

Sailing Instructions



Wet & Cool Regatta Fairhope Yacht Club April 6th – April 7th, 2013

1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 2013-2016 *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the current *Prescriptions of U. S. Sailing*, One Design class rules, the *NOR*, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

1.2 *RRS* 40.1 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing; the “Y” flag will not be displayed.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the north wall between the doors to the downstairs showers beneath the Fairhope Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than thirty (30) minutes following the conclusion of the Competitors’ meeting on the first day of racing, and by 0900hrs on each day thereafter.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Fairhope Yacht Club flag pole.

4.2 Flag “AP” with two sounds (one when lowered) means ‘the race is postponed.’ The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after “AP” is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Races are scheduled as per the Notice of Regatta.

5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1400hrs on the last day of racing.

5.3 Competitors are required to stand by, well clear of the finish line after finishing and await the next start or further instructions from the Race Committee.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flags will be assigned at the Competitors’ Meeting.

6.2 If there is to be more than one (1) fleet on a racing course, the order of start for each fleet will be announced at the Competitors’ meeting.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be detailed at the Competitors’ meeting.

8. THE COURSE

8.1 The diagrams in Illustration “A” show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Depending on the course sailed and wind conditions, each leg will be approximately 1nm long.

8.2 The approximate compass bearing from the start to the first mark of the course will be displayed from the race committee signal boat.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks will be orange inflatable orange marks (tetrahedrons or “tomatoes”). Change of course marks after the start will be of a different color (yellow) and will revert back to orange if further changes of course are necessary.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started using *RRS 26*

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

10.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

10.4 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

11. MARK BOATS

11.1 Mark boats may display green flags and may be stationed beyond each mark. Failure of a mark boat to be on station or display her signal will not be grounds for redress. This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.

12. THE FINISH

13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange shape or flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Rule 44.1 and 44.2 will apply

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes *RRS 35*.

15. PROTEST

15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the official notice board to competitors and delivered to a race officer within the protest time which will begin when the course committee boat signals its return to the harbor.

15.2 Protest will be heard in the order in which they are received and at the first reasonable opportunity.

15.3 Protest notices will be posted within thirty minutes of the protest time to inform competitors when and where there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

15.4 *RRS 66* is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision."

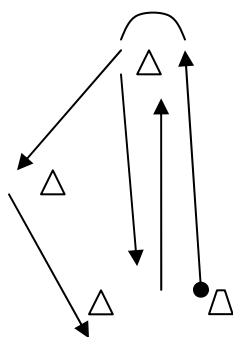
16. SCORING

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System will be used. The number of races completed to allow one (1) throw-out is six (6). This changes *RRS A2*. Ties will be broken in accordance to *RRS A8*.

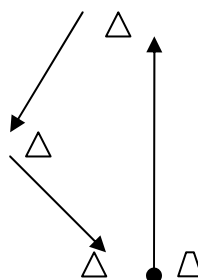
17. SUPPORT BOATS

17.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area from the time of the warning signal for that class and until all boats have finished. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be disqualification for all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.

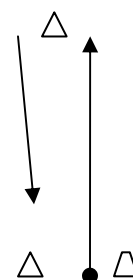
ILLUSTRATION "A"



**GOLD CUP
"G"**



**TRIANGLE
"T"**



**WINDWARD/LEEWARD
"W"= ONE LAP
"W2"= TWO LAPS**