



# ENSIGN FLEET #19 & SAN JUAN 21 FLEET #8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Spring & Fall Series 2026

[BlackbeardSailingClub.org](http://BlackbeardSailingClub.org)

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## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The racing shall be governed by *The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing*, including the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as altered by these sailing instructions and by the Ensign Class or San Juan 21 Class Rules.
- 1.2. Specific attention is directed to RRS Fundamental Rules 1.1 and 3, which state:  
A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.  
The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.
- 1.3. If the notice of race (NoR) and these sailing instructions (SI) conflict, the SI shall prevail. This changes rule 63.5(c)(2).
- 1.4. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The Official Notice Board (ONB) is on the BSC Website [BlackbeardSailingClub.org](http://BlackbeardSailingClub.org)

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be communicated by email and posted on the ONB.
- 3.2. The race committee may make verbal changes to the sailing instructions while on the water. If made, they will be transmitted via VHF with a required acknowledgement from each boat.

## 4. COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1. All radio communications will be on VHF channel 78A.
- 4.2. There will be no skippers' meeting prior to racing. The race committee may announce the general location of the course or any other notices on VHF, or by email.

## 5. SAFETY

- 5.1. During all races, each boat shall monitor the VHF.
- 5.2. In the event of a person overboard (POB-detached from the boat), the race shall immediately be abandoned, and the nearest boat is to respond to assist with POB recovery.

## 6. CANCELLATIONS, POSTPONEMENTS AND ABANDONMENTS

- 6.1. No signals will be made ashore; however, decisions to cancel or postpone racing, if made before 1000, will be announced by email or by phone. In the event of cancellation or postponement after 1000, announcements will be made on VHF at 1130 or as soon thereafter as decisions allow.
- 6.2. Races shall not be started when sustained wind (2 minute average) is greater than 15 knots. The race officer (RO) and the Fleet Captain jointly have the authority to cancel racing.
- 6.3. On windless days, the RO has the authority to cancel racing after a 60 minute AP.

## 7. SCHEDULE

The first signal will be at 1255 on each race day. Three races are scheduled each day; however, the warning signal for any race shall not be made after 1530.

**8. COURSES:**

- 8.1. The courses will be WINDWARD/LEEWARD and will be signaled by displaying a green or a red flag. Course diagrams are illustrated below.
- 8.2. If a course change is needed the RC will announce the change by flag and alert over VHF.

**9. MARKS:**

Marks will be orange or yellow inflatable shapes, or a mark boat when displaying code flag "M".

**10. THE START:**

- 10.1. Races will be started per Rule 26.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of an orange inflatable at the port end.
- 10.3. After the finish of a race, the sequence for the next race will begin approximately 5 minutes after the last boat has finished the previous race. The RO may consider requests from boats that ask for additional time- which is not expected to exceed 5 minutes.

**11. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS:**

- 11.1. The race committee may hail OCS boats by sail number or boat name on VHF. This adds to RRS 29.1.
- 11.2. The failure of the RC to make a hail, the order of the hail, or the failure of the competitor to hear it, shall not be grounds for redress.

**12. CHANGE OF THE COURSE:**

To change the next leg of a course, the race committee will set a yellow mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. If there is a subsequent change the yellow mark will be replaced by the original mark.

**13. FINISH:**

The finish will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Signal Boat at the port end and the course side of the orange inflatable (Start pin) at the starboard end.

**14. PENALTY:**

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing or RRS 31."

**15. TIME LIMIT:**

The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes. Once a boat finishes within the time limit, all boats not finishing within 15 minutes thereof will be scored DNF.

**16. PROTESTS:**

- 16.1. The Organizing Authority shall appoint a protest committee when needed.
- 16.2. The protest committee may consist, in part or in its entirety, of sailors from competing boats that are not parties to the protest, and/or members of the race committee.
- 16.3. A boat intending to file a protest shall so notify the finish boat immediately upon finishing and confirm the hail is acknowledged. This adds to rules 60.2
- 16.4. All protests must be presented to the race committee (RO or Fleet Captain) in writing within 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.5. The rules of Appendix T apply, except that T1(b) is changed to a 20% Scoring Penalty.
- 16.6. Arbitration and/or protests may be heard on the same day, or as soon as practicable, at a time and place convenient to the arbitrator or protest committee and the parties.

**17. SCORING:**

- 17.1. A race will not be scored unless at least two boats start and one boat finishes.

- 17.2. Appendix A5.3 shall apply.
- 17.3. One completed race shall constitute each series.
- 17.4. Appendix A2.1 is changed as follows:

<u>Races</u>	<u>Throw-outs</u>	<u>Races</u>	<u>Throw-outs</u>
01-07	0	14-17	3
08-09	1	18 & up	4
10-13	2		

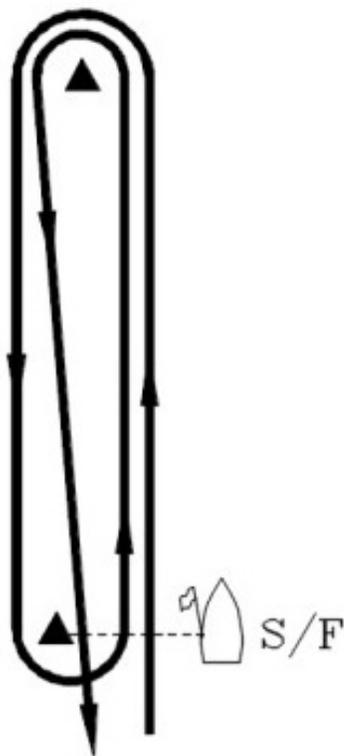
**18. RETIRING FROM RACING:**

- 18.1. A boat that retires from racing shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area.
- 18.2. Skippers shall notify the RO as early as possible if their boat will not be racing.

**19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

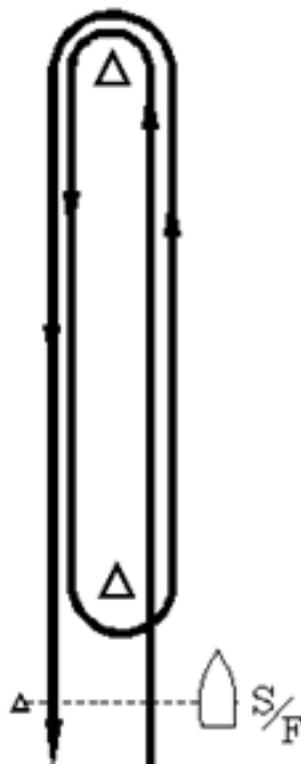
Competitors participate in the Series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. Each Competitor is responsible for any and all liability claims, which may result from their participation, and should be adequately self-insured or covered by third party insurance. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after each day's racing.

**COURSE DIAGRAMS**



**GREEN**

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**RED**

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