

Pamlico Sailing Club

Fall Series 2025

Sailing Instructions

Rules:	<p>1.1 The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (https://www.sailing.org/document/2025-2028-rs-with-changes-and-corrections/) and the prescriptions of US Sailing will govern the series, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.</p>								
Eligibility:	<p>2.1 Either the skipper or the owner of a boat racing must be a current individual or family member of the PSC unless racing in the one-time class.</p> <p>2.2 A yacht racing in the Fall 2025 series will not be scored for any race prior to which membership and racing fees were not paid on her behalf form has not been filed. (Racing fees are not being collected for this series however, the membership form must be filled out and filed with the club.)</p> <p>2.3 Competitors must possess a valid NC-PHRF rating certificate or have submitted an NC-PHRF rating application and or have assigned to them a temporary rating by the PSC PHRF Representative and/or the race organizers.</p>								
Race Schedule:	<p>3.1 Series Race Dates</p> <table><tr><td>Race Day 1</td><td>October 4</td></tr><tr><td>Race Day 2</td><td>October 11</td></tr><tr><td>Race Day 3</td><td>October 25</td></tr><tr><td>Race Day 4</td><td>November 8</td></tr></table> <p>Should racing be abandoned on one or more of these dates, there will be no makeup date.</p> <p>3.2 Alternatively, in the event of a cancelled race date, to compensate for lost races, additional races may be added to the remaining scheduled race dates. No more than (1) additional race shall be added on any given race day, and the actual completed number of races can never exceed the original total accumulated number of races on the schedule.</p> <p>3.3 The addition of a (3rd) race will be made at the discretion of the R/C boat on the day of racing. The R/C will have 10 minutes to make the announcement after the conclusion of the 2nd scheduled race. The announcement will be made via VHF.</p> <p>3.4 All boats intending to race on a particular date must check in with the race committee no later than the first warning signal of that date.</p>	Race Day 1	October 4	Race Day 2	October 11	Race Day 3	October 25	Race Day 4	November 8
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Racing Area:	4.1 The racing area is the Pamlico River between Bath, Government Marker 5 and Pamlico River, Government Marker 10. The racing area is illustrated on the PSC website.
Race Format:	<p>5.1 Races will include at least two races per day for each day of the series. Races will be windward-leeward or random legs using government marks, privately maintained marks, and inflatable marks as dictated by wind and weather.</p> <p>5.2 Each boat will have 2 race scores excluded from their series score. These excluded races are designated “throw outs” and will consist of the yacht’s highest scores.</p>
Racing Classes:	<p>6.1 There will be one spinnaker class, Class A and one non-spinnaker class, Class B.</p> <p>6.2 Classes may be divided into divisions for purposes of scoring based on the PHRF range of the competing boats.</p>
Start:	<p>7.1 Races will NOT be started using Rule 26, but rather by a GPS time announced by the Fleet Captain at the starting area.</p> <p>7.2 All classes will be starting together.</p> <p>7.3 The first starting sequence on each race day will begin promptly at 11:00 am. A one minute warning (horn blast) will be given prior to the beginning of the first starting sequence. If the postponement flag is flying and is lowered without a horn blast, it does not constitute a one minute warning.</p> <p>7.4 The warning signal for the start of the second, and any subsequent race of the day for a particular class will be given no sooner than one minute after the last boast of that class has finished the previous race or been disqualified for failure to finish within the allowed time, so long as the start of the race will not interfere with the boats of other classes which may still be racing.</p> <p>7.5 The starting line will be between either a combination of club marks or between a club mark and a navigational marker as indicated in the course instructions.</p> <p>7.6 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made must keep clear of the starting area and keep clear of boats in the starting sequence. Boats in their starting sequence may sail on either side of the starting line, but must be behind the line at the start.</p> <p>7.7 A boat unable to start within five minutes of the starting time of her class must stay clear of all boats and may not start until all other boats of all classes have started. Her finishing time shall be taken as if she had properly started with her class.</p> <p>7.8 In the event that the Postponement (AP) flag is displayed after the warning signal is made for a class, the committee will begin the full sequence again by displaying the class flag one minute after lowering the postponement flag with one blast on the horn.</p>
Course, Description of Marks:	<p>8.1 The Fleet Captain will announce course instructions for all classes over the radio before the race start. These course instructions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The identity and order of the marks (including the starting mark). - The side on which marks are to be rounded, if different than as specified below (8.4).

	<p>8.2 In the event that the start/finish line is located between marks of the race, competitors may pass between the RC and the pin mark without penalty.</p> <p>8.3 All marks must be sailed to and properly rounded in the order indicated by the course instructions.</p> <p>8.4 Unless otherwise indicated, if sailing from the non-course side of the starting line to the course side of the line requires that a boat leave the starting mark to port and the RC to starboard, all subsequent marks are to be left to port.</p> <p>8.5</p> <p>8.6 A small orange ball may be used as a mark of the course or to define one end of the starting or finishing line. That small orange ball will be designated as marker "R" when posted in the course instructions on the RC.</p> <p>8.7 A temporary inflatable mark, colored orange, may be used as a mark of the course or to define the starting or finishing line and will be designated as marker "X" when posted in the course instructions on the RC.</p> <p>8.8 A temporary inflatable round shaped mark, colored yellow, may be used as a mark of the course or to define the starting or finishing line and will be designated as marker "W" when posted in the course instructions on the RC.</p>
Time Limits:	<p>9.1 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat of their class finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF).</p>
Scoring:	<p>10.1 The low point scoring system of A4 (Appendix A), will apply, except that 3/4ths of a point will be awarded for the first place finisher in each class in each race.</p> <p>10.2 A boat scored "Did Not Finish" in a race will be awarded points equal to the number of boats starting that race.</p> <p>10.3 A boat scored "Did Not Start" or "Disqualified" in a race will be awarded points equal to the number of boats in her class properly registered for the series as of the race date.</p> <p>10.4 Each boat's series score will be the total of her individual race scores for the series, excluding her "throw out" scores as specified in "Race Format" above.</p>
Protests:	<p>11.1 Protests must be written, following the general format stipulated in the RRS 2025-2028. Suitable forms are available at the US Sailing website, the PSC website, and the link provided in section 1.1, but the use of this form is not required.</p> <p>11.2 The written protests are to be delivered to the Fleet Captain, or the chairman of the race committee within one hour after the committee boat has returned to port unless the protesting yacht contacts the Race Committee on VHF Channel 68 prior to the end of racing to establish a time, at the discretion of the committee, which will be the deadline for filing the protest.</p> <p>11.3 The Fleet Captain or Protest Committee Chair designated by the Fleet Captain, will select the members of the protest committee, which will hear protests at such times and places as designated by the Fleet Captain or Protest Committee Chair. A quorum of the Protest Committee shall be three members, including the Chair. The Chairperson shall not vote except in case of a tie. It shall be the duty of the Protest Committee to hear a proper protest at the earliest possible time with proper notification of concerned parties. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.</p>

Notices to Competitors, Signals Made Ashore:	<p>12.1 Notices to competitors and other race announcements will be posted on the bulletin board inside the front door at McCotters Marina.</p> <p>12.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 8:00 a.m. on the day it will take effect. All efforts will be made to post such changes on the PSC website by the Wednesday preceding the next race. Changes that are made prior to the day of racing will be emailed to club members.</p> <p>12.3 No signals will be made ashore. Postponement or cancellation of a race will be broadcast on channel 68 and indicated by the appropriate flag(s) on the committee boat.</p> <p>12.4 The race committee will monitor, call, and communicate on on VHF channel 68.</p>
Safety:	<p>13.1 All vessels must comply with USCG safety requirements.</p> <p>13.2 Racing may be canceled in the event of forecast high below 40° F., 11:00 AM temperature below 35°F., or sustained wind observed or forecast above 25 knots.</p> <p>13.3 In accordance with the 2025-2028 RRS, the decision to race or not to race is entirely and completely the responsibility of each skipper.</p> <p>13.4 Local wind and temperature information is available from a weather station located at Shady Banks, displayed at http://www.rbsi-inc.com/sbx</p>