



2025 Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club
“Spring Racing Series”
March 16 thru June 14, 2025
CATBOAT/KEELBOAT
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

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Organizing Authority (OA): Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club
30 Yacht Club Drive, Beaufort, SC

1	RULES
1.1	The event is governed by the rules as defined in <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing</i> .
1.2	Life jacket and shoes are required for each sailor. All competitors shall comply with RRS 40 regarding PFD's.
2	CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2.1	Changes to the sailing instructions may be made at the Skippers Meeting, or on the water before the warning signal for each race on VHF CH 78 or orally.
3	SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
3.1	Signals made ashore will be displayed on the BYSC flagpole. When flag AP (postponement) is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the AP signal is lowered.

4	SCHEDULE OF RACES
4.1	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The below schedule of races <u>replaces</u> the schedule published in the Notice of Race.</i></p> <p>Races will start Sunday, March 16 and run until June 14 on the dates shown below:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Sunday, March 16 Sunday March 23 Sunday, March 30 Sunday, April 6 Saturday, April 19 Sunday, May 4 Saturday, May 10 Sunday, May 18 Sunday, May 25 Sunday, June 1 Saturday, June 14 </p> <p>Register online at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29399. On site registration will not be available.</p> <p>The warning signal for the first race each day will be at 1:00 pm.</p> <p>A second race may be sailed, which will be decided by the skippers at the end of the first race of the day.</p> <p>There will be a skipper's meeting every race day at Noon to discuss and set the race course for the day, changes to SIs and additional items that affect the race day and the Series.</p>
4.2	All competitors are required to check in with the Signal Boat, if in use, prior to their class warning signal.
4.3	No warning signal will be made after 1600.

5	CLASS FLAGS
	Class flag will be the CATBOAT ASSOC. Flag.
6	RACING AREA
	As outlined in the NOR.
7	THE COURSES
	Catboats will plan their own course at skipper meetings prior to each race in consultation with the RC. It is anticipated that the RC, when available, will set a start/finish line and possibly a windward mark. The finish line may be different from the start line.
8	MARKS
8.1	<p>MARKS WHEN SET BY THE RC. Orange ball. Catboats/keelboats may substitute government navigation aids or other markers as marks.</p> <p>MARKS WHEN IS RC NOT PRESENT. To be decided at the Skippers Meeting</p> <p>Round all turning marks to PORT unless changed at Skippers Meeting.</p> <p>Cross under McTeer Bridge within two bridge sections of Main Channel.</p> <p>Government marks need not be honored but the skipper takes total responsibility for the risk of deviating from the recommended ICW course. ICW 242 shall not be passed to the west under any circumstances. The “cut” by the sandbar may not be used and the large wooden “bridge” sign west of the sandbar shall be passed to its west.</p> <p>.</p>
9	THE START, WHEN SET BY THE RC
9.1	An <i>orange</i> flag (start line flag) will be displayed (with a long sound) on the signal boat approximately 30 minutes before the warning for the first race.
9.2	Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. A series of short horn sounds will precede the first warning signal.

9.3	The starting line will be between a staff displaying an <i>orange</i> flag on the signal boat and a staff displaying an <i>orange</i> flag on the start mark or possibly a government mark if necessary.
9.4	Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting and finishing area during the starting sequence for other races.
9.5	WHEN RC IS NOT PRESENT. To be determined at the Skippers Meeting.
10	THE FINISH
10.1	WHEN RC IS ON STATION TO RECORD FINISHES. The finishing line will be between a staff with a <i>blue</i> flag on the signal boat and a staff displaying a <i>blue</i> flag on the finish mark unless other arrangements and official notification has been made.
10.2	WHEN THE RC IS NOT TAKING FINISHES. Each skipper is to record their own finish time TO THE SECOND and note the boats who finish before and after you. Communicate this information to Frank P. upon finishing at the dock or by end of day to fponti@islc.net . PHRF scores will be calculated using the time-on-time method and established PHRF handicaps.
11	ENGINES Engines may be used without penalty to avoid colliding with an obstruction or to become free from a grounding, “provided that the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race” (RRS 42.3(i).
12	PENALTY SYSTEM
	RRS Rule 44.3 does not apply. Rule infraction. One turn penalty will apply and shall be taken as soon as safely possible.
13	TIME LIMITS
	Each race has a time limit of 2 hours for the first boat to finish at which time the race shall be abandoned. When the first boat finishes within the time limit, the time limit will be 30 minutes for all other boats to finish. Boats failing to finish within the 30 minute time limit will be scored DNF and receive 1 point higher than the boats that finished within the time limit. This changes rule 35.

14	PROTESTS
	Any boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing, but in no case more than 15 minutes after finishing, stating the sail number of the protested boat.
15	SCORING
15.1	RRS Rule A5.3 shall apply. “Coming to the starting area” means sailing to the area of the starting line.
15.2	Catboats and keelboats will be scored separately by their calculated finish position, with the days finish positions averaged if more than one race is held. Finish positions will be adjusted by elapsed time and class handicap. Throw outs for individual catboat and keelboat days of racing completed: none if fewer than 4 days, one if 4 days are completed and a total of two if 7 or more days are completed. DNC will be scored 2 points more than the boats that came to the starting line. All other scoring acronyms get 1 point more than the number of boats that came to the starting line except the DNF as noted in Art. 13.”
16	RISK STATEMENT
16.1	RRS 3, Decision to Race, states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
16.2	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 series.

17	PRIZES	
	Prizes will be awarded based on the number of boats of each class sailing 50% or more of the racing days as follows: 1st place for two boats; 1st & 2nd places for four boats; 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for 5 or more boats.	
18	FURTHER INFORMATION	
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