

# Sailing Instructions for Corsica River Saturday Sailing Fall series 2025

## 1. Introduction

This is for Saturday sailing races on September 20, 27 and October 4. Noon start

## 2. Rules

- All races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), as adopted by US Sailing, except as amended by these sailing instructions.
- *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the North American Portsmouth Yardstick.
- Any changes to these instructions will be communicated to all competitors via notice board or at the competitors' meeting prior to the race.

## 3. Notices to Competitors

- Mandatory Skippers meeting is near the RC shed at 11:00 each day.
- Official notices will be posted on the club's official noticeboard located near the clubhouse.
- Amendments to sailing instructions, schedule changes, or other critical information will be posted at least 30 minutes before the scheduled warning signal.

## 4. Eligibility and Entry

- Races are open to all club members and invited guests sailing boats that conform to class specifications.
- Eligible boats must register before the competitors' meeting using the official entry form or signup sheet.
- Boats must display a unique sail number clearly visible on both sides of the mainsail.

## 5. Schedule of Races

- The series will consist of single races or multiple races, as determined by the race committee.

- The time of the first warning signal will be announced prior to each race day.
- Subsequent races may start as soon as possible following the finishing of the previous race.

## 6. Racing Area

- Races will be held on the waters adjacent to the yacht club. The exact location and boundaries will be described at the competitors' meeting .

## 7. Courses

- The course will be described at the competitors' meeting. Typical courses may include windward-leeward, triangle, or other configurations suited to the local conditions utilizing the attached map.
- Course marks will be described at the skipper meeting or by the signal boat.
- All course changes will be signaled from the race committee boat using appropriate flags as described in the RRS.

## 8. Marks

- Marks will be identified and described at the competitors' meeting. The start and finish marks will be specified prior to the race.
- If a mark is missing or replaced, alternate marks and their identification will be explained at the meeting.

## 9. The Start

- Races start using RRS Appendix U with a courtesy sound before the three-minute sequence. A class flag will be raised at the start of sequence ( 3 min.) and lowered at the start if more than one start is used.

If 4 or more of the same class are present, they may be given their own start.

## 10. Recalls

- Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1 (X flag and sound).

- General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2 (First Substitute flag and two sounds).
- Boats failing to start properly must return and start correctly.

## 11. The Finish

- The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the finishing mark.
- Boats must cross the finish line in the direction of the last mark.

## 12. Time Limits

- The time limit for each race will be specified prior to the start (typically 90 minutes).
- If no boat finishes within the time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes may be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF) at the discretion of the race committee.

## 13. Protests and Requests for Redress

- Protests must be filed in writing on official forms available at the clubhouse within 30 minutes of the finish of the last boat in the race.
- Protests and requests for redress will be heard by the protest committee in accordance with RRS Part 5.
- Protest meetings will be announced and conducted as soon as practical after the day's racing.

## 14. Scoring

- Scoring will be based on the Low Point System (RRS Appendix A).
- Each boat's series score will be the total of her races, discarding the worst score(s) in accordance with the regatta or series rules.
- DNF, DNS, DSQ, and other scoring abbreviations will be applied as per RRS Appendix A.

## 15. Safety Regulations

- All participants must have personal flotation devices (PFDs)

- Boats must comply with all local safety and navigation regulations.
- Any boat withdrawing from the race must notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- All participants take part entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4, Decision to Race).
- The organizing authority, race committee, or the club will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

## 17. Prizes

- No prizes will be awarded 18. Liability and Insurance

## 19. Conduct and Sportsmanship

- Competitors are expected to respect the rules, their fellow sailors, race officials, and the spirit of fair competition.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in protest and disciplinary action by the club.

## 20. Amendments and Interpretation

- Amendments to these instructions will be posted and communicated to all competitors as soon as possible.
- Questions regarding interpretation should be directed to the race committee, whose decision will be final.

## 21. Additional Information

- For further details, competitors should consult the full Racing Rules of Sailing and relevant class rules.
- Contact information for race officials and protest committee will be posted on the club notice board.

# Course Diagram and Descriptions

The following marks may be used

Marker “**C**” R2 @ the mouth of the Corsica river near Town Point

Marker “**D**” CR at the end of the Corsica river in the Chester River west of Spanyard neck

Marker “**F**” Poast mark due south of the Corsica yacht club dock

Marker “**H**” Temp. yellow cylinder near the south shore of the Corsica River between Town Pt. and Wash Ft.

Marker “**J**” is the privately owned mooring buoy Near the houses on the north side of the river.

“**DOCK**” the finish may be moved between the end of the dock RC flag and the nearby orange ball.

