

2026 BULLSEYE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

July 31 – August 2, 2026

Organizing Authority: Sandy Bay Yacht Club (SBYC)
In conjunction with the Bullseye Sailing Association (BSA)

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 (RRS), the Bullseye Class Rules, the Notice of Race (NOR), and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except changes to the schedule of races, which will be posted by 1900 on the previous day.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the back of the SBYC clubhouse next to the ice machine.

3.2 The Race Committee intends to communicate on VHF Channel 69.

3.3 Failure to receive radio communications is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

3.4 SBYC launch and staff monitor VHF Channel 9.

3.5 Rockport Harbormaster monitors VHF Channels 9 and 16.

3.6 All boats must have a VHF radio and monitor VHF Channel 69

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole next to the SBYC clubhouse.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration — Sandy Bay Yacht Club (SBYC)

- Thursday, July 30 — 4:00–6:00 PM
- Friday, July 31 — 2:00–5:00 PM

5.2 Launch — SBYC

- Thursday, July 30 — 4:00–6:00 PM
- Friday, July 31 — 2:00–5:00 PM
- By appointment

Crane, licensed operator, bridle, and dock assistance will be provided. Skippers are responsible for the maintenance of their own keel bolts.

5.3 Friday, July 31 — Single-Handed Challenge

- 8:30 AM — Light breakfast
- 9:00 AM — Skippers' Meeting
- 9:30 AM — Harbor Start
- 10:15 AM — First Warning Signal
- Maximum of five (5) races
- No warning signal after 1:00 PM
- 5:00 PM — BSA Annual Meeting at SBYC
- 6:00–7:30 PM — Dinnern At SBYC

5.4 Saturday, August 1 — Bullseye National Championship

- 8:00 AM — Light breakfast; bag lunches available
- 8:30 AM — Skippers' Meeting
- 8:50 AM — Group Photo
- 9:15 AM — Harbor Start
- 10:30 AM — First Warning Signal
- Multiple races as conditions permit
- 5:00 PM — Dinner at SBYC

5.5 Sunday, August 2 — Bullseye National Championship

- 8:00 AM — Light breakfast
- 9:00 AM — Harbor Start
- 10:15 AM — First Warning Signal
- No warning signal after 1:00 PM
- Awards Lunch following racing

6. CLASS FLAG

6.1 The class flag shall be a red flag displaying a white Bullseye emblem.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The Race Committee intends to conduct races in one or more of the designated racing areas shown in Attachment A.

7.2 The selected racing area will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

7.3 Changes may be announced on VHF Channel 69.

8. COURSES

8.1 The course to be sailed and the compass heading to the first mark will be displayed on the course posting ladder on the Race Committee Signal Boat. The course will be displayed using letters and numbers on white cards and the compass heading displayed using numbers on black cards. The Race Committee may also display the distance in nautical miles to the first mark using a decimal number on white cards. All course, heading, and distance designations will be arranged vertically. (See courses and flags on attachment B)

8.2 Government marks must be honored except Green Can "C3" NNW of Gap Head shown on SBYC chart as E.

8.3 The Race Committee may shorten the course at its discretion if a minimum course has been sailed consisting of a windward and a leeward leg. RC will sound a horn, display S flag and notify via VHF channel 69

8.4 If a gate is not in place, the existing mark shall be left to port,

9. MARKS

9.1 Windward, reaching and gate marks: Yellow tetrahedrons.

9.2 Offset mark: Orange spherical mark.

9.3 The starting line will be between an orange flag on RC signals boat (Emily Wick) and an orange or green tetrahedron.

10. THE START

10.1 Before the first race each day, boats shall sail past the stern of the RC Signals boat (Emily Wick), leaving her to starboard, hail their sail number, and receive acknowledgment.

10.2 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10.3 IF any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified; the Race Committee will attempt to hail her sail number via loud hailer and VHF. Failure to hear such a hail or the order in which boats are hailed shall not be grounds for redress. (This changes RRS 61.1a)

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between a blue flag on Emily Wick and the course side of the orange or green tetrahedron.

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1 The time limit for each race is 60 minutes.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44 shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practicable.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 A protesting boat shall display a red flag. This changes RRS 60.2 (a)(1)

14.2 A protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee after finishing or retiring.

14.3 Protest and request for redress shall be written or filled-in and printed on a US Sailing Hearing Request form available inside the SBYC clubhouse to the left of the porch door and hand delivered to the PRO within one hour each day of the docking of the Race Committee Signals boat (Emily Wick) (protest time limit)

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15.2 All boats must have a working anchor with 100' of line.

16. LOANER BOATS

16.1 Breakdown points for a loaner boat will be applied only for races missed on the day of the breakdown and calculated as the average of races completed. If a substitute loaner boat is unavailable, subsequent races will be scored DNS.

16.2 Loaner boats shall be sailed in accordance with the Notice of Race.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and these Sailing Instructions.

18. TRASH DISPOSAL

18.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support boats or Race Committee boats.

18.2 A boat observed in violation may be disqualified from all races sailed that day.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

19.2 The OA, SBYC, BSA, sponsors, officers, members, volunteers, and representatives accept no liability for material damage, injury, or death.

SOUNDINGS IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

Nautical Miles
1 1/2 0 1

Yards
1000 500 0 1000 2000

Racing Area 3

Racing Area 1

Racing Area 2

Sandy Bay Yacht Club

SCALE 1:10,000