

Blue Ridge Regatta

Smith Mountain Lake, VA

April 25/26, 2026

Organizing Authorities: Blackwater Yacht Racing Association (BYRA)

Virginia Inland Sailing Association (VISA)

Sailing Instructions (SI) – Harbor 20/Alerions, Wayfarers, and Mixed Boats

1. Rules

1.1 The event is governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028* including US Sailing Prescriptions (RRS).

1.2 Appendix V1 will be in effect for all classes.

2. Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board www.BlueRidgeRegatta.org

3. Decision to Race

3.1 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board www.BlueRidgeRegatta.org website at least one hour before the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Verbal changes to the sailing instructions will be announced by VHF on the water. Failure to hear verbal changes shall not be grounds for redress.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 On Saturday signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flag pole on the docks below the VISA clubhouse.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5.3 On Sunday no signals will be made ashore.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1 Five or more races are planned for Saturday and three or more races for Sunday, wind permitting.

6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on each day shall be as follows:

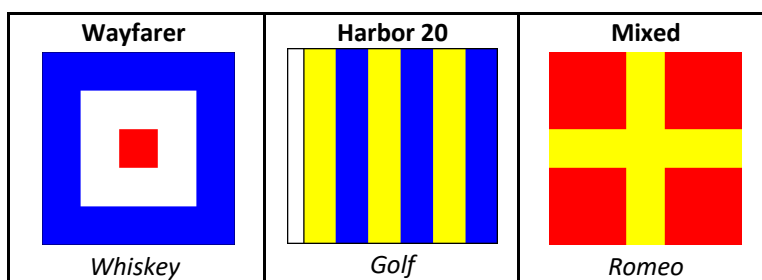
Class	Saturday, April 25	Sunday, April 26
Wayfarer	1000	1100
Harbor 20	1005	1105
Mixed (if any)	1010	1110

6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, a series of short repetitive sounds will be made at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1445.

7. Class Flags

7.1 Flags displayed at the warning signal for each class will be as follows:



8. The Course

8.1 The Race Committee (RC) will notify competitors of the courses for the day either at the Skippers' Meeting or on the water by VHF radio.

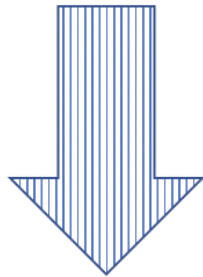
8.2 The RC will operate on VHF channel 78A.

8.3 The course may be a windward-leeward course as shown in the diagram below. The race committee may place an "offset" mark to the left of the windward mark. A gate may be substituted for the leeward mark.

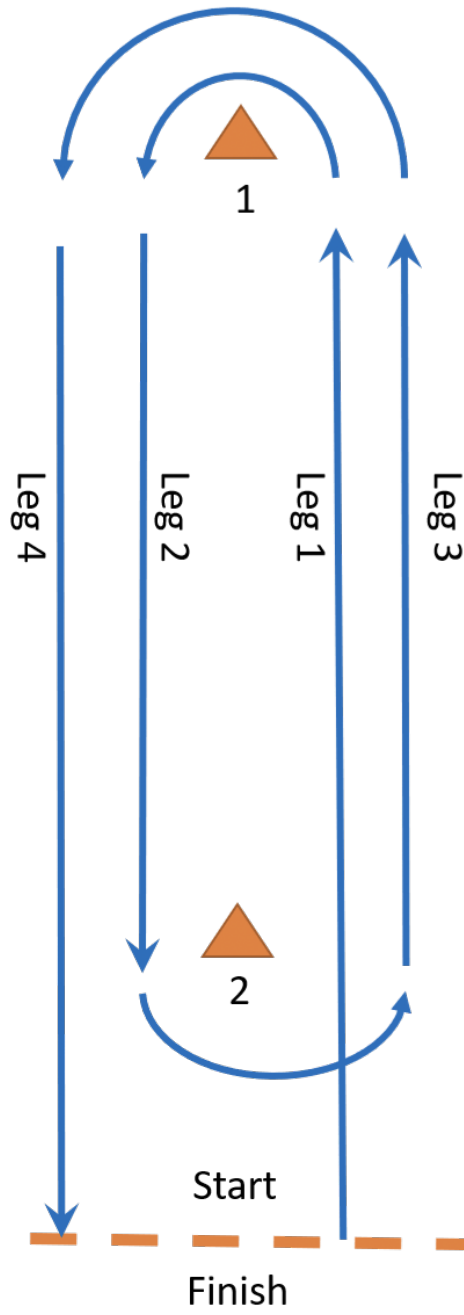
8.4 A shortened version of the course with one upwind and one downwind leg may be signaled by displaying the "S" (Shorten Course) flag at the start.

8.5 The RC may choose to run a "Road Course" using government marks. Competing boats will be notified on the water prior to the Warning Signal.

Windward - Leeward With Leeward Finish



WIND



Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L1	S-1-2-1-F

Race
Committee
Signal Boat

9. Marks

9.1 Marks 1 and 2 shall be orange tetrahedrons 2.5 feet tall.

9.2 Missing marks shall be represented by a race committee support boat with a hoisted "Mike" or "M" flag.

9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be orange flags.



10. Areas That Are Obstructions

10.1 The areas designated as obstructions include all land bodies and islands, all channel markers, and all shoal markers.

11. The Start

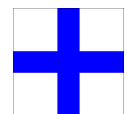
11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between staffs/masts displaying orange flags. The starting line shall be terminated by a buoy on the port end and the race committee signal boat on the starboard end.

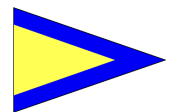
11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4 A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This adjusts RRS A 5.1.

11.5 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will raise the "X" flag with one sound and attempt to hail her sail number. She must then sail to the pre-start side before starting. Failure to hear a hail shall not be cause for redress.



11.6 When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which RRS 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall (display the "First Substitute" with two sounds). The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.



12. Changing the Next Leg of the Course

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. All boats will be notified prior to the start of the modified leg. The signal shall be the display of the flag "C" with repetitive sounds from the horn. The RC will move the existing mark or lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signaling the change

of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

12.3 The finishing line will be between staffs/masts displaying orange flags on the finishing marks. From the course side perspective, the finishing line shall be terminated by a buoy flying an orange flag on the starboard end and the race committee signal boat flying an orange flag on the port end.

12.4 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

13. Time Limits and Target Times

13.1 For each class, if no boat has passed Mark 1 within 20 minutes of the start, then the race will be abandoned.

13.2 For each class, each boat that fails to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat that sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. Arbitration, Protests, and Requests for Redress

14.1 Protest forms are available on the www.blueridgeregatta.org website or through the Race Committee. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Committee for your class within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14.4 Hearings will be held in the clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

14.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2 (b) (4).

14.6 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.3.

15. Scoring

15.1 The scoring system shall be the Low Point System as defined in RRS 90.3 and Appendix A.

15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

16. Safety Regulations

16.1 All boats shall check in with the race committee signal boat prior to the warning signal for her race.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

17.1 Substitution or changing of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.

17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee.

17.3 Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. Official Boats

18.1 Official boats will be marked with the "VISA" letters or a race committee flag.

19. Trash Disposal

19.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

20. Haul-Out Restrictions

20.1 Boats may be hauled out during the regatta without prior notice or consent of the race committee.

21. Radio Communication

21.1 VHF radios may be carried aboard. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

21.2 All radio communications shall be on VHF channel 78A.

21.3 As a courtesy, there may be radio communications regarding the race to supplement other communications. The delay or lack of radio communications shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

22. Prizes

22.1 Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each class.

23. Disclaimer of Liability

23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24. Insurance

24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with an appropriate minimum cover amount per incident.