



## NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions

### Take Your Time Fridays 2023

**June Series: 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30**

**July Series: 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28**

STYC is hosting two series of Casual Racing in an effort to provide a more relaxed racing opportunity for cruisers, racers, liveboards, and dinghies. Skippers will take their own finish times, and submit them to the website for scoring.

1. **Rules:** This race is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by these Instructions. There will be no protesting, no yelling, and no contact between boats. Boats of a greater sailing ability are required to go out of their way to avoid boats of a lesser ability.
2. **Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** Races are open to all sailboats and sailing dinghies with or without a PHRF rating (no motors can be used while racing). Ratings can be obtained by contacting the STYC handicappers or race organizers listed on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)). This series is **free and hopefully fun**. Please try to enter online prior to the Wednesday before the first race of the series, but boats can enter at any time in the series and can even race and then enter the next day online. Once entered you are now entered for the remainder of the summer's races. Online entry is available at ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)). Individual ratings may be adjusted at any time during the series in order to try to equalize the racing. Adjustments only apply to these races.
3. **Special COVID 19 Requirements:** Sloop Tavern Yacht Club (STYC) would like to remind everyone participating that sailboat racing is voluntary and is done at your own risk. Compliance with Federal, State, and Local rules and regulations is required by the club and enforcement is the responsibility of the skipper. In particular, skippers are responsible for ensuring everyone in their crew complies with all guidelines, rules, and regulations to prevent the spread of COVID 19 while participating in STYC races. Further, please be especially careful of COVID protocols while on the dock and using the facilities at the marina.
4. **Skippers' Meeting:** There will be no Skippers' Meeting for these series. Skippers are responsible to check for any changes posted on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)). Any weekly changes will be posted by 1800 the Friday of the race.
5. **Divisions and Starting Times:** There will be one start at 18:45. An RC boat will be on station, but racers are required to start honestly on GPS time. Be sure to turn your GPS on at least five minutes early to acquire the satellites. The GPS time will not be accurate until all of the satellites have been acquired.
6. **Time Limit:** The time limit for this race is 1.25 hours. There are no extensions. Racing is over at 20:00.
7. **Starting Line:** The start line will be between the N Buoy and a large YELLOW rock on the Shilshole Breakwater. The rock is due East (True) from Mark N.
8. **Race Distance and Course:** The course will be indicated by any combination **N B E M R W 2** mark letters. The course will be announced on VHF 72 at 1830 on the night of the race. The course will also be posted on the STYC website at 1800 the night of the race. See the GSI for a description of the letters and distance between marks.



9. **Ship Canal Restricted Area:** Sailboats may not sail inside the Ship Canal Restricted Area, as defined by the following three lines:
  - From the south end of the Shiishole breakwater NW to buoy C "1" (Green Can #1).
  - From buoy C "1" SW to buoy N "2" (Red Nun #2).
  - From buoy N "2" SE to buoy N "4".These are the buoys that mark the entrance to the ship canal. Sailboats are advised to exercise caution when sailing near the entrance to the Ship Canal due to heavy traffic and shallow depths in areas immediately SW of the entrance buoys.
10. **Finish time:** Each boat will Take-Your-Time and submit it to the website before Noon on the Monday following the race. You must use GPS time when recording your finish time.
11. **Race Scoring:** These races will be scored with the Time-On-Distance scoring method.
12. **Series Scoring:** The series will be scored as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive 1 point, 2<sup>nd</sup> will receive 2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> 3 points, etc.
  - Points for all races in the series will be added together, and the lowest points win.
  - Your place in your worst race will be thrown out if there are four or more races.
  - Ties will be resolved using Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
  - DNS and DNF will be scored as one plus the number of boats finishing each race.
13. **Race Results:** Race results will be shown on the website as soon as possible after the deadline for submitting your finish time.
14. **Safety:** Since there is no on the water Race Committee participating racers shall come to the aid of any vessel or person in distress. Utilize VHF or cellphone to contact the USCG if necessary.
15. **After Race Parties:** Meet at the CYC Clubhouse afterwards to brag and chat.