



Folsom Lake Yacht Club

How to Determine Your Course

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The Course Board

- The Course Board is a rack on the aft starboard side of the FLYC Committee Boat that holds symbol, number, and letter placards.
- The Course Board has 3 columns. Each column refers to a class, fleet, or start group (**Class**).
- The Course Board has 4 rows. Placards in a column, reading the rows from top to bottom, give information about the course to be sailed by a **Class**.

Columns

- The 3 columns represent the **Current Class**, the **Next Class** and the **Following Class**.
 - The aft-most column represents the **Current Class**.
 - The middle column represents the **Next Class**.
 - The fore-most column represents the **Following Class**.
- The columns of placards are moved aft once a **Class** starts, moving the **Next Class** to the **Current Class**, etc.
- These movements will be completed prior to the Preparatory Signal (See **RRS #26**, and **RRS Signals**).
- Since the column for **Next Class** is displayed prior to the **Current Class**, the requirement in **RRS #27.1** is met

Rows

- Start Row**
 - The number or class symbol placard in the upper row in the column identifies the **Class** for that column.
 - The number or class symbol used for each **Class** will be assigned at the Skipper's Meeting.
- Course Row(s)**
 - There will be 1 or 2 letter placards on the row(s) below the **Class** placard that indicate the course to be sailed (**Course**).
 - The **Course** letters correspond to the **Course** types shown on the *Folsom Lake Yacht Club Course Chart*.
 - If there are two **Course** placards for a **Class**, then the course begins at the start line for the **Course** type shown on the upper placard, then continues directly into the **Course** type shown on the lower placard, which concludes at the finish line.
- First Mark Row**
 - The placard at the lowest row of the column of placards represents the first mark of the **Course (Mark)** for that **Class**.
 - This placard will either be a number placard corresponding to a fixed mark or an indication of a drop mark.

Example

- The placards on the Course Board are shown as shaded cells in the example below. This is how the Course Board would look when approaching from the starboard side of the Committee Boat

| Class Starting Order | | Current | Next | Following |
|----------------------------|--|---------|------|-----------|
| Class # | | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Course Type | | B | G | A |
| First Mark or Course Type | | 4 | 5 | A |
| First Mark | | | | 6 |
| Placard Movement Direction | | ← | ← | ← |

AFT (To Stern) FORE (To Bow)

- CURRENT:** **Class #2** is the current starting sequence. They are racing **Course B**. Their first mark is **Mark 4**. They race: RC-4-2-8-RC.
- NEXT:** **Class #3** is starting after **Class #2**. They are racing **Course G**. Their first mark is **Mark 5**. They race: RC-5-4-2-4-2-1-RC.
- FOLLOWING:** **Class #4** is starting after **Class #3**. They are racing **Course A** in **2 laps**. Their first mark is **Mark 6**. They race: RC-6-2-6-2-RC while avoiding the Start & Finish line(s) if restricted.