

LEWES YACHT CLUB

Saturday Series 2025

Sailing Instructions V1.0 5/16/25

1. **Rules** - The current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the prescriptions of US SAILING will govern the race, except as altered by these sailing instructions (SI) or as posted on the official notice board.
2. **Notices to competitors** will be posted on the official notice board on the door to the sailing shed located at the NE corner of the LYC property. The SI will be posted in the glass case located on the NE pathway to the beach. You can request a PDF copy by emailing sailingschool@lewesyc.com
3. **Changes to the Sailing Instructions** – Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect. Changes may also be made orally prior to the warning signal on the water.
4. **Signals Made Ashore** – Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagpole or on a staff on the clubhouse deck.
 - 4.1 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP description.
5. **Schedule of races** – Each Saturday from 06/28/25 through 08/30/25 except when regattas are being held at the club on a Saturday. The first signal for each Saturday will be at 1357 if sound signal start or 1355 if RRS 26 start. There may be more than one race per class per race day.
6. **Class Flags:**
 - Sunfish & Wave** – A Sunfish emblem on a white background will be the class flag.
 - Waves** may have a separate start using starburst flag if needed
 - Mobjack** – A yellow pennant will be the class flag.
 - Multiple classes may be started together.**
 - Other classes of boats may sail but only the above three **designated classes** will be eligible for awards. The other classes will start with any class they select.
7. **The courses** – See courses at the end of these SI. The RC boat will display the course a number indicating the course to be sailed. Different classes may be sailing different courses simultaneously. When on the finishing leg the leeward mark may be passed on either side.
8. **Marks** – All marks shall be passed to the port side of the competitors' boats. Rounding marks will be red or orange except the windward mark for Mobjacks will be a yellow mark.
 - a. **The start** – Unless announced otherwise by the RC on the water, races will be started by using Appendix U "Audible-Signal Racing System". Unless RRS 26 is being used the raising and lowering of a class flag is NOT a timed signal.
 - b. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a round red mark.
 - c. Competitors are required to check in, on starboard tack, at the RC signal boat before their first race of each day.
 - d. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored did not start. This changes rule A4.
9. **Change of the next leg of the course** – To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, even though the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. Rule 33 (a) (2) will be used to indicate the direction of a change.
10. **The Finish** – The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or the RC flag and a green mark and may be a different location than the start line. Once a boat

has finished a race, she shall stay well clear of the finish line until all other boats have finished. .

- a. While finishing if flag "A" is displayed (with no sound) on the RC boat means "No more racing today". If an RC boat displays flag "S" (shorten course) the finishing line will be between a staff displaying flag "S" on that RC boat and the nearby mark.

11. Time Limits – The time limit is 60 minutes for the first boat to finish.

- a. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish.
- b. If no boat has passed the first mark within 30 minutes after its starting signal the race *may* be abandoned.

12. Protests, Penalties and Requests for Redress – Protest forms are available in the clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the jury within the protest time limit.

- a. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the RC boat docks.
- b. Notices will be posted on the official board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- c. Appendix V "Alternative Penalties" will be used..

13. Scoring – The Low Point Scoring System will apply Only the designated classes in rule 6 will be scored with no throw outs. A competitor must sail in at least 50% of all the races held for a class to be considered for awards. Two or more boats in a class will constitute a race.

14. Safety Regulations – Life jackets should be properly worn while racing. If the RC displays signal flag Y life jackets are *required* to be properly worn. A boat retiring will attempt to notify the race committee as soon as possible.

15. Awards –Awards will be presented at the discretion of the LYC Regatta Committee. All sailors in the designated classes in rule 6 are eligible to win awards except for LYC perpetual trophies which are awarded only to LYC members.

16. Disclaimer Of Liability - Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

17. Radio Equipment – A competitor may monitor channel 78A but otherwise shall not make or receive radio or cell phone transmissions while racing that are not available to all competitors except in the case of notifying the race committee of a safety issue or of a competitor's retirement from the race.

18. Special Notes -

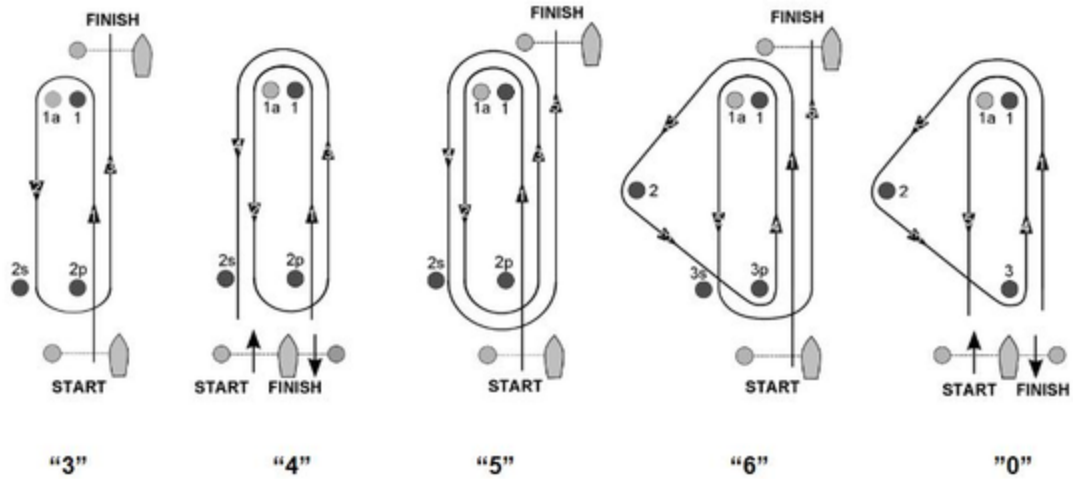
- a. Race committee support vessels shall rank as obstructions.
- b. If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to sail in them, please retire from the race. See RRS 4.

COURSE DIAGRAMS

In most cases mark 1a and gate will not be used and the courses will be “4” or “0”

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The courses will be as shown in the diagrams (not to scale). The marks and the order in which they are to be passed are listed below:



Course 3: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish Upwind

Course 4: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, Finish Downwind

Course 5: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish Upwind

Course 6: Start, 1, 2, 3p, 1, 1a, 3s/3p, Finish Upwind

Course 0: Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1a, Finish Downwind