

# 2023 Go for the Gold Regatta Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing RRS 2021-2024, except as otherwise provided in these instructions.
2. **Notice to Competitors:** : The Skippers Meeting will be held at the GCYC clubhouse at 10:00 AM , Saturday, June 3th. Official notices and changes to the schedule of races will be posted on the regatta bulletin board by 8:00 PM on the day before they take effect.
3. **Changes to Sailing Instructions:** The Race Committee may revise these instructions in writing as posted on the bulletin board one hour before the first Warning of the first race of each day.
4. **Racer Check-in:** Racers will not be required to check in with the Race Committee prior to racing. Racers withdrawing from racing should inform the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity.
5. **Schedule of Races:** Racing will begin at 12:00 noon on Saturday. Fleet designations (1, 2, 3, 4 ...) and starting order will be announced at the Skippers Meeting on Saturday.
6. **Number of Races:** Three races are scheduled for Saturday. Additional races may be requested and held at the discretion of the Race Committee. The Race Committee may abandon or cancel races due to weather or other hazardous conditions.
7. **Racing Area:** The racing area is shown in **Illustration A**. Race Courses are designated per **Illustration B**.
8. **Restricted Areas:** Swim areas and marina areas designated by the Scotts Flat Lake authorities are restricted areas. Violation of restricted areas are justification for protest.
9. **Marks:** Marks are round inflated orange buoys. Windward and leeward marks will be placed as appropriate to wind conditions. The wing (jibe) mark will be placed to form a right angle between the windward and leeward marks.
10. **Fleet and Course Designation:** The Race Committee will display the starting fleet (1, 2, 3 etc) and course designation (A, B, C etc) no later than the Warning Signal (three minutes) before the start of each race. Double letters (AA, BB, CC etc) signify a twice around the course. Crossing the finish line before completing the designated course constitutes a DNF.
11. **Starting:** Races will be started using the method of **Appendix U -- Audible-Signal Racing System** with attention beeps given 15 seconds before the Warning Signal for each start. The Starting Line is set to the side of the Committee boat designated by an ORANGE Pin on a buoy and the ORANGE Pole on the Committee boat.

- 12. Time Limit:** Fleets will be allowed 60 minutes for the first racer to finish. Subsequent fleet racers have 30 minutes after the first finisher to complete the race. This modifies RRS 2021-2024 Rule 35.
- 13. Finishing:** The Finish Line is to the side of the Committee boat designated by a YELLOW Pin on a buoy and a YELLOW pole on the Committee boat.
- 14. Start – Finish Restrictions:** In accordance with RRS 2021-2024 Rule 24, racers having finished shall keep clear of the race course and finish line. Obstruction of racers still on course shall be cause for protest. Protests or fouling of the Start-Finish lines will result in three points being added to the racers scored position.
- 15. Protests:** Protests will be according to the RRS 2021-2024 Rule 61. Protests must be filed with the Protest Committee within 30 minutes of the conclusion of each day's racing. Protests will be posted on the regatta bulletin board at the GCYC clubhouse and heard within an hour of the filing. Decisions of the Protest Committee will be used in determining the overall position of racers in the regatta. Appeals under RRS 2021-2024 Rule 70 will not be afforded time to be accomplished before the awarding of regatta trophies.
- 16. Scoring:** The Low Point Scoring System of RRS 2021-2024 Appendix A4 shall apply. If at least five races are held one throw-out shall be authorized for scoring purposes. Open Keel class will use So Cal PHRF time-on-time ratings. Open Centrboard and Multihull will use Portsmouth (wind corrected) time-on-time ratings and One-design class boats will be scored as finishing. Ties in races will be broken using RRS 2021-2024 rule A7 and ties for the regatta series with rule A8.
- 17. Special Circumstances:** In the spirit of RRS 2021-2024 Rule 1.1 and at the discretion of the Race Committee, racers rendering assistance during a race need not finish the race but will be given the points equal to the average of their points in all races completed on that day.
- 18. Trophies:** Trophies will be awarded as soon as all pending protest hearings are concluded and total scores are tabulated.



# Gold Country Yacht Club

## Windward-Leeward Courses at Scotts Flat Lake

**Important information:**

**Start** in direction of first mark.

**Finish** from direction of last mark.

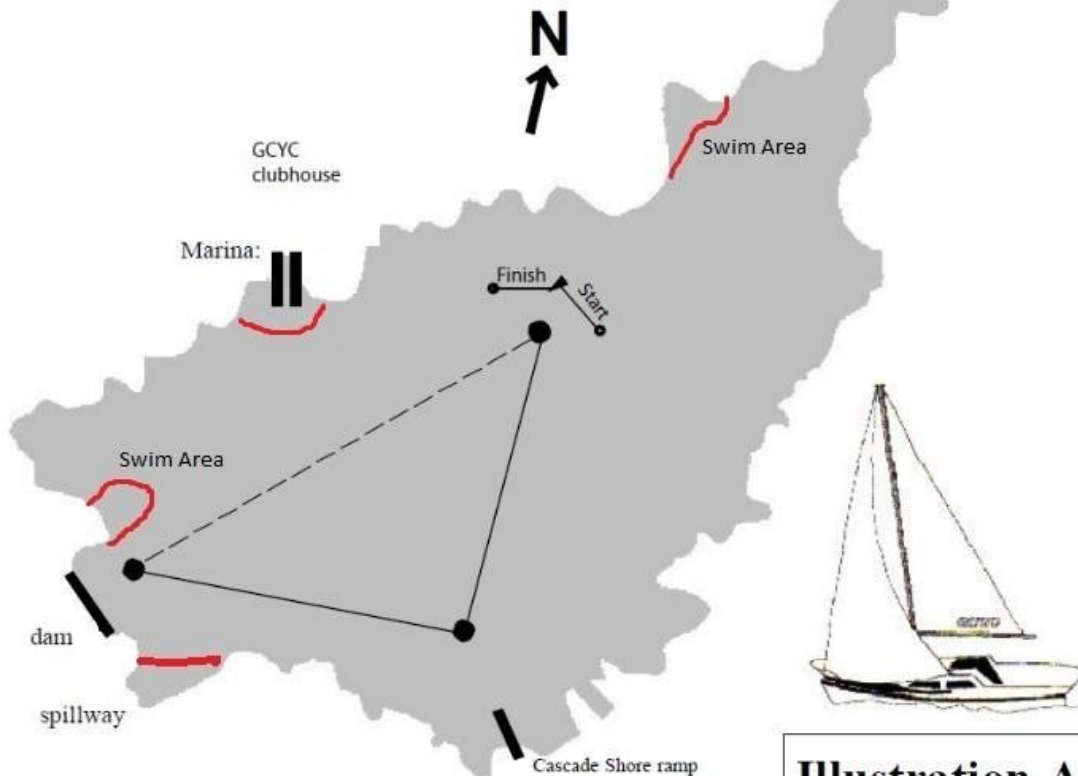
**Start and Finish lines restricted**

Only cross to start or finish

720 rule in effect (for exoneration purposes).

All marks rounded by leaving to port  
(counter-clockwise around marks).

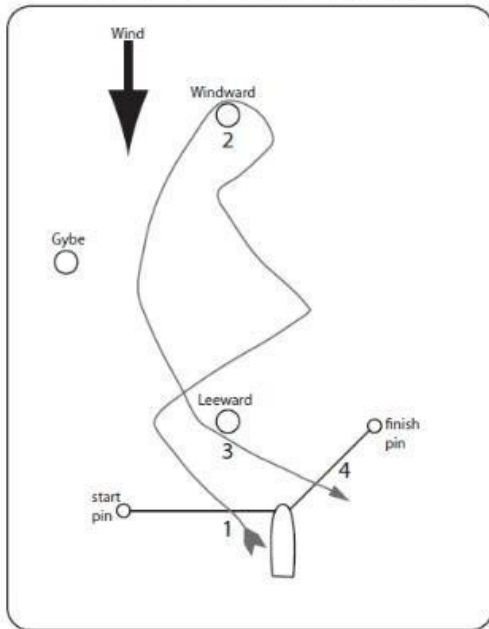
Avoid swim areas and launch ramps.



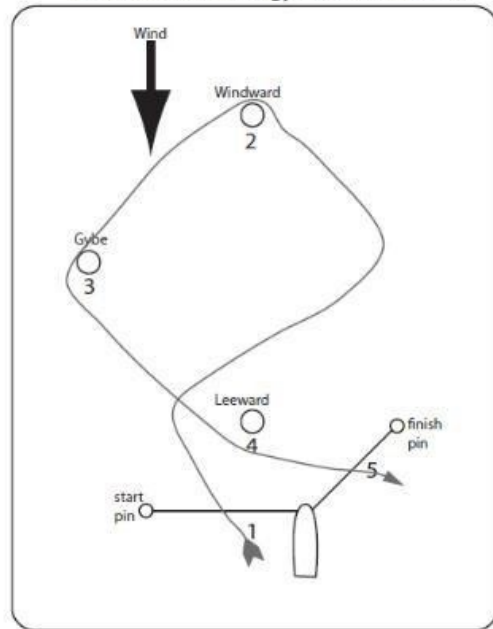
**Illustration A**

# Gold Country Yacht Club 2019 Windward-Leeward Regatta Courses

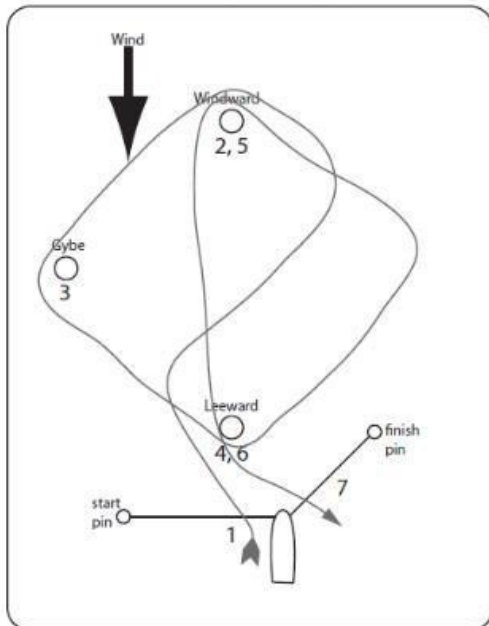
A = start, windward, leeward, finish



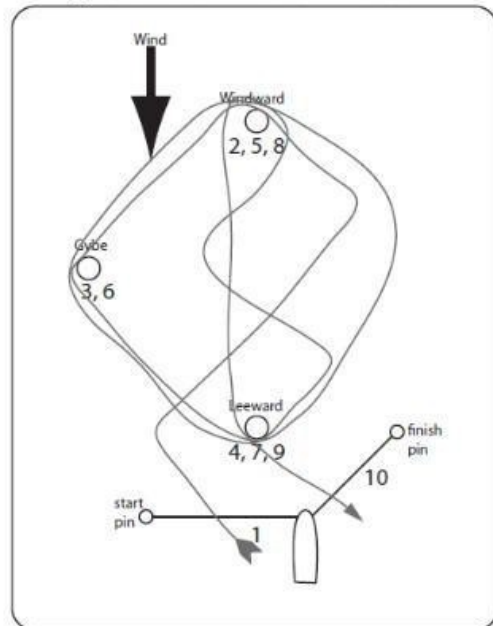
B = start, windward, gybe, leeward, finish



C = start, windward, gybe, leeward, windward, leeward, finish



D = start, windward, gybe, leeward, windward, gybe, leeward, windward, leeward, finish



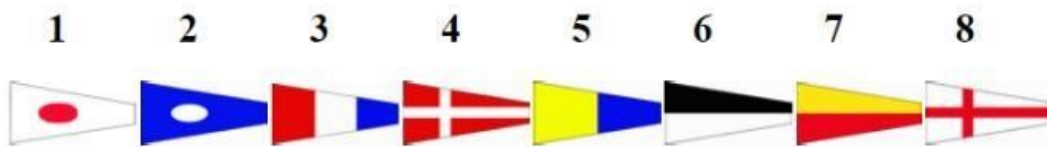
# Sound Starting Sequence

The board on the RC boat shows **only** the currently starting Fleet's Course letter (A, B, C, D; and twice around courses AA, BB, CC, DD) and windward mark compass heading

Fleet Flags will be raised prior to pre-warning beeps, along with announcement of current Fleet starting









Time	Horn(s)
-3:15	8 pre-warning sounds
<b>-3:00</b>	<b>WARNING: 3 Long sounds</b>
-2:00	<b>2 Long sounds</b>
-1:30	<b>1 Long, 3 short sounds</b>
-1:00	<b>1 Long sound</b>
-.:30	<b>3 short sounds</b>
-.:20	<b>2 short sounds</b>
-.:10	<b>1 short sound</b>
-.:05	<b>1 short sound</b>
-.:04	<b>1 short sound</b>
-.:03	<b>1 short sound</b>
-.:02	<b>1 short sound</b>
-.:01	<b>1 short sound</b>
<b>:00</b>	<b>START: 1 Long sound</b>

## Fleet Flags



*Important: Each Fleet flag will be flying the entire pre-start time for that Fleet.  
If your flag is not raised, leave the start area.  
The Fleet flag goes up prior to the Warning along with an audible announcement of the upcoming Start  
and comes down after the Start.*

## Other Flags used by the Race Committee

<u>Flag</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
	<b>Postponement (Answering Pendant)</b> 2 sounds up, 1 sound down Next signal one minute after AP dropped.
	<b>Individual Recall (X)</b> Individual boat OCS (over early) Hailing of sail numbers is a courtesy, not required.
	<b>General Recall (First Substitute)</b> Current Fleet re-starts, three sounds up Warning for current fleet starts one minute after General Recall is dropped.
	<b>Come Within Hail (L)</b> When displayed afloat means: Come within hail or follow this boat. When displayed ashore means: A notice to competitors has been posted.
	<b>Mandatory Lifejackets (Y)</b> Lifejackets must be worn while racing.
	<b>Go to Finish from here (F)</b> Round this mark and go directly to finish line to finish (cross the finish line from this direction).
	<b>Shortened Course (S)</b> Finish between closest mark and this flag (this indicates a new finish line).
	<b>Alternate Preparatory (I)</b> The "I" flag as the Preparatory indicates "No Dip Starts" - Yachts over early (OCS on course side) during the final minute of the starting sequence must go around either end of the start line.