



Pot O' Gold Regatta 2025
Third of the three SSS Spring Blossom events
Part of SBYA BOTY

Organizing Authority: Sarasota Sailing Squadron
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Sarasota, FL

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before **10:30** on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1. The signals made ashore will be displayed from the SSS flagpole.
- 3.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes."

4. THE COURSE

- 4.1. PHRF
The PHRF course will be assigned at the skippers meeting or on the racecourse. Coordinates to the various marks of the course can be found at <https://sarabayracing.com/racing-tools/navigation-data-coordinates/spreadsheet/>
- 4.2. ONE-DESIGN
 - 4.2.1. The diagrams in **ADDENDUM 1** Course Diagram illustrate the one-design courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
 - 4.2.2. The course designation will be posted on the RC Signal boat.

5. MARKS

- 5.1. PHRF rounding marks
 - 5.1.1. Squadron marks and government marks
- 5.2. One-design Rounding Marks
 - 5.2.1. Rounding marks and change marks will be identified on the noticeboard or on the RC boat or in ADDENDUM 1.
 - 5.2.2. If one of the two gate marks are missing, the remaining gate shall be rounded to port. This modifies RRS 34.
 - 5.2.3. If the offset mark is missing, competitors need only to round the windward mark. This modifies RRS 34.



6. THE START

- 6.1. RRS right of way rules apply to all boats throughout racing regardless of fleet.
- 6.2. PHRF –Started in order of Multihull, followed by E Scow, followed by Monohull, approximately timed as stated below:
 - 6.2.1. PHRF Multihull will have a Warning at 12:50 with a Fleet Start at 12:55 [RRS 26]. **Multihull Warning flag is pink background with two black horizontal stripes.**
 - 6.2.2. E Scow start will have a Warning at 12:55 with a fleet start at 13:00 [RRS 26].
 - 6.2.3. PHRF Monohull will have a Warning at 13:00, with a **fleet start** at 13:05 [RRS 26]. **Monohull Warning flag is white background with a blue “J”.**
 - 6.2.4. PHRF starting line will be between a Race Committee Signal Boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of a port end permanent mark “I” of the “Compass Rose” fixed marks.
 - 6.2.5. 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 may attempt to hail her sail number audibly or by VHF radio. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
 - 6.2.6. If any fleet is subject to a general recall, that same fleet will receive the next starting sequence.
- 6.3. One Design.
 - 6.3.1. Races will be started as follows: Appendix U - Audible Signal Racing System for a 3-minute start sequence. This changes RRS 26.
 - 6.3.2. One-design starting line will be between a Race Committee Signal Boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of a port end mark, or a port end pin boat displaying an orange flag.
 - 6.3.3. 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 may attempt to hail her sail number audibly or by VHF radio. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
 - 6.3.4. The class flag will be the class insignia on a flag unless otherwise listed on the notice board or displayed at competitor meeting.
 - 6.3.5. The sequence or order of starts may vary according to presence and availability of a fleet to start an additional race. The class flag will be used to indicate the class to which a sequence applies, and the class flag will be the Warning flag at the commencement of each sequence.

7. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 7.1. One-design
 - 7.1.1. The race committee may adjust the bearing of a mark up to approximately 15 degrees or change the course length up to approximately 20% before the first boat rounds the previous mark without signaling a change. This changes RRS 33.



8. THE FINISH

8.1. PHRF

8.1.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of a mark.

8.2. One-design

8.2.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of a mark.

9. TIME LIMITS

Class	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finish Window
PHRF/eScow/Multihull	2 hours	4 hours	Applies per class
ONE-DESIGN	20-40 minutes	60 minutes	10 minutes

9.1. Failure to meet the Race Target Time is not grounds for redress.

9.2. A boat may be scored "in place" at the discretion of the Race Committee.

9.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window (and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress) will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10

9.4. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A-5.

10. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

10.1. Boats **will** report their intent to protest and the number of the boat they intend to protest to the RC signal boat upon finishing, either verbally or by VHF.

10.2. Scoring inquiries, protests and request for redress forms are available at the SSS office.

10.3. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee Finish Boat docks after the last race of the day. The docking time and official starting time for protests to be lodged will be posted on the Official Notice Board at SSS.

10.4. Notices will be posted after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to or named as witnesses. It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the notice board to see if she is cited in a protest. Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call until excused by the Protest Committee.

11. SCORING

11.1. One (1) race is required to constitute a series.

11.2. Low Point System in Appendix "A" shall apply except that

11.2.1. A boats score shall be the sum of all the races with no throwout. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.1.

11.2.2. A boat recorded TLE shall be scored with 2 more points than the last boat to finish that race. This modifies RRS Appendix A5.2.



12. SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1. Check-in Procedures

12.1.1. Prior to the warning signal for the first race each day in which it intends to compete, each boat shall check in by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal boat, on starboard, hail her sail number and obtain verbal acknowledgement from the Race Committee.

12.2. A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the race committee Signal Boat or a patrol boat as soon as possible.

12.3. Motorboat operators of a motorboat less than 26 feet in length shall be attached to an Engine Safety Cut-Off Switch before the engine is started and at all times when it is operational.

13. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

13.1. One-design

13.1.1. Unless expressly permitted by the class rules, crew substitutions are prohibited unless there is an injury or emergency.

13.1.2. Any substitutions shall attempt to be of similar size and must be authorized by petitioning the Race Committee.”

13.2. Unless prohibited by class rules, substitution of damages or lost equipment will be allowed provided they comply with class rules.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

14.1. Coaches/ team leaders must register with the Race Committee and declare the boats supported.

14.2. Coach/team leaders and other support staff shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee has signaled a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

14.2.1. The race area is defined by 100 yards from the lay lines.

14.3. No wake of any kind, obstructing a competitor's course or wind is permitted.

14.4. Failure to keep clear is a protestable infraction may result in a penalty including a percentage or a DSQ of the supported competitor(s) at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

14.5. Coach/support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor the channels specified in section 18 Radio Communication.

14.6. Support boats may be required to act as safety boats upon instruction from a race official.

15. TRASH DISPOSAL

15.1. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.



16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1. Except in emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones or any other communication device.
- 16.2. VHF Ch 11 - One Design
- 16.3. VHF Ch 71 – PHRF (Multihull, E Scow & Monohull)

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

One Design Courses Addendum 1

Course	Description	Mark Order
WLE1	Windward Leeward Extended – 1 Lap	Start – 1E – 1Ea – 2p – finish
WL1	Windward Leeward – 1 Lap	Start – 1 – 1a – 2p – finish
WLE2	Windward Leeward Extended – 2 Laps	Start – 1E – 1Ea – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p - finish
WL2	Windward Leeward – 2 Laps	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p - finish

Marks

Num	Description
1E	Orange Tetrahedron
1Ea	Small Ball
1	Pink Tetrahedron
1a	Small Ball
2S/2P	Yellow Tetrahedron
Start	Pink Tetrahedron
Finish	Small Ball
Change Mark	Green Tetrahedron

Note:

The Organizing Authority may choose to either offset (1Ea or 1a) or the 2s Gate m see section 6.2.2 and 6.6.3.

