - (vii) The South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge and the closest point ashore.

Boats infringing SI 8.3 may be subject to protest and disqualification.

9. THE START AND CHECK-IN

- 9.1. The starting line will be between staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and a temporary buoy.
- 9.2. No later than five (5) minutes prior to the first warning signal of each race day (1230hrs), each boat shall
 - 9.2.1. Sail past the Race Committee boat on starboard tack and announce her sail number; and
 - 9.2.2. Obtain recognition of her check in by the Race Committee.

10. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and a temporary buoy, opposite the starting line.

11. PROTESTS

Protests shall be delivered electronically to the Regatta Chair and PRO at racing@cyc.org no later than 2 hours after the Race Committee boat has docked in the CYC Harbor. A list of protests received will be posted on the event website at race.cyc.org/mids26. Protest hearings may be held by a video or other conference forum at a time agreed to by the protest participants.

12. RETIRING BEFORE FINISH

A boat that retires prior to finishing shall notify the race committee the boat name, sail number and "Retiring", by hailing on VHF66A or by phone to CYC Harbormaster (415 302 5083) as soon as reasonably possible.

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 Chair: Marcus Canestra

Race Committee email: racing@cyc.org

Event Website and Notice Board: <https://race.cyc.org/mids25>

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

Addendum 1 to 2026 Corinthian Midwinters Sailing Instructions

CLASSES, DIVISIONS and FLAGS

Division/Class	Flag	Division/Class	Flag
PHRF 1	B	NS1 / NS2	F
PHRF 2	C	PHRF4	G
PHRF 3	D	PHRF5	H
J105	E		

Addendum 2 to 2026 Corinthian Midwinters Sailing Instructions

Rounding marks for ALL Courses

DESCRIPTION of ROUNDING MARKS	
4	YRA Mark "4", Red buoy near Pt Knox
6	Yellow can buoy approx. 200 yd north of Ft Mason Docks
8	YRA Mark "8", R "4" Fl 4s Horn 1 nm east of Pt. Blunt
12	YRA Mark "12", G "1" Fl G 4s Little Harding Rock
14	Yellow Mark 0.1 nm north of Southampton Platform
15	Yellow column approx. 0.5 nm east of Yellow Bluff "Hank Easom"
16	YRA Mark "16", Yellow Column "C" .25 nm east of Fort Point, "Blackaller"
17	YRA Mark "17", RG "HR" Fl (2+1) R 6s, Harding Rock
18	YRA Mark "18", RG "BR" Fl (2+1) G 6s bell, Blossom Rock
19	YRA Mark "19", R Fl R 2.5S 4M Red buoy "SF North Channel buoy 8" near Racoon Strait
21	G "1" FIG6s Green buoy SF North Channel buoy 1 near Alcatraz Is.
CG	Sausalito Coast Guard mooring buoy (temporary CYC inflatable). Approx 0.4nm @ 142°M from the Sausalito Ferry Wharf.
DL	Inflatable Mark ~ 0.1nm @100°M from Pt Diablo Light
LHI	Inflatable Mark approx. 0.3nm north of YRA Mark "12", G "1" Fl G 4s Little Harding Rock
N	YRA mark "N", Red buoy Fl R 4S 3M "2", Sausalito Entrance Buoy
RR	Red Rock Island
XOC	YRA Mark "XOC" approx. 1.8nm north-northwest of Berkeley Marina. "Bobbi Tossi"
X	YRA Mark "X", Yellow Column .1 nm north of Golden Gate Yacht Club
W	Inflatable Mark 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.

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COURSES

No	Course – P or S denotes rounding direction						~Dist		
1	Start	15 p	4 p	15 p	4 p	LHI s	Finish	7	
2	Start	15 p	6 p	17 s	4 p	LHI s	Finish	7.6	
3	Start	15 p	21 p	17 s	4 p	LHI s	Finish	8	
4	Start	15 p	8 p	LHI s			Finish	7.9	
5	Start	15 p	8 p	12 p	8 p	LHI s	Finish	13.4	
6	Start	LHI s	14 p	12 p	4 p	LHI s	Finish	9.1	
7	Start	LHI s	14 p	CG p	4 p	LHI s	Finish	10.3	
8	Start	LHI s	19 p	12 p	4 p	LHI s	Finish	7.9	
9	Start	LHI s	RR s	14 p	12 p		Finish	12.9	
10	Start	16 p	6 p	17 s	4 p	LHI s	Finish	8.6	
11	Start	16 p	18 p	LHI s			Finish	9.6	
12	Start	16 p	18 p	8 p	LHI s		Finish	11.1	
13	Start	16 p	6 p	16 p	Xp	4 p	LHI s	Finish	11.2
14	Start	16 p	XOC p	17 s	LHI s		Finish	15.3	
15	Start	12 p	21 p	14 p	CG p		Finish	11.2	
16	Start	12 p	21 p	8 p	LHI s		Finish	7.4	
17	Start	12 p	4 p	12 p	4 p	LHI s	Finish	4.5	
18	Start	N p	6 p				Finish	6.7	
19	Start	12 p	L p	12 p			Finish	4.1	
20	Start	12 p	4 p	LHI s			Finish	2.8	
21	Start	12 p	DL p				Finish	7	
22	Start	12 p	18 p	N s	21 p	LHI s	Finish	13.1	
23	Start	CG p	15 p	4 p	LHI s		Finish	4.6	
24	Start	CG p	15 p	8 p	LHI s		Finish	8.6	
25	Start	12-P	4-P	LHI-S			Finish	5.3	
26	Start	6 p					Finish	5.8	
27	Start	6 p	12 p	6 p			Finish	10.2	
28	Start	18 p	12 p	18 p			Finish	12	
29	Start	18 p					Finish	6.4	
30	Start	17 s	DL p	18 p	12 p	4 p	LHI s	Finish	13.4
40	Start	W-P	L-P	W-P	L-P	W-P	Finish		
41	Start	W-P	L-P	W-P			Finish		