

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 2026 URBANNA CUP

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025-2028, US Sailing Prescriptions and the Hampton One Design Class Rules.
- 1.2 Appendix V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT will apply. (One Turn Penalty Outside the Zone around a mark)
- 1.3 Rule 49.1 is changed to allow hiking pads.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Montague Boat House

### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral changes to the sailing instructions are allowed to be made while on the water as per RRS 90.2(c). If they are to be made flag L will be flown. Boats should sail by the signal boat to receive the instructions and acknowledge receipt.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the the Race Committee Signal Boat.
- 4.2 When flag “AP” is displayed ashore “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the race signal AP.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 On-site check-in will begin at 1000 and close at 1030 on Saturday, June 13.
- 5.2 A Competitors’ Meeting will be held Saturday, June 13 at 1045 in the Montague Boat House. Boats should be launched before 1045.
- 5.3 The racing schedule will be:

<u>Day &amp; Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Time</u>
Saturday, June 13	First Race	1130 – Warning
Sunday, June 14	First Race	1000 - Warning

- 5.4 No starting sequence will begin after 1400, Sunday, June 14.
- 5.5 Flag A displayed with no sound, while boats are finishing means “No more racing today”

### 6. RACING AREA

The windward leeward courses will be in the Rappahannock River.

The first and last races on Saturday, will be distance races from/to the Urbanna Creek to/from the Race Committee boat anchored in the river as described below.

### 7. COURSES

- 7.1 The **first race Saturday** will start between green day mark “G11” at the head of the Urbanna Creek and a green flag attached to the pier at the Urbby Marina Northwest of G11. The finish line is between the Race Committee Signal boat in the Rappahannock River and the start/finish pin flag described below. Competitors must honor all government channel markers for the distance races.
- 7.2 The **last race Saturday** will be a reverse of the first race. It starts at the Race Committee boat, and finishes between green day marker G11, and the green flag attached to the dock at Urbby Marina. The RC will announce the last race Saturday over the Channel 72. Competitors must honor all government channel markers for the distance races.
- 7.2 The **Rappahannock River courses** will be Wind-Leeward Courses, with no off-set marks. The Starting line will be between the Race Committee Boat and the Leeward Mark of the Course, there is no separate starting pin mark. The number of full-laps (a “lap” is one windward leg and one leeward leg) will be displayed on the committee boat with a W or L to indicate a windward (“W”) or leeward (“L”) finish line. When W is displayed at the start on the committee boat, the race will include an extra Windward leg to the windward finish line after completion of the last full lap. For example, a “2” means twice around the windward mark, and a leeward finish. For example, a “2W” means twice around both marks plus an addition windward leg to the finish after rounding the leeward mark the second time. All marks shall be left to port.

### 8. MARKS

- 8.1 Marks will be inflatable.
- 8.2 The starting pin will be the same inflatable mark as the leeward mark.

8.3 The first change mark as provided in SI 13, will be an inflatable of a different color.

8.4 Downwind finishes are between the leeward mark and a race committee boat.

8.5 Upwind finishes are between the windward mark and an adjacent committee boat.

## 9. **CHECK-IN/CHECK OUT**

9.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first windward leeward race each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC Signal Boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Only the Race Committee can protest an alleged breach of this instruction. This changes RRS 60.1.

9.2 A boat leaving the course area is requested to notify the Race Committee before leaving or, if that is not possible, to notify the PRO immediately upon arriving ashore by calling or texting Bill Carnell at (703) 969-5764.

## 10. **THE START**

10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

10.2 The start lines for the distance races are described in Section 7 above.

10.3 The windward-leeward race starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and the leeward mark on the port end.

10.4 An orange limit buoy may be tethered to the stern of the RC Signal Boat. Any boat hitting this buoy will be considered to have broken RRS 31.

10.5 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.

## 11. **RECALLS**

The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail number of OCS boats after the starting signal over VHF channel 72 and/or megaphone. Failure to hail any boats, the timeliness of the hail, or the order of boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 12. **CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## 13. **THE FINISH**

Unless the race is shortened, for windward-leeward races, the finish line for an upwind finish will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the weather mark. For a downwind finish it's between the staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the leeward inflatable mark.

The finish lines for the distance races are described in Section 7 above.

## 14. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty." Appendix V1 applies.

## 15. **TIME LIMITS**

15.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 1 hour and 45 minutes.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored two (2) points more than the number of boats who finished within the time limit but not worse than DNF. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, A10 and Class Rule Article VIII, 5.

## 16. **PROTESTS**

16.1 A boat intending to protest another boat must notify the Race Committee Finish Boat immediately after finishing and be acknowledged by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

16.2 The written protest must be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour of the Signal Boat docking. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

## 17. **SCORING**

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will be used. Each competitor's worst race will be discarded if 5 or more races are completed.

## 18. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, PRO, or Race Committee 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. Each helmsman and crew must sign waiver at Friday check in.