

Naples OFFSHORE Regatta

a SWFL BOTY Event December 8, 2018

Sailing Instructions AS RESTATED 12-6-2018

These SIs replace in its entirety the SIs document distributed on December 3rd.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the class rules of the West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Federation (WFPHRF), the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the GCSC in cooperation with Wind Star Country Club & CMCS.
- 1.3 There will be no signals made ashore.
- 1.4 The notation “[DP]” in a rule in these Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.5 The notation “[NP]” in these SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat or request redress based on that SI. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2. Racing Area and Classes

- 2.1 The racing area will be on the Gulf of Mexico between the San Carlos Light and the Naples Pier.
- 2.2 The Race Committee (RC) will operate on GPS time and run one race.
- 2.3 For purposes of scoring, one-design classes shall have a minimum of five entries. All other classes shall have a minimum of three entries. Assignment to a class shall be done by the race committee and shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3. Check-in Procedure

- 3.1 [DP] Boats are to check-in on VHF 72 by hailing “DRAGON FLY” by providing the following information: Boat Name, Sail Number, Number of Souls Onboard, Number Attending Awards Dinner.

4. The Start

- 4.1 The starting area is in the vicinity of “SC” San Carlos Light (26° 25.13’ N, 081° 57.55’ W), west of Fort Myers Beach.
- 4.2 The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and a nearby buoy.
- 4.3 The race shall start per rule 26 (5-minute sequence).
- 4.4 The race committee may signal a wake-up with multiple sounds and no flag one minute prior to the warning signal.
- 4.5 The intended time of the first warning signal is 0955.
- 4.6 The RC intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal on VHF channel 72. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the timing of the hail, failure of the RC to hail any boats, or the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1.

5. Finish

- 5.1 The finish area is in the vicinity of Naples Municipal Pier (located approximately 26° 07.900’, 81° 48.800’ W).
- 5.2 The finish line will be between an orange flag on the Naples Pier and a floating ball set approximately 1500 feet west of the Pier. **Note: For safety reasons, please stay at least 500’ off the Pier.**
- 5.3 [DP][NP] Each boat shall phone Susan Watkins (239-430-3643) approximately 1 hour prior to her finishing.
- 5.4 A boat retiring from the race shall notify the race committee by phoning Susan Watkins (239-430-3643).

6 Time Limit, Alternate Finish Position, Shortening Course

- 6.1 Time limit for all boats in all classes is 1600.
- 6.2 The RC shall attempt to assign an alternate finish position to those boats that fail to finish within the time limit.
- 6.3 A boat which failed to finish within the time limit for which the RC did not assign an alternate finish position shall be scored DNF.
- 6.4 The course will not be shortened. This changes RRS32.

6. Penalties, Protests and Requests for Redress

6.1 RRS Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of An Incident, will apply and is restated here as a courtesy: The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turn Penalty.

6.2 RRS Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After A Race, will apply, and is changed to: "After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race officer or by sending an email to FBROWN13@yahoo.com that identifies when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). The written notice must be delivered at least fifteen (15) minutes before the protest time limit.

6.3 **[DP][NP]** A boat that wishes to take an Appendix V2 penalty or is intending to protest or request redress based on an incident that occurred on the water shall notify the RC by communicating with Frank Brown (VHF 72) or Susan Watkins (239-430-3643) before leaving the racing area.

6.4 The protest time limit and the time limit for requests for redress based on an incident in the racing area shall be 1800 on Saturday, December 8. This changes RRS 62.2.

6.5 Protest/Redress Forms are available online at <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/US-Sailing-2017-2020-Protest-Form.pdf>

6.6 Written protests shall be delivered by email or personally to either the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.

6.7 Protest hearing notices will be posted at www.swflsail.com within thirty minutes after the protest limit time has expired.

7. Scoring

7.1 One race will constitute a series for the Regatta. RRSA4, the low point system, will be used.

7.2 WFPHRF scoring shall use time on distance calculations.

8 Communication

8.1 Except for emergency purposes and communications with the RC per these SI, while racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive communications relating to racing conditions that are not available to all boats. This restriction applies to use of VHF, SSB, cell phones, pagers, laptops, tablets, text messages, etc.

8.2 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, 68 and 69. Information received from the RC on any channel shall be considered as being information available to all competitors.

8.3 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.

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