



NAPLES TO FORT MYERS BEACH
February 22, 2020



Sailing Instructions

The notation “[DP]” in a rule in this Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation “[NP]” in a rule in this Sailing Instructions designates that a boat may not protest a boat for an alleged breach of that instruction. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Class Rules of the West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Federation (WFPHRF), the Notice of Race (NoR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2 The Organizing Authorities (OAs) are GCSC and CMCS. CMCS will have the authority to assess the conditions governing the event and assign boats to classes.
- 1.3 All US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply.

2. Official Notices

- 2.1 There is no Official Notice Board and notices will not be posted on either OAs’ website. This changes RRS J2.1(10)
- 2.2 The OAs may publish via email addenda to include, but not necessarily limited to, information regarding the following: scratch sheet, skipper contact, ratings being used and class assignments.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs made before 1800 on the day before racing will be distributed via email.
- 3.2 Any change to the SIs made after 1800 on the day before racing shall be announced by the Race Committee (RC) via VHF Channel 72 approximately 30 minutes and again approximately 15 minutes before the first warning.

4. Classes

The boats will be divided into three classes as follows:

- Class I: PHRF Spinnaker
- Class II: Non-Spinnaker
- Class III: True Cruising

5. Signals Made Ashore

There will be no signals made ashore.

6. Schedule-February 22, 2020

- 6.1 The intended time of the first warning signal of the day is 0955hrs.
- 6.2 No warning signal shall be made after 1030hrs.
- 6.3 There will be an after-race party at Salty Sam’s at 1700 hrs. Results will be announced at the party. Dockage will be provided at Salty Sam’s.

7. Racing Area

- 7.1 The starting area will be in the Gulf of Mexico due west of the Naples Pier at approximately latitude 26.07.883 N.

7.2 The Race Committee will be on station at the West end of the Naples Municipal Pier.

8. Start Line

- 8.1 **The start mark shall be an inflatable mark and an offset mark due west of the Naples Pier.**
- 8.2 The starting line will be between the start mark and a pole with an orange flag at the Naples Pier.

9. Check-In

9.1 Each Boat is to check in by calling the RC on VHF Channel 72 and to provide the boat's name, class entered, sail number, the number of persons on board, whether the boat will be docking at Salty Sam's and the number of crew who will be attending the after-race party.

9.2 Check-in will commence approximately 30 minutes prior to the first warning signal.

10 Class Flags

Class flags shall be: Code Flag "One" (white pennant with red dot) **for one Start all boats.**

10.1 The starting order of the classes will be announced by the RC on channel 72.

10.2 If there is more than one start, the starts shall be rolling starts. This means that the starting signal for one class will be the five-minute warning for the next class.

10.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made will stay clear of the starting area.

10.4 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her start, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number on VHF channel 72. This changes RRS 29.1. The lack of a hail, the contents of a hail or the timing of the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11 Finish Line

11.1 The finish line shall be between the government channel Green Mark #3 (FL G 4s 16ft 4M #3) at (Lat 26'26.913N, Lon81'58.888W) and the government channel mark # 4 near Matanzas Pass at the north end of Ft Myers Beach.

11.2 All boats shall record the time of day of their finish and report same to the RC, In the unlikely event the RC is not present when a boat finishes. This time may be used for scoring.

12 Penalty System

12.1 [DP] In keeping with the intent of having fun club racing, it is expected that skippers honor the *rules of racing* and that any time a boat has clearly created an infraction, she will take appropriate penalty turn(s) as soon as possible once she is well clear of other boats.

12.2 RRS Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of An Incident, will apply: 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.

12.3 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 jsgallagher59@comcast.net that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). The notice must be delivered at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the boat's protest time limit.

13 Time Limits

There is no time limit.

14 Protests and Requests for Redress

14.1 [DP][NP] Boats intending to protest or request redress are requested as a courtesy to notify the RC on VHF channel 72.

14.2 Protests, requests for redress or requests for reopening a hearing shall be delivered in writing to the RC within the appropriate time and may be sent to James Gallagher within the protest period. The US Sailing protest form is not required provided that the following information is included: (1) boat protesting and boat(s) protested, (2) where and when incident occurred and (3) description of the incident.

14.3 The protest time limit and the time limit for requesting redress based on an incident that occurred in the racing area is 90 minutes after the protesting boat's finish time for the day.

14.4 The Protest Committee shall attempt to notify competitors via email or cell phone that a protest or request for redress has been filed. The Protest Committee shall inform competitors

of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a time and place agreeable to all parties.

15 Scoring

WFPHRF time on distance for will be used.

16 Safety Regulations

[DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible via VHF 72, via email (jsgallagher59@comcast.net) or by calling or texting 239-322-2523.

17 Trash Disposal

[DP] Trash shall not be thrown overboard.

18 Radio Communication

[DP][NP] All boats will be equipped with a working VHF radio, either fixed or handheld capable of receiving and sending on VHF channels 16 and 72. The Race committee will monitor and broadcast information on channel 72.

19 Prizes

There will be no prizes awarded for this event. By acclamation of CMCS club racers, in lieu of prizes, CMCS will provide food and beverages for all competitors at the after-racing party.

20 Disclaimer of Liability

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.

For further information contact:

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