

**Herring Island Sailing Fleet**  
**Committee Boat Instructions**  
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**1 Rigging Signal Halyards.**

Rig Blue RC flag as high as possible. Start is between orange flag on committee boat and starting mark, so mount the orange flag high over the position of the person who will be recording finish times.

**1.1 Halyard Rig -**

The halyard rig fits best when stretched taut between mast and backstay or jibstay. Rig high, 10 to 12 feet above deck. There are five halyard blocks. Flag AP, Yellow and Blue shapes should be on separate halyards

**1.2 Pole Rigs** (this for power boats which may not have suitable for Halyard setup)

Alternatively use the 6 foot poles – attaching class flag “Herring Island Burgee” and on a separate pole the P Flag –(white with Blue Border).

**1.3 Re-call signals**

Flags “X”(individual re-call) and “First Substitute”(general recall) should be fastened to opposite ends of a boat hook or pole for use by line observer. In a recall situation, the appropriate end of the pole should be raised IMMEDIATELY after starting signal, with one horn for one boat over early, or two horns for general recall.

**2 Starting Area.**

Starting area normally in vicinity of Mark A. When necessary to get windward start, committee boat will move to Mark E. (remain in vicinity of mark A until 10 minutes before starting time, signal postponement, and lead the fleet to mark E). Or committee boat may choose a downwind start and remain at A.

**3 Course Selection.**

Select course with the aim of producing a race lasting approximately 3 Hours. If wind increases, shorter courses may be sailed twice around. If wind decreases, longer courses may be shortened.

**3.1 JAM Race Course Selection.**

For JAM races the committee to choose races of 5-miles or less.

**3.2 Shortened Course.**

Boats will be alert for a shortened course. Shortened course is signified by the committee boat flying code flag “S”, proceeding up the course and anchoring to establish a finishing line in accordance with Instruction 11. The committee boat may attempt to hail competitors and/or announce the change on VHF Channel 72 when practical. . The finish line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and any mark of the course, or a line 50 yards in length, ninety (90) degrees left of the direction of the leg on which the course is being shortened.

### **3.3 Twice Around. .**

**Signal.** the race committee may signal that a course is to be sailed twice around by one or more of the following:

- (a)** Flying all starting shapes simultaneously, in any sequence, on one hoist or on more hoists;
- (b)** Two blasts from the horn or gun, repeated as necessary;
- (c)** Notifying competing boats by hail. Second Lap., Boats shall begin the second lap by crossing the starting line in the same direction as they did when starting.

### **4 Starting Line.**

Normally between orange flag on committee boat and floating buoy, except when using mark E,( use the mark). In the event of heavy weather, committee may choose to lead the fleet into the Wye River, and use a mark. If the first leg is a beat, the starting line should be perpendicular to the wind direction and located downwind of the first mark. If the first leg is a fetch or run, the line should be perpendicular to the first leg. Line should be approximately 300 feet, or 30 feet times number of boats.

### **5 Postponement.**

Postponement flag "AP" (red and white) and two horns. Sound another horn when shape comes down. The starting sequence should begin with yellow shape and horn exactly one minute after "AP" is taken down.

### **6 Cancellation.**

If weather conditions cause delay in the warning signal beyond one hour, cancellation should be signaled by flag "N" (blue & white) and three horns.

### **7 The Course.**

A course number will be displayed on the committee boat prior to the Warning Signal. The course is selected from the list of numbered courses distributed to all members, unless special race instructions showing the course have been distributed. Marks "A", "B", and "C" shall always be passed on the channel side.

### **8 The Start.**

#### **8.1. Starting Line.**

The starting line will be between the orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark. The starting mark will be a Club mark or mark "E".

## 9 Timing.

Races will be started according to Rule 26, with the modification that the warning signal (Sound) will be 10 minutes before the start.

Races will be started as follows:

STARTING SIGNALS:	TIME	SHAPE*	SOUND
Warning	5 min.	Herring Island Burgee (class shape)*	1
Preparatory	4 min.	P,I,Z, Z with I, or Black flag	1
One-minute	1 min.	P flag Removed	1 long
Start	0	HISF Burgee Removed	1

## 10 Finish Line.

After the start, pick up drop mark, square the finish line between buoy and direction of last leg. Committee Boat to Fly a blue flag or shape when on "Station"

## 11 Required Equipment.

Horn, RC Flag, Herring Island Burgee, Yellow and Blue Shapes, Orange Flag and flags AP, N, R, S, X and 1<sup>st</sup> substitute, jackstay, halyards, clipboard, course book, course board with numerals, stopwatch, starting mark with anchor.

## 12 Information to be Recorded

Course number  
List of boats  
Spinnaker election (Non Spinnaker or Cruising Spinnaker)  
Clock time of Start (Hours, Minutes, Seconds)  
Clock time or elapsed time of each boat (Hours, Minutes, Seconds)  
Protests if any

## 13 Transmission of Results

Shark will attempt to pick up results from committee boat. If not, report immediately to Shark as listed for Herring Island

## 14 Communications

Channel 72 should be monitored at all times.

## 15. Time Limit.

Three and a half (3 ½) hours. Boats finishing more than 60 minutes after the first boat finishes, or more than 3 ½ hours after the start, whichever is later, will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF).