

# GULF COAST SAILING CLUB

## *2018 New Year's Regatta*

### *Sailing Instructions*

#### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The Regatta is governed by the rule as defined in the 2017-2020 *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the class rules of the West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Federation (WFPHRF) and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the Gulf Coast Sailing Club (GCSC)
- 1.3 Notices to the competitors and changes to the Sailing Instructions will be broadcast on VHF channel 72
- 1.4 There will be no signals made ashore.
- 1.5 There will be no Skippers' Meeting

#### **2. Classes and Start Sequences**

- 2.1 A minimum of three entries will constitute a class. If five or more one-design boats are entered they may be scored as a class.
- 2.2 Irrespective of the Course or Class preference expressed by an entrant, The Race Committee shall have reasonable discretion as to Course and Class Assignment and start groupings, which decisions shall be final.
- 2.3 The starting order for Races and signals for the first race will be announced on VHF 72

#### **Start Flags, Assignment**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Start International Signal Flag "1", Spinnaker, Multihulls,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Start International Signal Flag "2", True Cruising, Non-Spinnaker,
- 2.4 OPTIONAL - Class streamers by skippers are to be flown from the backstay or its equivalent.
- 2.5 Classes may be further divided or starts combined depending upon the number of entries received. Final class designations will be announced by VHF broadcast per RRS 90.2(c).
- 2.6 Subsequent starts may not be in the same starting order as indicated in 2.3.
- 2.7 To avoid undue delay in starting subsequent races, classes that have finished their race may be started before all classes have finished the preceding race. Notification will be made by VHF broadcast.
- 2.8 Scratch Sheets and Changes, if any, will be e-mailed to all registered participants as available.

#### **3. Schedule of Races:** The RC will operate on GPS time.

- 3.1 The scheduled time for the first warning signal will be at 0955 hours, first start at 1000 hrs.
- 3.2 The RC will attempt to run as many races as possible.
- 3.3 The RC may or may not run the same number of races for all classes.

#### **4. Racing Area and Courses**

- 4.1 The location of the racing area will be near the Naples Municipal Pier
- 4.2 Courses are indicated in Addendum "A" ATTACHED.
- 4.3 The government marks referenced in the Addendum "A", course description may be turning marks of the course, however; nearby inflated buoys may be used in their stead.
- 4.4 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display on the course board the course, bearing, and distance to the first mark. All bearings shall be Magnetic, distances shall be nautical miles.
- 4.5 Marks will be orange or yellow inflatable balls, cylinders, tetrahedrons, or tomatoes.
- 4.6 Course turning marks shall be passed leaving them to port or as shown in Addendum A. Marks that are not course turning marks have no required side for rounding.
- 4.7 To change the next leg of the course, either a new mark will be placed in the new location or the original mark (or finish line) will be moved to a new location.
- 4.8 The starting and finishing line marks will be a yellow or orange inflatable.
- 4.9 RC line boats may deploy a tethered standoff buoy. If so, the line mark shall be the combination of

the RC boat and the tethered standoff buoy, and the line connecting them.

## **5 Check-in**

5.1 Check-in will be from the display of code flag “L”, with one sound signal, approximately **thirty minutes prior** to the first warning signal of the day until five minutes prior to the first warning signal of the day.

5.2 All boats are to check-in by passing astern of the RC Signal Boat on a **starboard** tack, hailing the boat’s name, class entered, sail number and the number of crewmembers on board. Check- in by VHF radio should be done only as a last resort.

## **6. The Start**

6.1 The start will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and a mark to the Port Side of the RC boat.

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

6.4 In a series of starts, the warning signal for each succeeding class will be made not less than one minute after the starting signal for the preceding class.

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

**7. Recalls.** In addition to displaying code flag X, the RC will attempt to notify boats that are on the Course Side (OCS) at the start or are in violation of RRS 30 by VHF broadcast. This changes RRS 29.1.

## **8 Time Limits, Shortening Course and Finishing**

8.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat and either a staff with an orange flag on a RC line boat or an inflatable line mark as indicated in Addendum A.

8.2 A boat that is retiring from a race shall notify the RC by VHF radio, by hail, or Cell Phone to the PRO Craig Spicer T# (609) 226-4310.

8.3 Time limits for the first boat for each class to finish will be (a) two hours for a race that is less than seven miles, and (b) three and one-half hours for a race that is more than seven miles. Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat in its class has finished will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 & A4.1.

8.4 The RC may assign a finish position to any boat that has not finished, provided that the boat’s position can be determined in a reasonable manner. A boat whose finishing position has been so established will be notified by VHF or hailed by an RC boat. When another race is to be run, the assigned finish boat(s) are to return immediately to the starting area. Finishes assigned in this manner will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **9. 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 before leaving the racing area. This changes RRS 61.

9.2 A boat that takes penalty turns shall report this to the RC by VHF before leaving the racing area. This changes 44.2.

9.3 The protest time limit is the next Day at 10:00 AM.

9.4 Protest and Redress Forms are available from the Protest Committee, the RC, or the US Sailing website. Written protests shall be delivered to the Protest Committee by next day at 10:00 AM.

9.5 Protest hearing notices will be posted within thirty minutes after the protest limit time has expired. The parties will be contacted by the PRO and told where and when to meet for the hearing.

## **10. Scoring / Awards**

10.1 One race will constitute a Regatta. RRSA4, the low point system, will be used for scoring. All races will be counted equally. No race will be excluded. This is a change to RRSA2.

10.2 WPHRF 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 RC will use: WPHRF rule 2.2 for scoring all races. This amends RRS 62.1(a).

10.4 Results will be announced following the 6:00 PM GCSC Chili Cook-Off dinner on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, to be held at The River Park Community Center, 301 11th Street North, Naples, FL 34102

Three boats First Place Only (1 award total)

Four boats First and Second Place (2 awards total)

Five boats First, Second and Third Place (3 awards total)

## **11 Radio and Cell Phone Telecommunication**

11.1 Except for emergency purposes and calls to the RC per this SI, while racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio or cell phone communications related to all aspects of the racing that are not available to all boats, and might be of use to themselves and/or competitors.

11.2 Boats shall be equipped with a working Marine VHF radio on board. The RC will attempt to communicate, depending upon radio traffic, on VHF channels in the following order: 72, 69, and 68. Information received from the RC on any channel shall be considered as being information available to all competitors.

11.3 Failure to hear hails by the RC, and the timing and order of such hails will **NOT** be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**Liability Disclaimer:** Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury.

**Competitors 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 competitor, including death, Sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor, or in the case of minors, each competitor's parent or guardian agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.**

**Participants are reminded that the decision to race is theirs alone, and that, as Captain / Owner of their vessel, they have ultimate responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of themselves, their Crew, and others who may accompany them.**