



Folsom Lake Yacht Club

2017 Camellia Cup Sailing Instructions

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1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the **Rules** as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (**RRS**).
- 1.2. The definition of **Rule** includes the "Notice of Race" (**NOR**), which is available on the FLYC website at "<http://www.flyc.org/Data/Sites/1/userfiles/CamelliaCup/2017/NOR.pdf>".
- 1.3. The definition of **Rule** includes these Sailing Instructions (**SIs**).
 - 1.3.1. The Folsom Lake Yacht Club "Course Chart" (**Course Chart**), which is available on the FLYC website at "<http://www.flyc.org/Data/Sites/1/userfiles/CourseChart.pdf>" and at the FLYC Clubhouse, is an attachment to these **SIs**.
 - 1.3.2. The Folsom Lake Yacht Club "How to Determine Your Course" sheet (**Course Board Sheet**), which is available on the FLYC website at "http://www.flyc.org/Data/Sites/1/userfiles/FLYC_CourseBoard.pdf" and at the FLYC Clubhouse, is an attachment to these **SIs**.

2. Entries

- 2.1. All registrations must be completed by April 1st at 8:30am.
- 2.2. All participants are requested to register online prior to March 31st at 11:00pm. See <http://www.flyc.org/camellia-cup.aspx> for online registration details.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. All changes to the **NOR** and **SIs** will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board located at the FLYC Clubhouse.
- 3.2. All notices will be posted by 9:00am on the day they take effect, except that any changes to the race schedule will be posted before 8:00pm on the day before they take effect

4. Schedule of Events

- 4.1. The schedule of events is posted in Section 9 of the **NOR**.
- 4.2. There are 5 races scheduled, but the Race Committee reserves the option of moving races between days or cancelling races should weather conditions warrant it. This changes **NOR 9**.
- 4.3. No races shall be started after 2:00pm on Sunday. This changes **NOR 9**.

5. Communications

- 5.1. If sufficient equipment is available, the Race Committee may use VHF communications.
- 5.2. The decision whether VHF communications will be used or not will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting.
- 5.3. If using VHF communications, channel 72.

6. Signals Made Ashore

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on a staff near the FLYC clubhouse.
- 6.2. If flag "AP" is flown ashore, the first Warning Signal will be displayed not less than 30 minutes after the "AP" is lowered.
- 6.3. Flag "AP" flown over code flag "A" means "races not started are postponed to the next day." If flown on the Regatta's final day, then "All remaining races are canceled." This Changes **RRS #32.1** and **RRS Signals**.
- 6.4. Code flag "B" when hoisted after the Race Committee returns to the dock means, "Protest time has begun – the 30 minute protest filing period is open." One sound signal will accompany the hoisting and lowering of code flag "B." When lowered, this means, "Protest time has expired."

7. Starting Groups / Start Flags

- 7.1. The number and types of classes will be determined as described by Section 2 of the **NOR**.
- 7.2. Classes will be scored individually, but more than one class may be assigned to start together in a numbered Starting Group.
- 7.3. Classes will be assigned to their numbered Starting Group at the Skipper's Meeting.
- 7.4. Start Flags will be numeral pennants corresponding to the Starting Group number.

8. Marks

- 8.1. The fixed marks are numbered 1-8 placed on a circle centered on the "RC" center mark as shown in the **Course Chart**.
 - 8.1.1. All fixed marks are plastic barrels approximately 24" in diameter painted orange, with the corresponding mark number painted on the side of the barrel in black.
 - 8.1.2. Depending on the weather and lake conditions, not all fixed marks may be present. The presence or absence of specific fixed marks will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting.
- 8.2. The race committee may also employ drop marks.
 - 8.2.1. Drop marks are brightly colored inflatable cylinders.
 - 8.2.2. If a fixed mark is not present, the Race Committee may replace the fixed mark with a drop mark. The replacement mark will be placed on the same heading from the "RC" center mark as the fixed mark that it

replaces, however, the distance from the "RC" center mark is not required to be the same as the fixed mark it replaces.

8.2.3. The race committee may also employ a drop mark as a mark of the course separately from the system of fixed marks. A drop mark placard on the Course Board will be used to indicate a drop mark rather than a numbered fixed mark in this case.

8.2.4. Course changes will be made using the drop marks. Changed marks may be moved or removed during the entire regatta.

8.2.5. If a gate is to be set, it will be either between a fixed mark and a nearby drop mark, or between two drop marks, as appropriate to the indicated course.

8.3. Depending on the weather and course conditions, the Race Committee may set an offset mark near a mark of the course.

8.3.1. The offset mark is an inflatable sphere near the mark of the course.

8.3.2. Boats shall leave both the mark of the course and the offset mark on the same side.

9. The Course Type

9.1. The Course Types are described by a letter code.

9.2. The Course Types can be found on the **Course Chart**.

9.3. Start and Finish lines are set at the "RC" center mark.

9.4. No boat shall pass through the Start or Finish lines while racing, except when preparing to start, starting, or finishing. These lines shall be considered obstructions. Infringing boats shall immediately be assessed a 2 point penalty for that race and must also "unwind". This changes **RRS #28.1** and **RRS A5**.

10. The Course Board

10.1. The Course Board is a rack that holds symbol, number, and letter placards located on the aft starboard side of the Committee Boat.

10.2. The Course Board is used to indicate which Starting Group is the current start sequence; which Starting Group is the next start; and which is the following start. It also indicates which Course Type the Starting Group will be sailing, and which mark will be the first mark of that course.

10.3. Refer to the **Course Board Sheet** for instructions on reading the Course Board.

11. The Start

11.1. The start line will be between a vertical post on the committee boat wrapped with red foam displaying an orange flag, and a starting mark with a red flag. See the "Start Line / Finish Line Diagram" at Section 11.7 below.

11.2. The start line will be set to the starboard side of the committee boat.

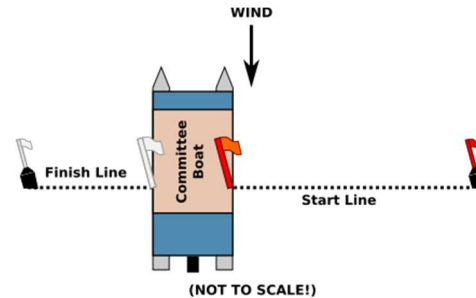
11.3. Races will be started using **RRS #26**.

11.4. An attention signal of repetitive sound signals will be made approximately 1 minute before the first warning signal.

11.5. Any boat starting later than 9 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as **DNS** without a hearing. This changes **RRS A4**.

11.6. If a start incurs a General Recall, the recalled start will be re-ordered to start after all other classes have started. This changes **RRS #29.2**.

11.7. Start Line / Finish Line Diagram:



12. Change of Course after the Start

12.1. Any changes to the course will be indicated using flags and sound signals as specified in **RRS #32**, **RRS #33** and **RRS Signals**.

12.2. If the direction of the leg will be changed, and the next mark is a numbered fixed course mark as described on the Course Sheet, then a numeral on a placard will be used instead of a bearing, or port and starboard flags. This changes **RRS #33**.

12.3. If a start number pennant or placard is displayed along with the change of course flag, the change of course applies only to boats in that start.

13. The Finish

13.1. The finish line will be between a vertical post on the committee boat wrapped with white foam displaying a white flag on the committee boat and a finishing mark with a white flag. See the "Start Line / Finish Line Diagram" at Section 11.7 above.

13.2. The finish line will be set to the port side of the committee boat.

14. Time Limit

14.1. The leading boat of a class must finish within 2 hours from the start of her class.

14.2. Boats failing to finish within one (1) hour after the lead boat finishes shall be scored "DNF." This changes **RRS #35**.

15. Protests

15.1. Protests shall be filed in writing at Regatta Headquarters within 30 minutes of the hoisting of Code Flag "B" at the FLYC Clubhouse.

15.2. US Sailing Forms for filing protests will be available at clubhouse.

15.3. Protest notices will be posted at the FLYC Clubhouse within 30 minutes of the end of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there will be a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as a witness.

16. Scoring

16.1. The Low-Point Scoring System, Appendix A, will apply, modified so that each boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores, and with her worst score discarded if 5 races are sailed for that class.

16.2. Open multihull and open centerboard class boats will be scored using the most recent Portsmouth Wind Velocity Handicap numbers (HC) for the average estimated wind velocity of each race. Keel boats competing in a handicap fleet will be scored via PHRF time-on-time method, using the most recent FLYC PHRF class rules. (Please refer to the website at www.flyc.org to procure the PHRF class rules).

17. Safety

17.1. Boats requesting assistance will have one crew member clasp hands overhead as the appropriate distress signal. Rescue boats, under the direction of the Race Committee, may ask sailors to leave their boat.

17.2. Centerboard and multi-hull racers are required to wear Coast Guard approved PFDs (personal flotation devices) while racing even if Code Flag "Y" is not being flown. When Code Flag "Y" is flown from the Race Committee boat, PFDs shall be worn by ALL competitors while racing. Those not complying will be scored "DSQ". This changes **RRS #40**.

18. Trophies

18.1. Trophies will be presented as posted in Section 10 of the Notice of Race.