

## 2017 CHELSEA YACHT CLUB SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES:** All races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 published by the United States Sailing Association as modified by current class rules, or by these instructions. In case of conflict with class rules, class rules shall govern. Crew number restrictions imposed for Ensign one-design class races at CYC are waived. Changes in these instructions, and other official notices, shall be posted on the R/C Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse. Notices posted at least one hour before the start of the affected event shall be deemed notification to all participants. Advertising will be restricted to Category A (no additional advertising).
2. **REGISTRATION:** Each boat shall register with the Fleet Captain or with the Race Committee before racing.
3. **Boats racing MUST check in with the Race Committee either via VHF radio or by passing close by the RC Boat prior to the A FLEET starting sequence.**
4. **STARTING AND FINISHING:**
  - Races shall be started according to Rule 26 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
  - The Start/Finish line is between the R/C flag on the R/C Boat and a nearby floating mark designated as Mark "Y". If the R/C Boat must leave its station on the finish line, that end of the start/finish line shall be replaced by the "S" mark and boats shall record their own finishing times.
  - The starting area is the area 1/2 the length of the starting line to windward, to leeward, and to either end of the starting line. No boat shall enter the starting area after the first warning signal until the warning signal of her fleet.
5. **TIME LIMITS:** The time limits, measured from the starting signal of each class shall be three hours for all classes. If no boat in a class sails the course and finishes within the three hours of her start signal, the race for that fleet shall be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within 2 Hours after the first boat in a fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
6. **SCORING SYSTEM:** Races will be scored using the Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing using the Low Point Scoring System and paragraph A9, except that boats not coming to the starting area (DNC) shall be scored one more than the number of boats that sailed in the best attended race of that series, and one score shall be excluded from each boat's series score in any series with more than three races. When scoring the season championship, the DNC score shall be one more than the number of boats that sailed in the best attended race of the season. There will be up to four series of four races for each fleet. The first four races sailed by the fleet will constitute the A series, the next four the B series, and so on. The A, B, and C fleets will be scored using the PHRF system and HRYRA, YRALIS, or temporary (good only for 2017) CYC PHRF numbers assigned by the CYC Fleet Captain. HRYRA PHRF adjustments for crew weight and whisker poles *will* be included. For series races, no adjustments shall be made for boats not using a spinnaker. Racers serving on the Race Committee will receive their average score after throw outs in that series for series scoring and their average score after throw outs in the entire season in season scoring.
7. **PROTESTS:** A protesting boat shall submit a written protest to the Race Committee within 30 minutes of the time when the R/C boat reaches shore. The Race Committee, or the Protest Committee may waive this rule when, in its opinion, circumstances beyond the control of the protesting boat make it impossible for her to submit a written protest within the time limit.
8. **MOORING AREAS RESTRICTION:** Boats shall not sail or pass on the shore side of moorings or anchored or moored boats in a mooring area. A boat which sails or passes on the shore side of such moorings or boats shall be disqualified. The entire CYC mooring area beginning with the first anchored boat or mooring North of CYC Lighted Buoy (W) and continuing to the last anchored boat or mooring South of CYC Lighted Buoy (N) shall rank as an obstruction. Mooring areas and boats and moorings in mooring areas shall not rank as a mark of the course. When not used as a mark of the course, Chelsea lighted buoys are obstructions which may be passed on either side. Contact with empty moorings, and fending off anchored or moored boats with any part of the body is permitted without penalty. A boat which collides (boat to boat contact) with a boat anchored or moored in a mooring area shall be disqualified, unless she alleges that

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she was wrongfully forced by another boat to make contact with the anchored or moored boat and unless she protests that other boat.

9. OTHER SIGNALS: All race signals will be flown from the R/C Boat in accordance with The Racing Rules of Sailing except:
- “AP over H”, “AP over A”, “AP over a numeral pennant”, “N over A”, and “N over H” will not be used.
  - Code Flag “N” will mean that all races are abandoned and there will be no more racing today.
  - Code Flag “S” will only be flown **after** the start.
    - If flown at the start/finish line, Code Flag “S” will mean: Sail the short course (the portion of the course before the hyphen in the course description and finishing at the start/finish line.)
    - If flown at a nearby rounding mark, it will mean: Finish between the nearby mark and this flag.
  - The Race Committee may announce on VHF radio channel 72 status information about the starting sequence, recalls and whether a race has been abandoned. Times shall be taken from the visual signals only.
  - When code flag “AP” is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP. Code flag “AP” shall be flown from the Chelsea Yacht Club Flag staff
10. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC: Commercial traffic is often present in the race area. Boats are permitted to use ANY means of propulsion to avoid interference with commercial vessels. Boats using means of propulsion that are normally prohibited to avoid interference with commercial traffic must return to the exact location where such use began and come to a complete stop before continuing to race. Boats interfering with commercial traffic shall be disqualified.
11. WHISKER POLES: As per your PHRF certificate. (see PHRF regulations)
12. STARTING TIME: The starting sequence shall begin no earlier than 1:30 p.m. and will normally follow the following time schedule. Any race which is not started within 1.5 hours of its scheduled start time shall be automatically cancelled. Note that the Warning signal for each class is **expected** to but **may not** coincide with the start of the previous class. *(If there is light air or fleets bunching up at the start, an extra minute may be added before then next fleet start)*

1:30	A Fleet Warning				
1:31	A Fleet Preparatory				
1:34	A Preparatory down				
1:35	A Fleet Start	B Fleet Warning			
1:36		B Fleet Preparatory			
1:39		B Fleet Preparatory down			
1:40		B Fleet Start	Ensign Warning		
1:41			Ensign Preparatory		
1:44			Ensign Prep down		
1:45			Ensign Start	C Fleet Warning	
1:46				C Fleet Preparatory	
1:49				C Preparatory down	
1:50				C Fleet Start	
1:51					
1:54					
1:55					Cruising Fleet Start

13. Class Flags: The class flags which serve as the warning signal for each class shall be as follows:

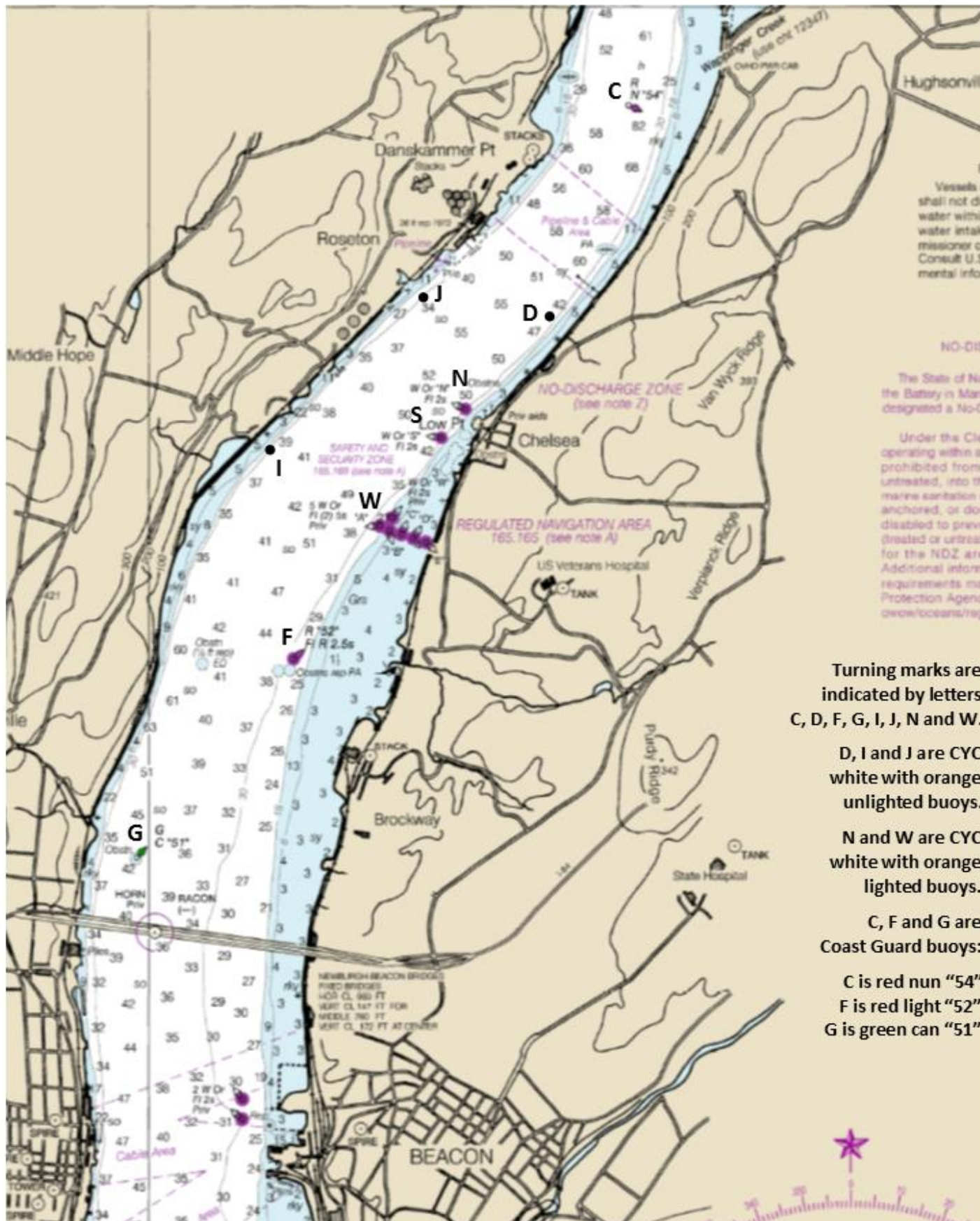
				
A Fleet (Orange Square)	B Fleet (Yellow Square)	Ensign Class Flag	C Fleet (Green Square)	Cruising Fleet (Blue Square)

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14. Courses: Course numbers will be posted on the R/C Boat. **When a twice-around course is signaled (any course containing a hyphen such as FID-WID), all yachts shall complete the first lap by sailing through a gate which will be between the RC boat and "Y" Mark (Start/Finish line). Mark "Y" is the starting pin which may be a mark of the course.**

Course	A Fleet	B Fleet, Ensigns	C Fleet Cruising Fleet	Marks To	Finish Dir	Wind
1	DW-DW	DW-DW	DW	P	U	<6
2	DIF	DIW	DN	P	U	6-8
3	DIF-DF	DIW-DW	DW	P	U	8-10
4	DIF-DIF	DIF-DW	DIY-DW	P	U	10-12
5	DIG-DIF	DIF-DIF	DIW-DW	P	U	>12
6	DJF	DJW	DW	P	U	6-8
7	DJF-DW	DJW-DW	DJW	P	U	8-10
8	DJF-DJF	DJW-DJW	DJW	P	U	10-12
9	CIF-DIF	CIF	DIF	P	U	>12
10	WD-WN	WN-WN	WN	P	U	<6
11	FID	WID	WD	S	U	6-8
12	FD-FD	FD-WD	WD-WD	P	U	8-10
13	FID-FD	WID-WD	WID	S	U	8-10
14	FID-FID	FID-WD	WID	S	U	8-10
15	GID-FD	FID-FD	FID	S	U	10-12
16	GID-FID	FID-FID	FID-WDS	S	U	>12
17	JFYJF	JFYJW	JWYJW	P	U	6-8
18	JDF-JDF	JDF-JDW	JDW	S	U	8-12
19	JDG-JDF	JDF-JDW	JDF	S	U	>12
20	CW-CW	CW-DW	CW	P	U	10-12
21	FC-WC	WC-WC	WC	P	U	10-12
22	F	F	F	P	D	6-8
23	C	C	C	P	D	6-8
24	FIDW	WIDW	WINW	S	D	8-10
25	DIFD	DIWD	DIYD	P	D	10-12
26	FCF	FDF	FDW	P	D	>12

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Turning marks are indicated by letters C, D, F, G, I, J, N and W.

D, I and J are CYC white with orange unlighted buoys.

N and W are CYC white with orange lighted buoys.

C, F and G are Coast Guard buoys:

C is red nun "54"

F is red light "52"

G is green can "51"