

13th Annual Ideal 18 Team Race Regatta

Sailing Instructions

Sunday June 29, 2025 Hosted by Riverside Yacht Club

1 RULES

1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.

1.2 PFDs shall be worn at all times while on the water except for brief periods while adjusting or changing clothing.

1.3 Sailors must bring their own water bottle. Re-fill stations will be available on the rotation dock.

1.4 Races will be sailed in Ideal 18s provided by Riverside Yacht Club. Spinnakers will not be used.

2 TEAM

Teams shall wear their bibs outside their PDFs.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted and available at the registration table.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Teams will be advised of any onshore postponements orally.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 29	1045	Registration
	1130	Competitors' meeting
	1145	Harbor Start
	1200	First warning signal

Refreshments following the completion of racing

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the waters of Captain's Harbor or inside Riverside Yacht Club Harbor.

7 FORMAT

Intention is to sail as many round robins as possible at the discretion of the race committee.

8 COURSE

8.1 The course will be a Port Box or Digital N as shown.



8.2 Course lengths are at the discretion of the regatta committee.

9 MARKS

9.1 Rounding marks will be orange buoys.

9.2 For the Port Box course, on the leg from M2 to M3, the race committee signal boat and the port end starting/finishing mark are marks of the course. The signal boat shall be passed to starboard or the starting/finishing mark shall be passed to port, and those are the required sides, respectively, once a boat enters the zone and rule 18 applies for that mark.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started using a three-minute starting sequence that is a modification of the Sound Signal Starting System of Appendix U.

10.2 The starting line will be between an orange flagged staff on the committee boat and a mark.

10.3 The warning signal will be flags in the color of the teams paired for that start. The warning signal for subsequent races will be given as soon as practicable.

11 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a blue or orange flagged staff on a race committee boat and a mark.

12 TIME LIMIT

12.1 The time limit for each race will be 20 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 5 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rule 35. 12.2 The decision to abandon a race may be communicated orally by the Race Committee. This changes rule 32.1 and Race Signals.

13 WITHDRAWAL

A boat that withdraws from a race or that does not intend to start a scheduled race shall notify the Race Committee at the first opportunity.

14 PROTESTS

14.1 Protests will be resolved by 3 minute justice with sailors not involved with the race on the rotation dock. All protests must be registered with the Protest Administrator on the finish boat. 14.2 This event will not be umpired.

15 BREAKDOWNS

A boat suffering a breakdown shall report breakdown at the finish boat and rotation boat. This modifies rule D5.1.

16 SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix D.

17 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY

17.1 The skipper shall be responsible for all actions of his or her crew or guests. In the event of a breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member or agent of Riverside Yacht Club, the skipper will be held responsible.17.2 Riverside Yacht Club is not responsible and will not accept any liability for bodily injury, death, or property damage suffered from any cause. Each participant, including skipper and crew, participates in the

property damage suffered from any cause. Each participant, including skipper and crew, participates in the regatta entirely at his/her own risk and waives any and all claims, including those arising from negligence or lack of due care, which he/she may have against the Riverside Yacht Club, its regatta committee, and its officers, trustees, committee members, members, agents, or employees. Responsibility for evaluating the wind, sea, and other conditions rests with each participant as does responsibility for the safe condition of the boat, including safety equipment and rigging and for deciding when to wear life jackets. Patrol boats or other assistance will not likely be available. Assistance, if any, from the regatta committee or other Riverside Yacht Club vessels, or other patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is entirely at the risk of the participant.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the RYC Sailing Director, Samantha Labuzetta or Event Chair, Ned Glenn.

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS APPENDIX A

- 1. Ideal 18s will be provided by the Riverside Yacht Club and other participating clubs. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 3. Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by the Race Committee otherwise, the following are prohibited: a) Any additions or alterations to the equipment supplied. b) The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted. c) The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the Race Committee or Event Chairman. d) Moving equipment for its normal stowage position except when being used. e) Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales. f) Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging. g) Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink. h) Only one set of sails shall be used unless a substitution is authorized by the Race Committee. i) Spinnakers shall not be used. Spinnaker poles and/or whisker poles shall not be used. j) Barber haulers shall not be used. k) Mainsheets may be doubled-up but not singled-up.
- 4. The Ideal 18 fleet will race under a full main and jib sail plan as the conditions allow. If the conditions make it unsafe to sail with the full sail plan, two additional sail plans may be signaled for the starting boat dictating the sail plan to be used for the upcoming race as follows: a) Signal flag Romeo: reefed mainsail and full jib b) Signal flag Juliet: reefed mainsail with jib furled upwind and unfurled downwind. For races sailed under signal flag Juliet, the jib may be unfurled while rounding Mark 2 and must be furled before rounding mark 4. c)The decision of which sail configuration to be used will be made by the Race Committee, and will be made before the warning signal for that race providing teams adequate time to reef or unreef mainsails. Teams will be notified of this decision by a series of horn blasts accompanying the display of boat color designations for the next race.
- 5. Every effort shall be made to avoid damage to hulls, rigging or sails. If the Protest Administrator, the Race Committee or the Event Chairman determines that the Right of Way skipper did not act appropriately to avoid a damage-causing collision, the cost to repair the damage may be divided between the two skippers involved.
- 6. Competitors are responsible for inspecting their assigned boats for possible breakdown and/or missing equipment. Discrepancies must be resolved immediately by reporting to RYC's Boatswain or the Protest Administrator on the rotation boat.
- 7. Immediately after finishing a race, competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment to the Protest Administrator and/or to RYC's Boatswain.
- 8. Boats will remain on the course side of all harbor rock markers at all times and sail stay within the government channel buoys on the sail between RYC and the race course.