

**SAIL THE TRADITION. . . .****SUMMERSET 2016****51st ANNUAL SAILING REGATTA****Saturday & Sunday,****October 8 & 9, 2016****Organizing Authority:****Caloosahatchee Marching & Chowder Society****Sailing Instructions**

**Liability Disclaimer:** Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Participants participating in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any participant, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each participant, or in the case of minors, each participant's parent or guardian agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such participant's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**1. Rules**

- 1.1 The Regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the 2013 - 2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Applicable class rules are those of the West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Federation (WFPHRF). Advertising is restricted per ISAF Category A regulation.
- 1.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official bulletin board located at Bonita Bills, 702 Fisherman's Wharf, Fort Myers Beach (on the San Carlos Island side of Matanzas Pass) on Friday, and Bootleggers, 2200 Main St., Fort Myers Beach on Saturday and Sunday.

**2. Classes and Start Sequences** A minimum of three entries will constitute a class.

- 2.1 The RC intends to start the races on Saturday and Sunday per SI 2.3& SI 2.4 below. However, classes may be further divided or starts combined depending upon the number of entries received. Final class designations will be announced at the competitors' briefing. As a courtesy, the Race Committee MAY broadcast announcements on VHF radio to aid in the administration of the race, but is under no obligation to do so. Racers are encouraged to monitor the VHF radio before and continuously during the race for possible announcements.
- 2.2 The starting order for subsequent buoy races on Saturday may be different than the first buoy race.
- 2.3 The starting order and Warning Signal Class Flags for the first buoy race on **Saturday** shall be:
 

Spinnaker A&B::	Yellow/Red,
Non-Spinnaker A&B:	Blue/Green",
True Cruising A&B	Orange/Pink
Multihull:	White
- 2.4 The starting order and Warning Signal Class Flags for the distance race on **Sunday** shall be:
 

Spinnaker A&B:	Yellow/Red
Non-Spinnaker A&B:	Blue/Green
True Cruising A&B:	Orange/Pink
Multihull:	White

- 2.5 The starting order and Warning Signal Class Flags for the **Sunday Cruisers Distance Race** shall be:

International Code Signal Flag "6", Sunday cruisers - All: Purple

### 3. Saturday Buoy Races

- 3.1 The starting area will be in the vicinity of the San Carlos Light ("SC").
- 3.2 The course, bearing, and distance to the first mark will be posted on the Signal Boat course board.
- 3.3 Marks will be Green, Red, Yellow, or Orange Tetrahedrons or Cylinders. Course turning marks shall be left to port.
- 3.4 On the final downwind leg, or on the final leg of a triangle, the finishing line will be between the start/finish mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat.

4. **Sunday Distance Race:** The racing area will be west of Estero Island and south of Sanibel Island. There will be three possible courses. The selected course will be posted on the signals boat prior to the first warning signal.

- 4.1 The starting line will be approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  nm to leeward of a Course-Turning Mark located in the vicinity of "SC". "SC" is NOT part of the racecourse and is used as a reference location only.
- 4.2 The Signals Boat shall post the bearing & distance from the start to the Course-Turning Mark. Depending on the orientation of the first leg, the course turning mark shall be passed to port or starboard. This information will be displayed on the Signals boat prior to the first warning signal.
- 4.3 The Course-Turning Mark will be a Yellow Cylinder. The Distance Mark and the Offset Mark will be an Orange or Yellow Tetrahedron. The Offset Mark will be approximately 90 degrees (a left turn) from the Distance Mark.
- 4.4 Competitors shall pass the Course-Turning Mark located near "SC", leaving it to either port or starboard, as directed, then on to the Distance Mark, leaving it to port, then on to the Offset Mark, leaving it to port, then return to the Course-Turning Mark leaving it to starboard, then proceed to the finishing line.
- 4.5 In the event that the course needs to be shortened or changed, the offset mark may be used to alert racers of a shortened or changed course and an alternate finish line at the Course-Turning mark located near "SC" may be announced.
- 4.6 The finishing line will be located near the Pink Shell Resort at (**N 26.27.350 W081.58.200**). The finish shall be between the finish mark and the RC signals boat.

- 5.0 **Sunday Cruisers Distance Race (Cruiser entries only):** The racing area will be west of Estero Island and south of Sanibel Island. There will be two possible courses. The selected course will be posted on the signals boat prior to the first warning signal.

- 5.1 The starting line will be approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  nm to leeward of a Course-Turning Mark located in the vicinity of "SC". "SC" is NOT part of the racecourse and is used as a reference location only.
- 5.2 The Signals Boat shall post the bearing & distance from the start to the Course-Turning Mark. Depending on the orientation of the first leg, the course turning mark shall be passed to port or starboard. This information will be displayed on the Signals boat prior to the first warning signal.

- 5.3 The Course-Turning Mark will be a Yellow Cylinder. The Distance Mark will be a Yellow Cylinder
- 5.4 Competitors shall pass the Course-Turning Mark located near "SC", leaving it to either port or starboard, as directed, then on to the Distance Mark, leaving it to port, then return to the Course -Turning Mark, leaving it to starboard, then proceed to the finishing line.
- 5.5 In the event that the course needs to be shortened or changed, an alternate finish line may be at the Course-Turning mark located near "SC".
- 5.6 The finishing line will be located near the Pink Shell Resort at (**N26.27.350 W081.58.200**). The finish line shall be between the finish mark and the RC signals boat.

- 6. Check-in** Code flag "L" will be displayed with one sound signal from approximately thirty minutes prior to the first warning signal of the day until five minutes prior to the first warning signal of the series.

- 6.1 All boats are to check-in by passing the stern of the RC Signals Boat on starboard tack, hailing the boat's name, class entered, sail number, and the number of persons on board. Checking in via VHF radio is to be avoided.

- 7. The Start** The RC will operate on Eastern Daylight Time, which is available at [www.time.gov](http://www.time.gov). Small variations in times shall not be grounds for redress.

- 7.1 Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.

- 7.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signals boat and the course side of the port-end starting line mark.

- 7.3 The RC may make a series of sound signals one minute prior to the warning signal for the first of a series of starts.

- 7.4 The warning signal for the first class to start the Saturday Buoy Races will be made at **0925** hrs. and there will be no start after **1430** hrs.

- 7.5 The warning signal for the Sunday Distance race:

- a. The warning signal for the first class to start the Sunday Distance Race will be at **0925** hrs. and there will be no start after **1230** hrs.

- b. The warning signal for the Sunday **Cruisers** Distance Race will be made at **1020** hrs. and there will be no start after **1230** hrs.

- 7.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

- 7.7 To avoid delay in starting a succeeding Saturday Buoy Race, classes that have finished a race may be started prior to other classes completing the preceding race. Notification will be made on VHF radio.

- 7.8 On the Course Side (OCS) Recalls. The RC will attempt to notify boats that are on the course side at the start by VHF broadcast. This changes RRS 29. Failing to hear the notification, and the timing and order of such hails, is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 7.9 The RC will attempt to run up to three races for the Non-Spinnaker & True Cruising classes and three or more races for all other classes on Saturday.

## **8. Time Limits and Finishing**

- 8.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

- 8.2 A boat that withdraws from a race shall notify the RC by VHF radio. This is for the competitor's safety and management of the races.

- 8.3 The time limit for Saturday Buoy Races shall be (a) 30 minutes after the first boat in that class finishes, for a race that is less than six miles, and (b) one hour after the first boat in that class finishes, for a race that is more than six miles.

- 8.4 The time limit for the Sunday Distance Race and Sunday Cruisers Distance Race shall be **1545**

hrs. at which time any boat that has not finished shall be scored DNF. Note that the RC may shorten the course per RRS 32.

## **9.0 Penalties, Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 9.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress shall notify the RC by hailing or by VHF after the finish, but before leaving the racing area. This changes RRS 61.
- 9.2 A boat that takes a turns penalty will report it to the RC by hailing or by VHF after the finish, but before leaving the racing area. This changes RRS 31.2 and 44.2.
- 9.3 Protests and requests for redress shall be submitted on protest forms, which are included in the skippers' registration packet.
- 9.4 Protests and requests for redress will be delivered to the Protest Committee or Race Chairman at the Pink Shell within one hour after the RC Signals Boat has docked.
- 9.5 Protest hearing notices will be posted immediately after the protest time limit on the official bulletin board at Salty Sam's Marina.

## **10.0 Scoring**

- 10.1 One race will constitute a Regatta. RRS A4, the low point system, will be used for scoring. All races will be counted equally. No race will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.
- 10.2 WFPHRF scoring is based on time on distance. Corrected times will be calculated based on the boat's rating, the distance of the course sailed, and the elapsed time in which the course was sailed.
- 10.3 The WFPHRF RLC Rating will be used for all races on courses "G"- "L" and the long distance Sunday Race. The WFPHRF buoy Rating will be used on courses "A" – "F". The choice of using the RLC or BUOY scoring will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(b).

## **11.0 Awards**

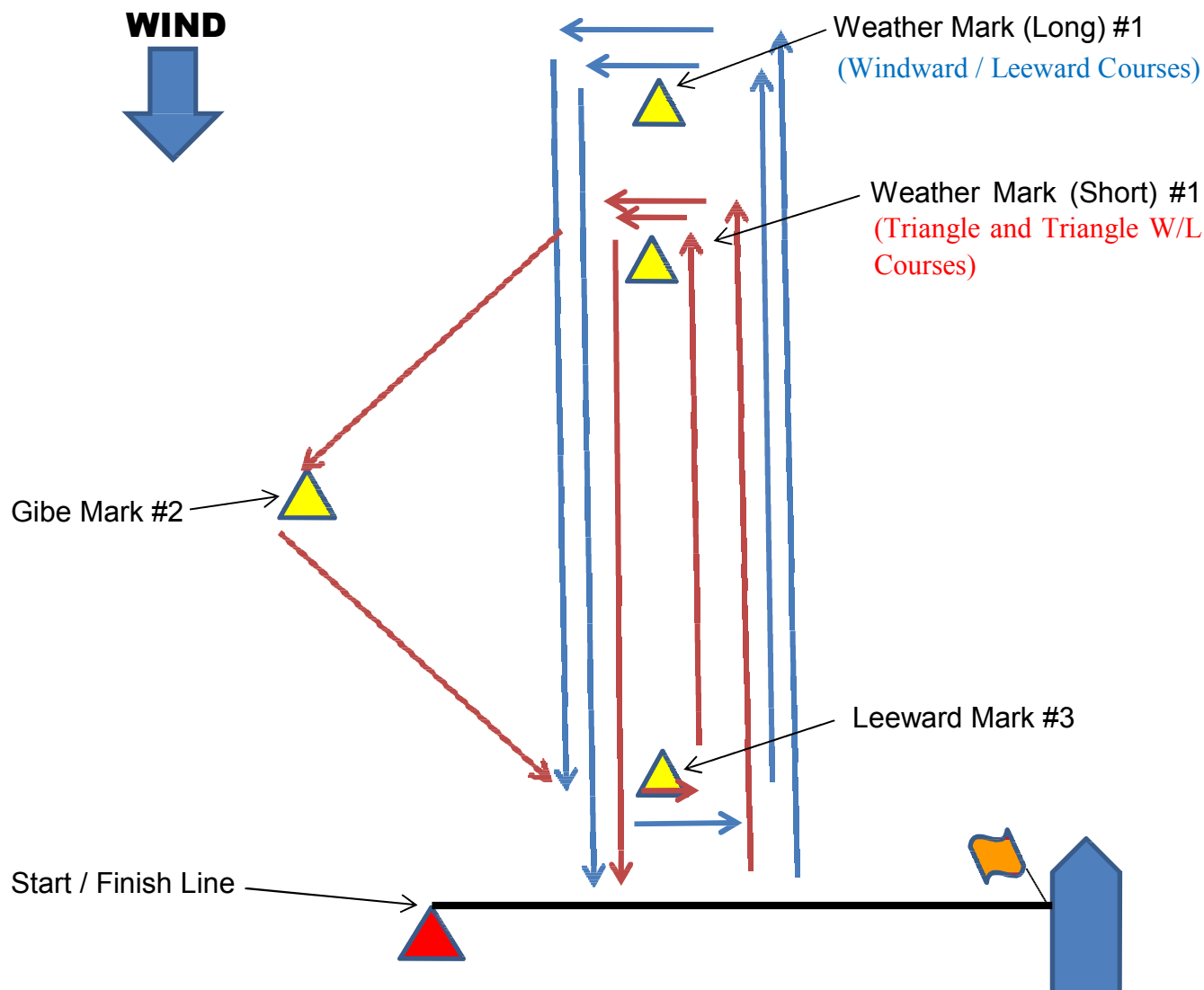
- 11.1 Awards for each division (as defined in section 2.3 and 2.4) will be presented based on the following:
  - **Overall** – Combined results of Saturday results and Sunday results
- 11.2 Sunday's Cruiser race
  - Sunday results

## **12.0 Radio and Cell Phone Telecommunication**

- 12.1 Except for emergencies and calls to the RC as required by SIs 7.2, 8.1 & 8.2, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, fax, text and e-mail communications. Personal communications not related to weather or sea conditions, the day's race(s), or sailboat racing, and which could not be construed in any way as "outside help" are excluded from this restriction.
- 12.2 Boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF radio. The Race Committee also suggests that all competitors have a cell phone aboard and the cell phone number be available to the Race Committee.
- 12.3 The VHF channel that competitor information will be broadcast on per RRS 90.2 is VHF 72. Information received from the RC on any channel shall be considered as being information available to all competitors.

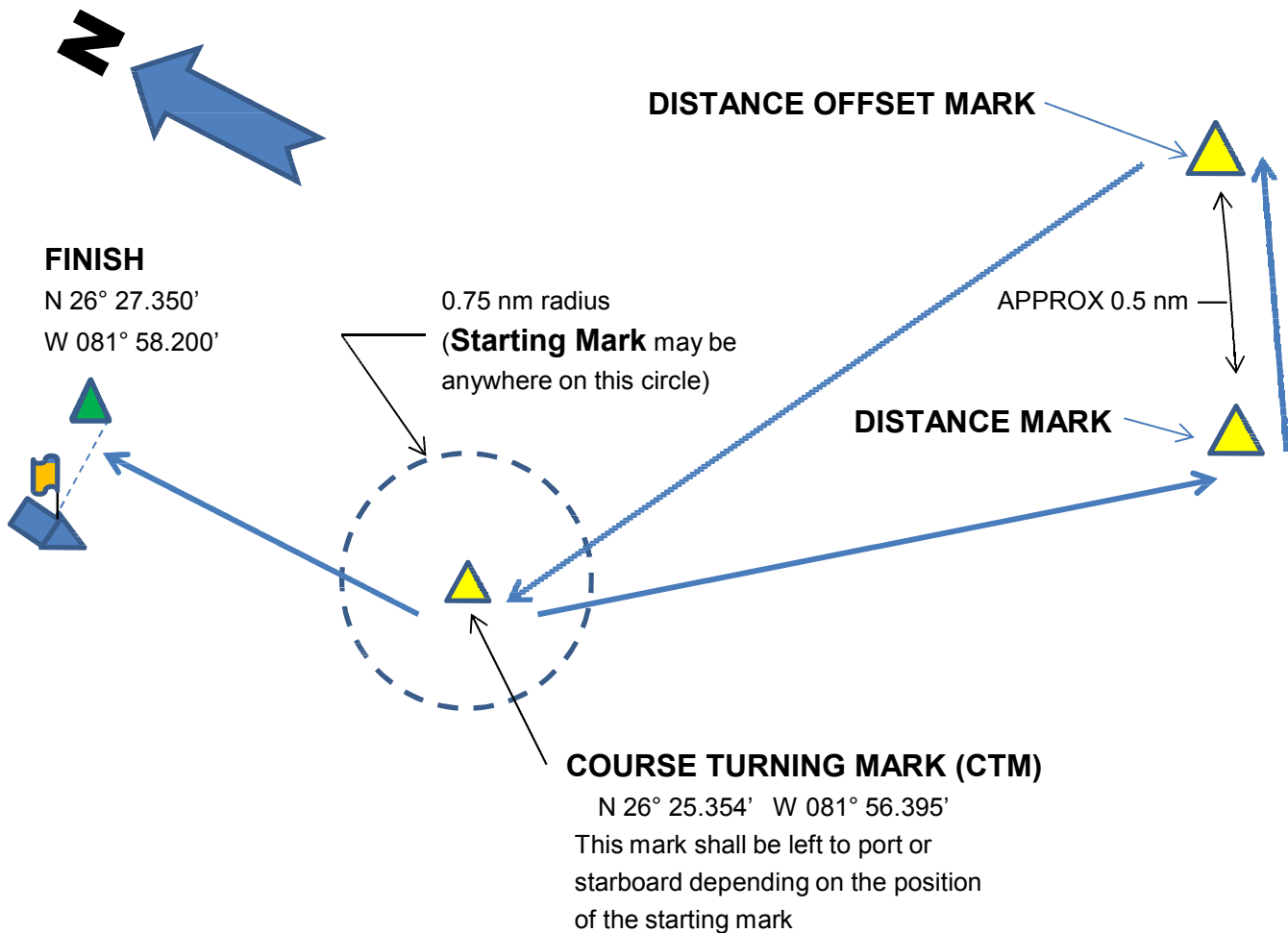
- 13.0 Additional information:** Competitors are reminded to check the tides during the regatta. There is a sandy shoal seaward of parts of the San Carlos channel.

## **SATURDAY BUOY RACES**



<b>COURSE DESCRIPTIONS</b> <b>Windward – Leeward Courses</b>		<b>COURSE DESCRIPTIONS</b> <b>Triangle, Other Courses</b>	
<b>A</b>	Start – 1 – Downwind Finish	<b>G</b>	Start – 1 – 2 – Reach Finish
<b>B</b>	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – Downwind Finish	<b>H</b>	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Upwind Finish
<b>C</b>	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – Downwind Finish	<b>I</b>	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – Downwind Finish
<b>D</b>	Start – 1 – 3 – Upwind Finish	<b>J</b>	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – Reach Finish
<b>E</b>	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Upwind Finish	<b>K</b>	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Upwind Finish
<b>F</b>	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Upwind Finish	<b>L</b>	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Upwind Finish

## SUNDAY COASTAL RACE



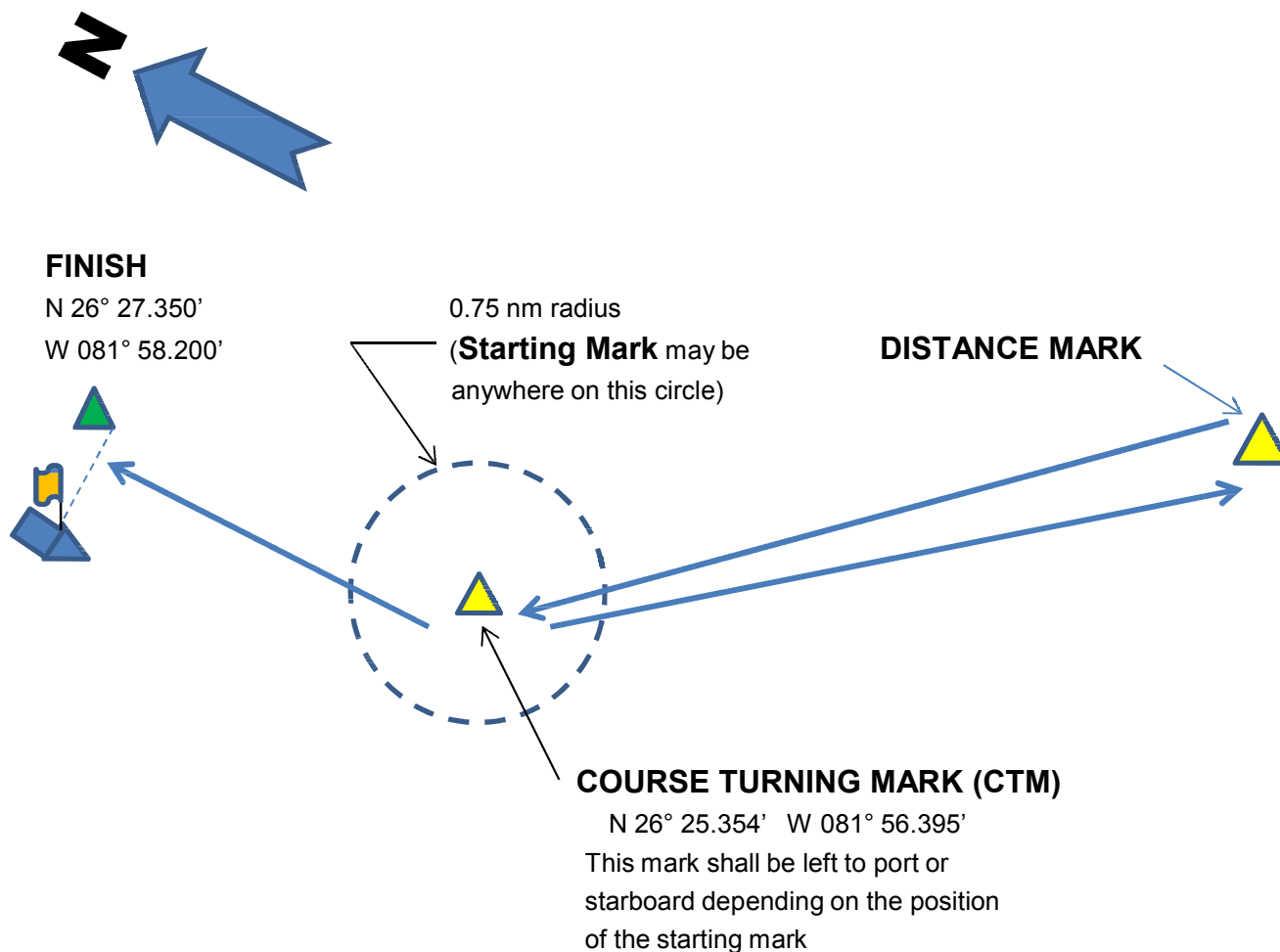
### DISTANCE MARK AND DISTANCE OFFSET MARK POSITIONS

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>DISTANCE MARK</u>	<u>OFFSET MARK</u>
"A" (short Course)	N 26° 21.297' W 081° 52.951'	N 26° 21.603' W 081° 52.504'
"B" (Int. Course)	N 26° 20.407' W 081° 52.498'	N 26° 20.703' W 081° 52.000'
"C" (long course)	N 26° 19.401' W 081° 52.002'	N 26° 19.700' W 081° 51.547'

### COURSE DISTANCES FOR SCORING PURPOSES:

"A" – Short Course:	14.0 nm
"B" – Intermediate Course:	16.0 nm
"C" – Long Course:	18.1 nm

## SUNDAY CRUISERS RACE



### DISTANCE MARK POSITIONS

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>DISTANCE MARK</u>
"E" East Course	N 26° 23.289' W 081° 53.892'
"W" West Course	N 26° 22.498' W 081° 56.359'

COURSE DISTANCES FOR SCORING PURPOSES: 9.50 nm.