OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB

2023 OCYC OFFSHORE SERIES
Sailing Instructions

1.0 RULES

The 2023 OCYC Offshore Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS/US), the prescriptions of MAYRA, and by these sailing instructions.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be emailed to the fleet in a timely manner.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be emailed to the fleet in a timely manner.

4.0 CLASSES

There will be two classes: Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker. Both classes will start together.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF REGATTA

The races are scheduled for three dates: 7/15, 8/5 & 8/19. In the event of inclement weather, the races will be postponed to a rain-date which will be the following week if possible.

6.0 RACING AREA

The races shall start in an area directly beyond the Great Egg Inlet between Ocean City and Longport. The starting line will be set between an orange flag on the race committee boat and buoy R2.

7.0 THE COURSE

From the start the first leg of the course will be 37 degrees for approximately 2.5 miles to an inflatable mark set off Lucy the Elephant which shall be rounded to Starboard (boat to port of the mark). Leg two of the course will be a return to the starting line

which shall bear 217 degrees for 2.5 miles. The race committee reserves the right to shorten the course in the event of adverse weather or wind conditions. Such course change shall be broadcast on VHF channel 72. In the event of a course change the inflatable mark off Lucy the Elephant shall become the finish line. In either case participants shall record their finish time when the R2 buoy bears 270 degrees to their starboard beam or in the case of a shortened course the inflatable mark bears 90 degrees to their starboard beam. Participants shall record their own time which shall be texted to Daniel Dagit at 610-291-5916. The race committee reserves the right to change the course with reasonable notice to the fleet.

8.0 CHECKING IN

Before the warning signal each boat shall sail past the race committee boat when it is on station in the starting area and hail its sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

9.0 THE START

The races will be started with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

Individual recalls will be as per RRS 29.1. As a courtesy, the race committee will also attempt to announce the sail number of over early boats on VHF channel 72. Should a general recall be signaled, the start will be postponed accordingly.

10.0 RECALLS

The following shall not be grounds for redress:

A) Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.
B) Failure of the race committee to broadcast numbers.
C) A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast number.

11.0 THE FINISH

The finish line will be the same as the start line and is described in detail in section 6.0 herein.

12.0 TIME LIMIT

Boats shall have three and a half hours to finish each race unless otherwise directed by the race committee.

13.0 PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

A boat intending to protest or seek redress is requested to notify and receive acknowledgement from the race committee at the finish line after finishing and clearing, giving the name and number of the boat being protested.

Protest forms and penalty acknowledgement forms are available at the OCYC race office. These shall be delivered to the race office at OCYC within the protest time limit which is 30 minutes after the last boat in each class has completed the race.

Notices will be posted as soon as possible but not later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parities or witnesses. Hearings will be held at OCYC.

14.0 SCORING

The corrected times of all boats will be posted on yachtscoring.com. The series will be scored on a best of three races basis. Awards will be presented to the top three boats in both classes.

15.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

All boats are required to carry all safety equipment as required by national, state, or local regulation. VHF radios are required.

16.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The race committee will monitor VHF channel 72 and will broadcast information on an as-needed basis.

17.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the 2023 OCYC Offshore Series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for materials damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

18.0 RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility of the Race Committee is to provide a start. The decision to start, continue or retire is the responsibility of the contestant.

19.0 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall have a valid insurance certificate with a minimum liability of $300,000. Insurance certificate should be readily available for inspection by the race committee.