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The Chicago Yacht Club Verve Cup Regatta



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THE 2008 VERVE CUP REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AUGUST 14-17, 2008

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Verve Cup Regatta headquarters are located at Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Station, (312) 861-7777, www.chicagoyachtclub.org, and will be open from 0730 to 2100 daily.
2. The legal drinking age in Illinois is 21. Minors will not be served and proof of age will be required. Intoxication or discourteous behavior may be grounds for expulsion from the event. SKIPPERS AND OWNERS WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF THEIR CREW. A BOAT IS SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION IF ANY OF ITS UNDER AGE CREW IS FOUND TO BE ILLEGALLY CONSUMING ALCOHOL.
3. Admission to all VERVE CUP REGATTA events will be open to all race participants and guests.
4. Docking information: The following rules will be in force for the 2008 contestant yachts:

No boat on the seawall or in a raft shall be left unattended for more than one hour.

Chicago Yacht Club dock attendants shall assign mooring arrangements as indicated in Notice of Race 14. Please assist the Club attendants in their efforts.

Any boat seeking dockage at the Chicago Yacht Club must allow rafting as prescribed by the Dock Master. NO EXCEPTIONS.

5. The Verve Cup Regatta is made possible through corporate sponsorships. In consideration of that commitment, the only signage permitted at the shore site will be that associated with the event sponsorship. This includes flags, banners, promotions, etc.

PLEASE NOTE: Any commercial or editorial reference to this event must use the regatta's copyrighted name.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration

Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Station

Thursday, August 14

between 1000 hours and 1900 hours

COMPETITORS MEETING will take place at 1830 hours at Monroe Station, Thursday, August 14.

FIRST WARNING, 0955 CDT FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

PARTIES AT CONCLUSION OF DAY'S RACING.

The Chicago Yacht Club 2008 Verve Cup Regatta



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Chicago Yacht Club Verve Cup Committee shall represent the Chicago Yacht Club as the Organizing Authority.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS) including the USSAILING prescriptions, the 2008 Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF), and individual One-Design Fleet Rules (these may be modified by local fleet rules) and the Notice of Race.
- 1.2 If any conflicts arise between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors and scheduled protests will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the main lobby of the Monroe Street Station.
- 2.2 As a courtesy to competitors, notices may also be posted on the first floor of the Belmont Station and/or at www.yachtscoring.com.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0800 CDT on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 CDT on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flag pole, located northeast of the center of the Monroe Station clubhouse.
- 4.2 Code Flag "AP" means "The race is postponed". The warning will be made not less than 75 minutes after "AP" is lowered. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing on **Friday, August 15 Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17**, will consist of windward/leeward and triangle courses with as many races completed as practical. **The first warning signal for each day is 0955 CDT.**
- 5.2 At the finish of a race, the Race Committee will indicate its intent to conduct a subsequent race by displaying Code Flag "R".
- 5.3 No warning signal shall be given after 1400 hours CDT August 17, 2008.

6. CIRCLES, SECTIONS, SECTION FLAGS AND STARTING TIMES

- 6.1 Information will be provided in S.I. Addendum #1 at registration and online at www.yachtscoring.com indicating the assignment of Circles, Sections, Section Flags and initial starting order. Section flags shall be flown from each boat's backstay while racing.
- 6.2 Bow stickers provided at Pre-Race Sign-In shall be affixed to both sides of the bow 2' from the bow and 3" to 5" below the sheerline for the duration of the regatta. Boats with an indented cove stripe may place the sticker 1" to 2" below the cove stripe. The loss of bow stickers during a race day shall not be subject to protest or penalty. Replacement bow stickers will be available from the hospitality desk at Monroe Street Station.

7. RACING AREAS

- The Racing Areas are shown in Illustration "A".
- 7.1 Circle A will be located approximately 4.5 statute miles at a heading of 040° from the Monroe Harbor entrance. The approximate coordinates are 41.55° North and 87.33° West.
 - 7.2 Circle B will be located approximately 5.7 statute

miles at a heading of 120° from the Monroe Harbor entrance. The approximate coordinates are 41.49° North and 87.30° West.

- 7.3 Circle C will be located approximately 3.9 statute miles at a heading of 090° from the Monroe Harbor entrance. The approximate coordinates are 41.52° North and 87.32° West.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Courses for each race will be selected from Illustration "B". The diagrams in Illustration "B" show the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. The official length of the Course shall be determined by the Race Committee and shall not be grounds for redress.
- 8.2 The Course selected will be signaled by International Code Flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat with or before the warning signal. The magnetic bearing and the distance from the starting line to the first rounding mark (Mark 1 or 1A) will be displayed from a sign-board.
- 8.3a **Leeward Mark Gate.** If a leeward mark gate is used, it will be signaled by flying International Code Flag "G". A leeward mark gate will not be used for course T.
- 8.3b For courses 3, 4, 5 and 6 the leeward mark for the Great Lakes 70's section will be their original yellow starting mark. For course T, the Great Lakes 70s will use mark 3 as a leeward mark (see illustration B).
- 8.4 **Weather Mark Offset Mark.** If an offset mark is used, it will be signaled by the Race Committee Signal Boat by flying International Code Flag "O" and set 90° to port of Mark 1 or 1A at a distance of approximately 100 yards. If a change of course is signaled, NO offset mark will be placed near the reset weather mark. Weather offset marks will not be used on course T.

9. MARKS

The starting mark for the Great Lakes 70's, J105, Beneteau 36.7 and Tartan 10 sections will be yellow. The starting mark for all other sections will be orange. The finish mark for Courses 3 and 5 will be orange and the finish mark for Courses 4, 6, and T will be white. (See S.I. 12) For courses 3, 4, 5 and 6, original rounding marks will be orange. New marks will be yellow (See S.I. 11).

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 The Race Committee may set a guard mark

attached to the stern of the Signal Boat. If a boat touches the guard mark, the Race Committee Signal Boat, or passes between them, it shall have touched a starting mark for purposes of RRS 31.

- 10.4 Before the start of a boat's first race each day, it shall come within hailing distance of the Race Committee Signal Boat and either hail or display its sail number.
- 10.5 Boats not involved in a starting sequence shall keep clear of the starting area. The starting area is defined as an area extending 150 yards to windward and to leeward of the starting line and the same distance at either end.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 11.1 **Change of course before a start.** The Race Committee may postpone and reset Mark 1 and/or 1A for sections not yet started. The change will be signaled by the Race Committee as follows:

The Race Committee Signal Boat will signal a postponement to reset the starting line and weather mark(s). Code flag "C" will be displayed along with the magnetic bearing to the new weather mark. Intermittent sound signals may continue until one minute prior to the warning signal for the next section to start. The new Mark 1 or 1A will be yellow. Code Flag "C" will continue to be displayed to each section for whom the yellow Mark 1 or 1A applies as either their original or changed windward mark.

- 11.2 **Change of course after a start.** A change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33 as modified below. Near the mark beginning the leg being changed, a Race Committee boat will display code flag "C", the magnetic bearing to the new mark, the Flag for the section to which the change of course applies and make sound signals periodically. If no section flag is displayed, the course change will apply for all sections. The change will be signaled before the leading boat of a section has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. The new mark will be of a different color than the mark it is replacing (yellow or orange).

A course change of 5 degrees or less may not be signaled by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 33A.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The Finish Line for Courses 4, 6, and T will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark. The

Finish Line will be on the side **opposite** of the Race Committee Signal Boat from the Starting Line.

- 12.2 The Finish Line for Courses 3 and 5 will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark. The Finish Line will be located approximately 200 yards beyond Mark 1A. **Boats sailing both the short and long courses shall finish beyond Mark 1A.**

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Two Turns Penalty (RRS 44.2 as modified by class rules) or the Scoring Penalty (RRS 44.3) may be taken at the option of the offending boat. The decision shall not be subject to protest or redress. The Race Committee shall be informed of any action taken upon completion of the race.

14. WITHDRAWAL

Boats that retire from a race or do not intend to start a subsequent race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race course. Boats that cannot communicate with the Race Committee, shall call Chicago Yacht Club at 312-861-7777, as soon as possible. The information should be left with/for the protest secretary.

15. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each section will be three hours from that section's starting signal for courses 3, 4, 5 and 6. The time limit for course T will be 4 hours. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored "TLE". (See SI 17.3)

16. PROTESTS AND REDRESS REQUESTS

- 16.1 A boat intending to protest or seek redress shall notify the Race Committee of the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested immediately after finishing and shall receive specific acknowledgement. Failure to comply with this instruction shall render the protest invalid. This modifies RRS 61.
- 16.2 Protests shall be submitted on forms which can be obtained from the Protest Committee Secretary. Protests must be filed within one hour of the docking of the Race Committee Signal Boat for the circle.
- 16.3 Scoring queries shall be initiated using a Scoring Inquiry form or filing a request for redress within **one hour** of the posting of the preliminary results of the final race of the day for each boat's respective section.
- 16.4 The Protest Committee Secretary shall post a Notice of all protests and requests for redress filed by the end of the official protest period along with

an initial schedule of hearings which will be updated as needed. Each party to a protest may be assigned an electronic pager.

- 16.5 Protest Arbitration. The Protest Procedure is modified to allow a prehearing involving one judge and the parties to the protest. If, within 10 minutes, an agreement can be reached by all parties on a resolution of the protest no hearing will be held. If the participants agree that the protested or protesting boat(s) infringed a rule, then that boat shall be penalized as prescribed by Racing Rule 44.3c except that the infringing boat shall be assessed a 40% scoring penalty. A pre-hearing will not be reopened. These procedures change RRS 63.1, 63.6 and 66. Arbitration is only available for protests involving Part 2 of the RRS and are limited to incidents between two boats. The arbitrator may be called as a witness during the protest hearing.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4, will apply. There will be no throw-outs and the boat's total score will be the sum of her results for all races. This modifies RRS A2. One race constitutes a Regatta.
- 17.2 PHRF boats shall be scored in accordance with time on distance and the LMPHRF Handicap Certificate in effect on August 7, 2008.
- 17.3 Boats scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) will be scored points equal to the number of boats in their section finishing within the time limit plus two points, except that no boat will be scored worse than last place by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall monitor her assigned courtesy radio channel, except in the event of an emergency. The Race Committee will not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge a boat's retirement, notification of protest or request for assistance in an emergency.

19. COURTESY BROADCASTS

The Race Committee may report all visual signals displayed by the Race Committee Boats on VHS Channel 78 for Circle A, Channel 73 for Circle B and Channel 79 for Circle C. Such broadcasts are intended solely as a courtesy to the competitors and do not replace the visual signals which govern the conduct of the race. Errors or omissions made in courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.

20. INSPECTIONS

The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect a boat at any time without any prior notification.

21. PRIZES

21.1 Series prizes will be awarded by section according to the number of boats racing in a section as follows:

Less than or equal to 15 boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

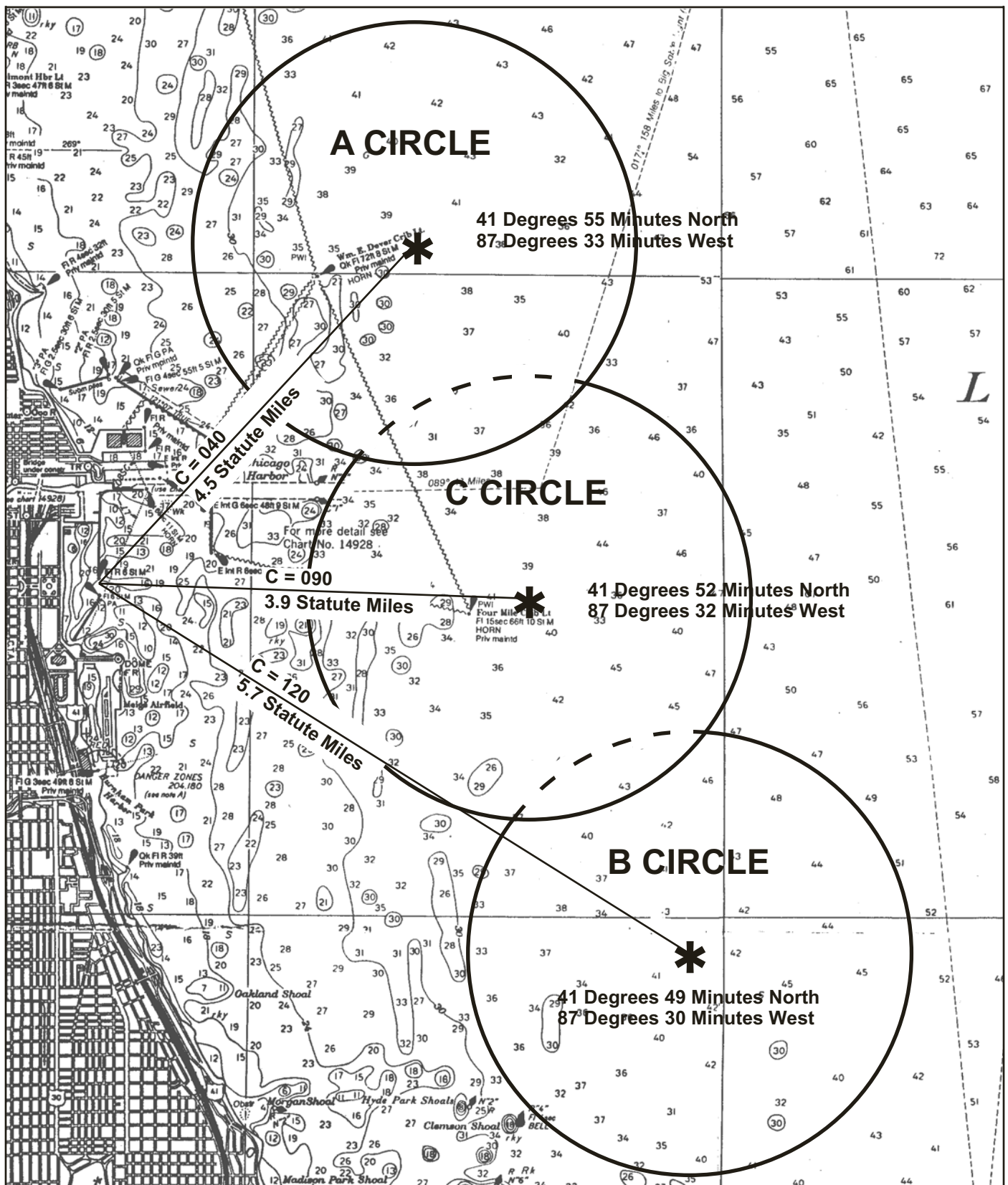
16-25 boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th

26 or more boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

21.2 The Verve Cup will be awarded to the Offshore boat whose division featured the closest, most competitive racing throughout the Regatta.

RACE AREAS

Illustration A



RACE COURSES

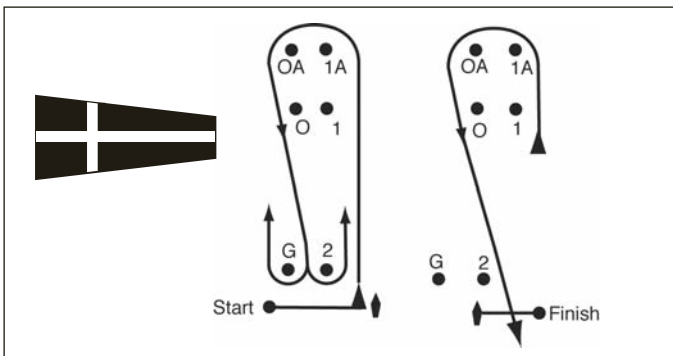
Illustration B

RACE COURSES

The courses sailed shown in the diagrams below apply to the "short" and "long" courses. The rounding order for the "short" courses shall be identical with the "long" courses, except that boats shall round marks 1 and O, or 1A and OA, or 4 and 4A.

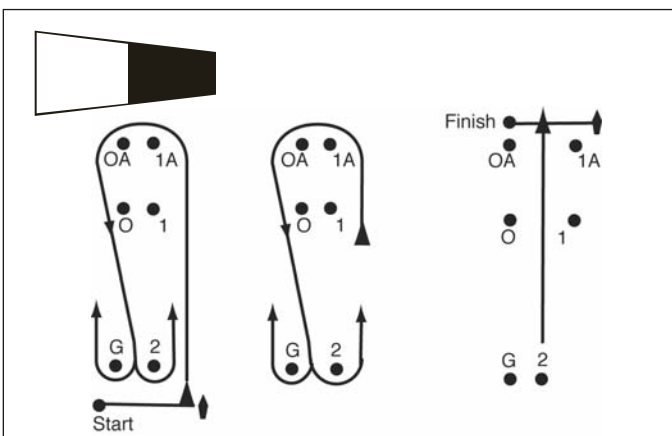
The finishing lines for courses 4, 6 and T, shall be the same for both the long and short courses. The finishing line for courses 3 and 5 shall be approximately 200 yards beyond mark 1A (The longer course).

COURSE 4 (4 Legs)



Windward-Leeward, Twice Around: The marks shall be rounded in the following order: 1A, OA, 2 or G, 1A, OA, Finish (or, 1, O, 2 or G, 1, O, 2 or G, 1, O, 2 or G, Finish). Marks 1A, 1, OA, O and 2 must be left to port. Mark G, if rounded, must be left to starboard. A yacht must pass between marks 2 and G before rounding either mark.

COURSE 5 (5 Legs)



Windward-Leeward-Windward-Leeward-Windward: The marks shall be rounded in the following order: 1A, OA, 2 or G, 1A, OA, 2 or G, Finish (or, 1, O, 2 or G, 1, O, 2 or G, Finish). Marks 1A, 1, OA, O and 2 must be left to port. Mark G if rounded, must be left to starboard. A yacht must pass between marks 2 and G before rounding either mark.

COURSE 6 (6 Legs) may be selected: Windward-leeward 3 times around. See Course 4.

If a leeward mark gate is used, it will be signaled by the Race Committee boat by flying the International Code Flag "G".

(The G flag is 6 vertical stripes, alternating between yellow & blue.)

If a leeward gate is NOT used, the leeward mark shall be left to port.



If an offset mark is used, it will be signaled by the Race Committee Boat by flying International Code Flag "O".

(The O flag is yellow & red divided in half diagonally left to right)

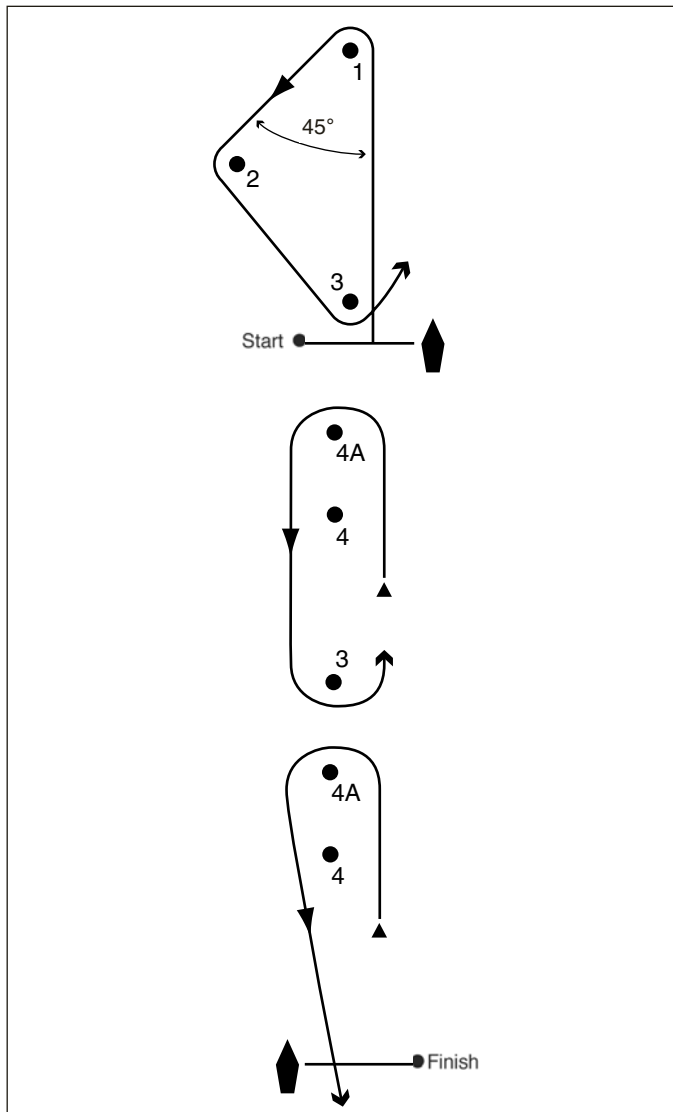


COURSE 3 (3 Legs)

Windward-Leeward-Windward:

See Course 5

COURSE T - Triangle



"SHORT" COURSE ROUNING ORDER:

Mark 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 4 Finish

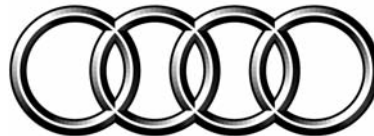
"LONG" COURSE ROUNING ORDER:

Mark 1, 2, 3, 4A, 3, 4A, Finish

The distance and bearing to mark 4 or 4A will be signaled at Mark 3. Marks 4 and 4A will be yellow.

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