



## 20 Guinea Cup - 2026 Edition Sailing Instructions

**All AMSS flag Yachts requested to fly an AMSS burgee in an appropriate manner while racing.**

**Race Documents, Registration, Finish Time Submission & Results available here:**  
**<http://www.amss.us/guinea-cup.html>**

### 1.0 Schedule:

The 2026 edition of the 20 Guinea Cup (26GC) is comprised of 5 races as follows:

[Guinea Cup #1	February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Scratched]
Guinea Cup #1	March 7 <sup>th</sup>	One of GC Course
Guinea Cup #2	April 25 <sup>h</sup>	One of GC Courses
Guinea Cup #3	August 22 <sup>th</sup>	One of GC Courses
Guinea Cup #4	September 12 <sup>h</sup>	One of GC Courses
Guinea Cup #5	November 14 <sup>th</sup>	One of GC Courses

### 2.0 Eligibility:

This event is open to all AMSS members and accepted guests.

### 3.0 Classes:

The following classes will be offered:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Sails</u>	<u>Handicap</u>
<b>Short Course Classes</b>		
C Class	Non-Spinnaker	190 and over.
Classic Design Class	Non-Spinnaker	All.
<b>Long Course Classes</b>		
A Class	Spinnaker	under 190.
B Class	Non-Spinnaker	under 190
M Class – Modern	all	all.

### 4.0 Rules:

This Series will be governed by the 2021-2024 World Sailing Rules including the prescriptions of US SAILING. **EXCEPT:** Premature starters will be penalized **5.0 minutes plus the amount of time they are over early**. A penalty turn will be a 720 degree turn (Defined as a tack, jibe, tack, and jibe). Any yacht that hits a mark will be required to do a 360 degree turn. Any boat that misses a mark is required to re-round that mark to finish the course or will be disqualified. Large vessels in the channel have right-of-way. The Coast Guard rules of the road are to be followed at all times when encountering non-racing boats. Avoid collisions at all times.

### 5.0 Starting Line:

The default Start and Finish Line will be between **SD Buoy #19** and the **Bird Sculpture** at the Traffic Circle on Shelter Island. **Start in the direction to the first mark**. On certain occasions when available a committee boat may be on station to start the races. **\*\* Note: pre start access inside the line of the moored boats is NOT allowed.**

### 6.0 Committee Boat:

The **Committee Boat** will be a boat in the race displaying the appropriate flags. Course announced by 11:30 by Channel 68 or text.

**7.0 Start Time & Signals:**

The starting sequence, from the **Committee Boat**, for all classes will be as follows:

Sequence	Time	Signal
Warning	1150	Long Blast
Predatory	1155	Long Blast
Start	1200	Long Blast

**8.0 Changes in Sailing Instructions:**

Changes in these instructions, if any, will be broadcast on the water.

**9.0 Courses:**

The Course is set for the Series SI 1.0. See posted 2026 Course Sheets.

**Short Course Classes** will sail the designated Short Course.

**Long Course Classes** will sail the designated Long Course.

**10.0 Finish Line:**

The finish line is between the Bird Sculpture and SD Buoy #19. Finish from the direction of the last mark.

**11.0 Finish Time:**

Racers shall take their own finish time and report to [janieallan@gmail.com](mailto:janieallan@gmail.com) (may be additionally reported here later in the year. <http://www.amss.us/guinea-cup.html>).

Racers that retire from a started race shall email to same e-mail.

**12.0 Protests:**

Protests are strongly discouraged. Yacht intending to protest shall hail the protest immediately on the water and formally lodge to [ancientmarinerssailing@gmail.com](mailto:ancientmarinerssailing@gmail.com) one (1) hour after finishing with photo of filled out protest form. Protests will be heard at a place and time convenient to the AMSS Race Chairman.

**13.0 Scoring:**

The 2026GC will utilize the low point system, points will be awarded equivalent to the boats finishing position in her fleet (first place = 1 point, second place = 2 points, etc. A "Race" **DNF** will be scored as the number of starters in the individual race plus one. **DNS** points will not be assigned until the end of the "Series" and will be based on the number of boats that started at least one "Race" in the "Series" plus 1. The cumulative points of the events will determine the Overall positions.

**14.0 Social:**

Post Race social activities/location will be announced when possible at the preceding General Meeting and via e-mail blast and/or on the water. All AMSS members are invited to attend.

**15.0 Prizes:**

Event "prizes" will be awarded at the post race gathering if scheduled.

Overall trophies will be awarded for **up to** the top three (3) overall yachts in each Class, pending number of entries, at the AMSS Annual General Meeting in December. The overall winner of each class will be noted on the Perpetual Trophy.

- Long Course A Class Perpetual Trophy
- Long Course A-B Class Pacifica Trophy
- Long Course B Class Perpetual Trophy
- Short Course C Class Perpetual Trophy
- "Classic Design" Class Perpetual Trophy
- Non-Spinnaker Class Perpetual Trophy