



Rappahannock River Yacht Club

2018 Typhoon Wednesday Evening Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 4/20/17

1 RULES

The Spring and Fall Series will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020* (RRS) of World Sailing, Ltd., including the Prescriptions of US Sailing, and the **Rappahannock River Yacht Club Typhoon Fleet Rules** (January 15, 2018).

2 ENTRIES

Any Cape Dory Typhoon Weekender, Daysailer, or Open model.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be communicated by the Race Committee on the water via VHF Channel 72 prior to the Warning Signal of any race.

4 SCHEDULE

Spring Series – **Seven** Wednesdays: April 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; June 6

Warning Signal: 1800 hours

Fall Series – **Six** Wednesdays: August 29; September 5, 12, 19, 26; October 3

Warning Signal: 1700 hours

No make-up races in either Series

5 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the Rappahannock River near the entrance channel to Carters Creek. If the Principal Race Officer (PRO) and Typhoon Fleet Commander determine that the conditions on the Rappahannock River are unfavorable for racing, the racing area may be moved into Carters Creek. Any change in the Racing Area for a given evening will be announced on VHF Channel 72.

6 NUMBER OF RACES

The Race Committee will determine the number of races each racing day with the total being no more than three.

7 COURSES & MARKS

The Race Committee will announce the course on Channel 72 prior to each race. Races will generally be either a triangle course or a single or double windward-leeward course, with a windward finish, as described in "Course Diagrams" below. When conditions permit, the RC may arrange the finish of the final race of the evening to be near the entrance to Carters Creek (vicinity of mark R "2"). In such a case, the finish will be at the weather mark (1, upwind) or leeward mark (3, downwind) instead of in the middle of the course. Rounding marks will be orange inflatables, unless otherwise specified by the Race Committee. The Race Committee may move to another radio Channel in the event Channel 72 is in use by another event. Any change in Channel will be announced prior to the "Alert" sound.

8 THE START

Prior to the first Warning Signal on each race day, each boat shall sail past the Race Committee Signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged. Any boat retiring from the races shall notify the Race Committee by hail or VHF Channel 72, or pass the word to them via another competitor of their intentions (this is for safety, so the RC knows the whereabouts of all boats).

Races will be started using RRS 26. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

All Typhoons will start each race at the same time and sail the same course.

Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes before starting signal
Alert	No flag. 3 short sounds	Approx. 6 (Not a timed signal)
Warning	TY class flag (Yellow TY on blue field pennant) UP; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	Preparatory "P" flag (white square on blue field) UP; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag down; 1 long sound	1
Starting	TY class flag down; 1 sound	0

9 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES AND SHORTENED COURSE

The Starting and Finishing lines will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and the course side of a nearby inflatable mark.

In the event of a Shortened Course, the Finishing line will be between a staff displaying code flag "S" (blue square on white field) on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby rounding or finishing mark.

10 TIME LIMITS

If no Typhoon has passed the windward mark within 25 minutes from the Start, or if no Typhoon has finished the race within 45 minutes from the Start, the race shall be abandoned. Typhoons failing to finish within 25 minutes after the first Typhoon sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).

11 PROTESTS

Please refer to the RRYC Typhoon Fleet Rules, Item 7, Protests as RRS Rule 61.1 is modified. Highlights are:

→ Any boat intending to protest shall inform the protested boat(s) at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest concerns an incident in the racing area the protestor shall

immediately hail "PROTEST." All participants are encouraged to settle their differences on the water, and boats violating the Rules should exonerate themselves (as permitted for certain rule violations in the RRS) by doing a **ONE-TURN** (including one tack and one gybe) penalty for either touching a mark or a for a right-of-way violation (this modifies RRS 44.1).
→ An official protest may be filed by notifying the PRO at the first reasonable opportunity that "xx protests yy". No further explanation is needed at that time. Upon arriving at the clubhouse following racing that day, the protestor shall complete a written protest which must include:

- a. the protestor and the protestee;
- b. the incident, including where and when it occurred; and
- c. any rule the protestor believes was broken.

The written Protest shall be submitted to any member of the Typhoon Fleet Rules Committee within 30 minutes of the time the Race Committee Signal boat is secure in its slip at the RRYC pier following racing that day. The Rules Committee member will promptly post notice of the Protest on the RRYC Bulletin Board.

→ Written protests will be subjected to Arbitration. If a boat does not accept the opinion of the Arbitrator, a Protest Hearing will be held.

→ In the event of a Protest made in compliance with the Sailing Instructions the Fleet Commander shall obtain a disinterested Protest Committee of at least three (3) members, and determine a time, place and date for hearing the protest. Race Results will not be delayed but will be published as provisional.

12 SCORING

Before the first race of the Spring Series each Skipper will select whether he or she wishes to be scored in the Championship Fleet or the Corinthian Fleet for the year, with concurrence of the Fleet Commander. Experienced Skippers, and those who want to measure their progress against the experienced Skippers, will be scored in the Championship Fleet. Casual and less experienced Skippers may designate to be scored in the Corinthian Fleet. Experienced Skippers are discouraged from participating in the Corinthian Fleet. At the end of the Fall Series, the first-place finisher in the Corinthian Fleet will move up to the Championship Fleet for the following year.

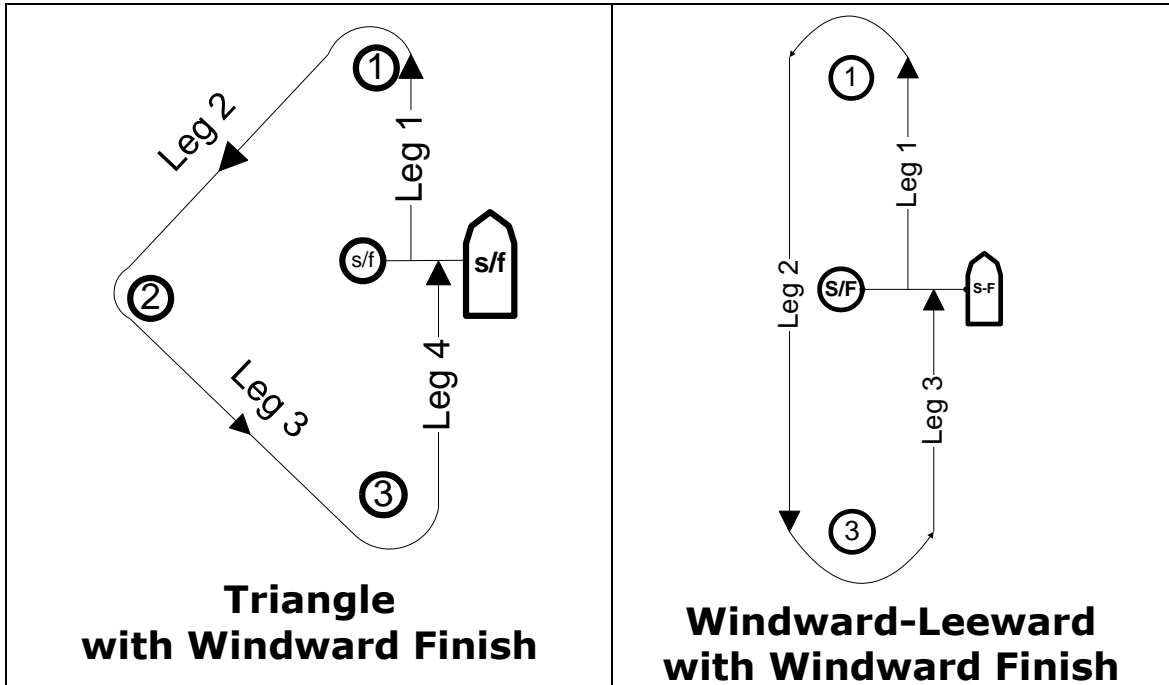
The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply with the following modifications:

1. The Spring and Fall Series will be scored separately
2. The worst scores for one third of the total series races held will be excluded for each competitor.
3. The following shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats starting that race:
 - DNC – Did Not Compete
 - OCS - On Course Side of the Starting line at the Start Signal and failed to Start
 - DNF – Did Not Finish
 - DSQ -- Disqualification
4. Boats scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) will be scored points for the finishing place one (1) more than the number of boats finishing that race.

13 POST RACE SOCIAL

Sailors and Race Committee volunteers are encouraged to come to RRYC following the races. Bring food and drink, or drop your food and drink off at RRYC before the races, and enjoy discussing the day's racing. The grill will be available for cooking.

Course Diagrams



The Race Committee may combine a Triangle / Windward-Leeward Course.

If conditions permit, the last race of the day may finish in the vicinity of navigation aid R "2" at the entrance to Carters Creek. In such a case course Mark 1 (windward) or Mark 3 (leeward) will be the port end of the Finish Line (instead of a mid-course finish), and the finish will be upwind (Mark 1) or downwind (Mark 3).

2018 Typhoon Racing Schedule

Typhoon Kickoff—Training Seminar/Social

- April 18 at RRYC; Seminar begins 1530 with Jerry Latell, et al, and the peanut gallery, with Boat Prep, Sail Trim, Tuning, speed tips...; Cocktails & Dinner (reservations and payment required) follow, approx. 1730

Wednesday Evening Spring Series

- **SEVEN** Wednesday Evening Races – 1800 First Warning Signal
- April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23, May 30, June 30
- Mid-Series Dinner after racing, May 9 (Harry Wells ??)

Community Sailing Introduction Day

- April 28, 1200 (noon)

First Friday Typhoon Racing Development Fun Race(s)

- May 4 (start time TBD)

YPRCC Spring Regatta

- May 12

Women's Sailing Clinic

- May 20, 1300 (organized by Danielle Kuper and Stephanie Chaufournier)

First Friday Typhoon Racing Development Fun Race(s)

- June 1 (start time TBD)

Typhoon Nationals Regatta/Typhoon Spring Awards

- June 8, 9,10
- Typhoon Spring Awards Dinner, Saturday, June 9

RRYC Single-Handed Race(s)

- June 23

FBYC Leukemia Cup

- July 6, 7, 8

YPRCC Fun Pursuit Race

- August 11

FBYC 79th Annual One-Design Regatta

- August 11 and 12

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2018 Typhoon Racing Schedule, Continued

Wednesday Evening Fall Series

- **SIX** Wednesday Evening Races – 1700 First Warning Signal
- August 29; Sept. 5, Sept. 12, Sept. 19, Sept. 26; October 3
- Mid-Series Dinner after racing, September 12 (Harry Wells ??)

YPRCC Fall Regatta

- September 8

Rappahannock Cup

- September 15 - 16

Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta

- September 28 – 29 - 30

YPRCC Single-Handed

- October 6

Fall Typhoon Wednesday Evening Series Awards Banquet

- October 10

RRYC Commodore's Cup

- October 13