

2023 LITTLE CREEK SAILING ASSOCIATION (LCSA) TURKEY TROT RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules:

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2021–2024, and these Sailing Instructions.

2. Written Changes to Sailing Instructions:

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted online as an update to the Sailing Instructions by **1800 on November 18, 2023**.

3. Skippers' Meeting

None. All information, including fleet splits (if any), sailing instructions (and any changes) with course information, will be available on the BBSA website: <https://broadbaysailing.org/>.

4. Classes and Flags:

a) This is a one fleet race, Non-Spinnaker only.

b) For Cruising Class boats without a valid rating, the race organizers will assign a rating, which shall not be subject to redress.

5. Sail Numbers:

To facilitate identifying boats for scoring, all boats participating in the Turkey Trot race shall have a sail number on at least one sail, preferably on both the headsail and the main sail.

6. Course Marks

S - Orange Ball drop mark in the vicinity of the RC boat.

J - Yellow buoy off Ocean View Beach. Vicinity of N36 56.541; W 76 12.163 (location is shown on many charts as VMRC reef buoy).

K - Red "2" buoy near the entrance to Little Creek channel. Vicinity of N36 56.483; W 76 10.798.

L - Green "1" buoy approximately 2 miles north of the Little Creek channel. Vicinity of N36 58.077; W 76 10.068.

7. Courses:

Courses shall be posted on the RC boat as indicated by large letters for course marks and numbers for number of laps. Leave RED letter marks to PORT and GREEN letter marks to STARBOARD:

Example 1: **K L K S**

Example 2: **K S x2**

8. Check In:

All boats shall check in with the Race Committee before the race by passing by the stern of the Signal Boat with their mainsail hoisted and hailing their boat name and sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

a) Check-in by VHF radio is neither meets this requirement nor will be acknowledged.

9. Starting Line:

The Start/Finish (S/F) Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an Orange Ball drop mark. **The S/F line will be within 1 NM of Little Creek Harbor Entrance Buoy Red 2 (38 56.49' N / 076 10.79' W).**

10. The Start:

The start shall be in accordance with RRS 26. The first Warning Signal will be 1355 with the start at 1400.

11. Individual Recall:

A boat is over the starting line early if any part of the hull is on the course side (OCS) of the line when the starting gun sounds. When this happens, flag "X" is flown with one sound. "X" remains flying until all offenders have restarted properly by getting back behind the starting line, but no later than four minutes after the starting signal.

- a) Additionally, the RC as a courtesy only, may attempt to announce the "over-earlies" on the radio. (This changes RRS 29.1).

12. Shortening Course:

The RC may shorten the course at any time by anchoring at a mark of the course, displaying Flag "S", with two sounds as the first boat approaches. RC will replace the Blue Flag mounted on his boat with Flag "S".

- a. Boats shall finish by passing between the RC boat (Flag "S") and the mark in the direction from the previous mark.
- b. If there are multiple laps, the RC may shorten course at the Start/Finish line, displaying Flag "S", with two sounds as the first boat approaches. RC will replace the Blue Flag mounted on his boat with Flag "S". Boats shall finish by passing between the RC boat (Flag "S") and the "S" drop mark in the direction from the previous mark.

12. The Finish:

The finish line shall be the line between the "S" mark and the Blue Flag on the RC boat. Regardless of the color of the "S", all boats shall finish from the course side of the finish line.

If course has been shortened, boats shall finish from the course side between RC boat and designated mark

13. The Time Limit:

No boat will be scored later than 2.0 hours after the first start (1600) if the race starts on time). This modifies Rule 35. Boats still racing at the time limit will be scored TLE (1 + the number of boats that finished).

14. Collision With a Race Committee Boat

If any boat collides with any Race Committee boat or a limit buoy streamed off the stern of the signal boat, her penalty shall be to retire.

15. Protests and Requests for Redress:

Boats shall inform the Race Committee of their protest at the time of the protest or as soon as possible after finishing or retiring by voice or by radio. The protestor shall ensure that the Race Committee acknowledges the protest. (This modifies RRS 61.3.).

Protests shall meet the requirements of RRS 61.2. and shall **be delivered by email to racing@broadbaysailing.org or by text to 703-244-2906 within 4.5 hours after the last start.** (This modifies RRS 61.3.) Protest hearings shall be held on Sunday evening or Monday evening at a location TBD.

Protest hearings shall be scheduled by the Turkey Trot Race coordinator, or their representative. The Turkey Trot Race Coordinator shall appoint the protest committee.

16. Radio Communications:

All boats must have a working VHF and should monitor VHF-72 thirty (30) minutes before the first warning until racing is completed for that day.

Failure of the RC to provide a radio announcement or failure of a boat to receive a radio announcement will not be considered grounds for redress.

To facilitate proper radio communications, boats are urged to limit use of VHF-72 to communication with the RC and early retirement from the race.

Between the Courtesy and the Warning Signal, the RC may announce the cancellation of racing.

While racing, the RC may announce:

- 1) Boats who are "over early."
- 2) Shortening of the course.
- 3) Racing abandoned.
- 4) Cancellation of racing due to bad weather or other factors.

17. Safety/Compliance with Government Restrictions:

Boats racing in or near a shipping channel **MUST** give way to commercial and/or military vessels operating in the channel and **MUST KEEP CLEAR** of those vessels. Competitors **MUST** take evasive action well in advance of any potentially dangerous situation. Communication directly with those vessels via VHF-13/16 is advised.

Any attempt by a competitor to exercise the right-of-way over, to cross close to, or to interfere with the reasonable transit of the race area by commercial, military, or other vessels unable to respond readily or restricted in their ability to maneuver will be grounds for protest.

Should such a protest occur, the burden of proof is on the vessel allegedly interfering to show that she did not interfere with that commercial/military vessel. A protest committee may also file such a protest as a result of a report received from the offended vessel or local port authorities/pilots; the protest time limit for this circumstance is 48 hours after the time limit of the last race is completed.

Per RRS 42.3(i), if a dangerous situation develops, a boat may use her engine to avoid that situation. No penalty will be assessed, provided she does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

In no way does this instruction absolve any competitor from violating International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS).

18. Weather Cancellations:

For Beaufort Wind Scale Force 6 (22-27 knots) conditions or more shall be grounds for canceling the race.

The RC may cancel or postpone lightning depending upon the location and direction of the storm.

Delays or cancellations before racing will be by VHF-72 and announced 30 minutes before the first warning. Updates will be provided every 15 minutes until it is determined to race or abandon.

Cancellations while racing due to weather will be by VHF-72. Competitors shall respond with an acknowledgment.

Any decision to cancel or postpone is based on the judgment of the RC and is not subject to redress.

19. Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate in a race entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after any race. The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole responsibility of the person in charge. The person in charge must ensure that the boat is sound, seaworthy, and manned by a competent crew of the appropriate number for the boat. By participating or intending to participate in an event conducted under the rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees to accept these rules.

The person in charge of each boat shall ensure that all competitors in the crew and the boat's owners are aware of their responsibilities under RRS 4.

20. Insurance:

Each skipper of a participating vessel, by entering a BBSA-sponsored race, certifies that the vessel they captain is insured for racing with valid third-party liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent.

21. Contacts:

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