



# **THE COMMODORE'S CUP**

**Tampa Sailing Squadron**

**May 1, 2021**

## ***Sailing Instructions***

Organized by Tampa Sailing Squadron  
Apollo Beach, Florida

### **1. Rules**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 63.1 and 63.2.
- 1.3. Per RRS 42.3 (i), a competitor may use their engine or other method to propel themselves so as to avoid impeding or interfering with vessel traffic as described in NOR 1.5 and 1.6 above, provided that competitor does not gain a significant advantage.
- 1.4. For Motherload Class only, Rule 52 is changed to permit wind vanes and (or) auto-pilots during racing.
- 1.5. 7 [DP] All boats are required to abide by the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions with regard to the COVID-19 virus.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

### **2. Notices to Competitors**

Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the race website at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14524> . It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or notices.

### **3. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### **4. Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located at Tampa Sailing Squadron.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### **5. Schedule of Races**

Initial Warning Signal is scheduled to be made at 1000.

Prep. signal 5 minutes before start signal.

Start: sound signal at first boat start at 10:30pm, other boats according to PHRF corrections after first boat.

Time limit: 6 hours.

### **6. Classes**

A provisional list of entries, classes, and ratings will be available on the Official Notice Board located online at 1700 hours on Friday, April 30, 2021.

There will be no class flags.

### **7. Racing Area**

The Racing area will be Tampa Bay.

### **8. Courses and Marks**

The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## **9. Starting and Finishing Lines**

- 9.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 9.2. A boat starting later than thirty minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 9.3. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF Channel 69. A boat must then restart, keeping clear of other vessels.
- 9.4. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

## **10. Penalty System**

- 10.1. Penalties while racing: US Sailing Prescription V1 (PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT) shall apply.
- 10.2. Penalties after racing: RRS Appendix T (ARBITRATION) will apply.

## **11. Time Limit**

The time limit will be 1800. If there is a postponement before the first warning signal, the time limit will be extended by the duration of that postponement, but not to exceed one hour.

## **12. Protests**

- 12.1. Protests shall be written on US SAILING protest forms (available at the protest desk in the TSS Clubhouse) and delivered there within one hour of the docking of the race committee finish boat for the division involved.
- 12.2. The times of protest hearings and the parties involved will be posted on the Official Notice Board. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2 (Time and Place of the Hearing).

## **13. Scoring**

Yachts will have a handicap assigned by the race committee. Start time is determined by time-on distance formulation, based on your PHRF rating for your boat type with corrections.

#### **14. Radio Communications**

- 14.1. [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to communication technologies.
- 14.2. The courtesy VHF broadcast channels will be CH 69.
- 14.3. A boat shall not request redress for errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts. This changes rule 62.1(a).

#### **15. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, PERSONAL CONDUCT**

- 15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The OA and Tampa Sailing Squadron will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 15.2. The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.



## **Additional Information**

Tampa Sailing Squadron is a private, member-owned sailing club located in Apollo Beach, Florida. Members enjoy many activities such as club racing, regattas, cruising and many other social events. The club is proud to host a vibrant and active Youth Sailing Program and Sea Scout Program, who are always interested in donations and support. For questions regarding Youth Sailing, please contact [info@TSSYouthSailing.org](mailto:info@TSSYouthSailing.org) or call 813-642-4035. For questions regarding Sea Scout Ship 185, please contact [SSS185BSA@Gmail.com](mailto:SSS185BSA@Gmail.com).

For sailing information in general and The Racing Rules of Sailing, please visit the US Sailing Website at <https://www.ussailing.org>.