

# THE GREAT RC OCEAN RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2025

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025-2028 including Appendix E - Radio Sailing Racing Rules*. *Not that anyone has actually read them lately.*
- 1.2 Class rules applicable to any class will apply. Where there is conflict between the class rules and *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025-2028*, class rules will take precedence.

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will not be posted on the OFFICIAL RACE NOTICE BOARD because we don't have one. Please attend the skipper's meeting to receive any amendments to the sailing instructions.

## 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be provided verbally at the skipper's meeting.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 There will be no signals made ashore.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 First warning signal will be 12:55.
- 5.2 First start will be 13:00. Subsequent starts will be at 5 minute intervals.

## 6 DIVISIONS

- 6.1 Divisions will start in the following order:

*Division Class*

1 RC Laser

2 Open Class

3 1<sup>st</sup> One Design Division

etc...

## 7 RACING AREAS

The Race will be conducted in the vicinity of Protection Island.

## 8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 Keep Protection Island to Port or to Starboard, as determined at the skipper's meeting.

## 9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a flag on the dock and a floating start mark.
- 9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as 10 meters wide around the starting line.

## 10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The same as the start.

## 11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 No finishes will be recorded after 1530 hrs, unless at least one boat in a division finishes, in which case the time limit for that division will be extended until 1600 hrs.

**12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**12.1** Protests will be decided by a protest committee which will be formed immediately after the race.

**13 CHASE BOAT RULES**

**13.1** Chase boats must be out of gear from the moment a competitor picks up a boat until the moment the boat is placed back in the water.

**13.2** Chase boats must stay behind the starting line until their boat has started.

**13.2** Chase boats must not impede racing boats. Keep well away and to leeward of racing boats.

**14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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.