

Highlander Class International Association

Sailing Instructions

2026 Bluegrass Regatta
Louisville Sailing Club
Louisville, KY
Oct 3 & 4, 2026

The following Sailing Instructions apply to all boats/Skippers/ Crews participating in the Bluegrass Regatta.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by Article IIII of the Rules Governing Highlander Racing (RGHR) and where modified herein.
- 1.2 All boats, sails and individual participants shall meet the eligibility requirements as specified in Article II of RGHR sections 1, 2, 3
- 1.3 This regatta is designated as non-advertising
- 1.4 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and these sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. Entries

- 2.1 Competition is open to all highlanders

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the officially designated notice board located inside the Clubhouse window no later than 0800 hours on the day said changes take effect.

4. Notices to Competitors

- 4.1 All Notices to competitors will be posted on the officially designated notice Board located inside the Club.
- 4.2 All Safety Notices including daily weather forecast as well as those that become required due to changing weather conditions will be posted on the officially designated board inside the Clubhouse

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Committee Boat docked at the seawall.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1 Up to 8 races are planned

6.2 Within a given day, as many as 7 races may be sailed due to conditions.

6.3 The Schedule of Races is as follows:

Saturday skippers meeting at 12 noon

First race 1:00 pm with several to follow depending on weather conditions max of seven (7)

Sunday first race 9:30am no race starts after 12 noon

7. Course

7.1 "W/L" Windward Leeward Course. Number of laps will be posted with flags A gate maybe used depending on size of fleet

8. Marks

8.1 A white ball will serve as pin at start and finish between the flag on committee boat and white ball

8.2. Windward, Windward off set (if used), gate marks (if used) and Leeward marks will be an orange ball

9. Start

9.1 Races shall be started by flags and horn

9.2 The start line is between the orange staff on the RC Boat and a starting pin (see above)

10. Recalls

10.1 Individual and General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RSS 29.2. The Race Committee intends to make an attempt to hail boats that have not started properly on Channel 71, however it is the skipper's responsibility to start properly.

10.2 The following are not grounds for redress:

1. Failure of RC to hail any or all boats
2. Failure of RC to accurately hail one or more boats
3. Failure of a boat to hear its hail
4. Timeliness of the hail, or order of boats within the hail.

11. Change in Course after Start

11.1 A change in course after the start will be signaled before the lead boat has begun the changed leg, although the new mark may not be in position.

11.2 After setting the new mark the RC will attempt to lift the original mark as soon as possible.

12. The Finish

12.1 The Finish Line will be between an orange flag on the RC Boat and the finish mark unless shortened or abandoned.

13. Time Limit

13.1 Time limit for each race will be three (3) hours for the first boat to finish and 45 minutes for the 1st windward leg for the 1st boat to round the first mark.

13.2 RC reserves the right to abandon any race that has become un-sailable or unfair due to course conditions.

14.3 Boats not finishing within 40 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF

14. Protests

14.1 please settle on the water

14.2 Protests must be written on available forms available at the Clubhouse and lodged with Protest Committee's Representative within 60 Minutes of the time the RC Boat docks which will be announced by signal.

14.3 Notice will be posted within 30 minutes of Protest Filing Time expiration informing all

15. Scoring

15.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of RRS will apply.

15.2 One race will be thrown out if 7 or more races are completed. If less than 7 races are completed, then all scores will count.

16. Safety

16.1 All participants are subject to the direction and control of the Race Committee. However, each competitor is responsible for the personal safety of him/herself, his/her crew and boat. It is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper and crew to decide to whether to start, continue or finish a race.

16.2 All boats may have a working VHF radio

16.3 A competitor that is retiring shall notify the Race Committee via the designated VHF Channel before leaving the racing area. Failure to notify the RC of retirement is grounds for protest.

16.4 Any boat receiving outside assistance during a race shall receive a DNF solely for that race.

17. Check In

17.1 All boats are required to check in before the start of each racing day. This is completed by sailing on starboard tack behind the RC boat displaying the Code Flag "L" and verbally hailing the RC Staff with sail number.

18. Radio Communication

18.1 A participating boat shall not make a radio transmission while racing nor receive any radio communications (VHF or cell/mobile phone) not available to all boats.

18.2 The RC may broadcast information pertinent to competitors using VHF but calls to RC should not be initiated by competitors, except to retire from racing.