



# **BIG TOM YACHT RACING 2021 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES AMENDMENT #2 TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

17 May 2021

This amendment changes the “Sailing Instructions” dated 07 May 2021.

Due to additional spinnaker entries and the likelihood of US Merchant Marine Academy boats racing more frequently this season, the single spinnaker division has been split into two divisions.

As a result Section 9, “Divisions” and Section 13, “Course Postings” in the Sailing Instructions dated 07 May 2021 are to be deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following two new sections.

## **9. DIVISIONS**

Division splits will reflect the goal of making fair and competitive groupings for the series. The factors considered will be the number of entries, the type of boat, the boat's sailing characteristics and its PHRF rating. One-design divisions will be offered if there are sufficient entries to ensure competitive racing throughout the season.

The number and types of divisions will be determined based on the number and types of entries received. The final number of divisions and boats assigned to each division will be posted on the event's scratch sheet on the Yachtscoring web site prior to the first race on 19 May 2021.

**There will be 5 divisions.** Divisions will start in the order they are numbered (1,2,3,4,5).

1. Start #1 – Div #1 – Spinnaker PHRF=100 and Below
2. Start #2 – Div #2 - Spinnaker PHRF=101 and Above
3. Start #3 – Div #3 - J/24 One Design
4. Start #4 – Div #4 - Non-Spinnaker PHRF=175 and Below (W/L)
5. Start #5 – Div #5 - Non-Spinnaker PHRF=176 and Above (Navigator)

## **13. COURSE POSTINGS:**

Courses will be posted on a course board on the committee boat. **No “Codes” will be posted to designate courses.** Courses will be directly posted using the mark designator letters for the sequence of marks forming the course for each division.

The “S” mark, designating one end of the start-finish line, will NOT be posted on the course board. It is to be understood that the “S” mark is the **FIRST** and **LAST** mark of each course. For example, a non-windward-leeward “navigator” course posted as “K”-“P” is understood to be equivalent to “S”-“K”-“P”-“S”.

For illustration, the course board will appear similar to the following (with example courses). PHRF division course (Divisions 1, 2, 4 and 5) will be posted on the large course board on the committee boat. Courses for the J/24 One Design Division (Division #3, Start #3) will be posted separately.

DIV	COURSES			
DIV 1	<b>K</b>	<b>2</b>		
DIV 2	<b>K</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>K</b>	
DIV 4	<b>K</b>	<b>P</b>		
DIV 5	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>		

SEPARATE  
POSTING FOR  
DIV 3

**A**

If possible, rolling starts will be used but in case of any delay between divisions it is important to pay attention to the visual flag signals which always govern.

To clarify the above example courses (also see the illustration below):

1. Spinnaker 1 – Sails to “K” twice around with the start-finish line as a “leeward gate”
2. Spinnaker 2 – Sails to “K” then “A” then “K” then back through the start-finish line
3. J/24 One Design – Starts through the start-finish line, sails to the “A” mark and return
4. Non-Spinnaker 1- Sails to “K” then “P” then back through the start-finish line
5. Non-Spinnaker 2 – Sails to “A” then “P” then back through the start-finish line

**Note:** Except when rounding the pin end of the start-finish line used as a “Leeward Gate” all marks must be rounded to PORT (leaving the mark to the port side of the boat rounding it).