



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Gasparilla Regatta

February 05, 2022

Organized by

Tampa Sailing Squadron, Apollo Beach, Florida

SPINNAKER, NON-SPINNAKER SHORT COURSE

1 RULES

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-2024*.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the kiosk by the TSS flagpole.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on February 08 or issued verbally on the water prior to the warning signal of the affected class(s).

3.2 In case of the possibility of severe weather, all inquiries should be made to TSS at 813-645-8377.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at TSS.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.

5 RACING AREAS

Racing areas will be on Hillsborough Bay near Apollo Beach.

6 CHECK-IN

6.1 All boats should pass the stern of the race committee signal boat, on starboard tack, before the first warning signal, and hail their boat name, sail number, and class.

6.2 Boats checking in shall remain clear of boats in Starting sequence.

6.3 The Lima (come within hail) flag will not be displayed to remind boats to check in. If it is displayed, it will be for some other message.

7 RECALLS

7.1 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail boats that are OCS. The timing and order, or omission, of such hails or the failure of a boat to hear a hail will not be considered an improper action or omission of the race committee under rule 62.1.

7.2 When a general recall is signaled, the recalled class will start after the last scheduled class has started.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 In all classes the Scoring Penalty of rule 44.3 will replace all Turns Penalties. To accept a Scoring Penalty, a boat must promptly display a yellow flag, and call the race committee's attention to it upon finishing.

9 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

9.1 In addition to the requirements of rule 61.1, a boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee upon finishing or retiring of its intention to protest.

9.2 Protest forms are available at TSS.

9.3 Protests and requests for redress shall be hand-delivered no later than One Hour after the Protestor's class RC Signals vessel docks to either the RC or Registration Desk at TSS.

9.2 Parties and witnesses will be notified of the date, time, and place of the hearing.

10 SAFETY REGULATIONS

10.1 Any boat that challenges a vessel confined to the Tampa Bay shipping channels in such a way as to cause them to file a report, or that violates a moving or static safety or security zone resulting in the filing of a report, will be disqualified. This changes rule 63.1.

10.2 A competitor who intentionally puts trash in the water may be protested by other boats or the race committee.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 11.1 The race committee will monitor VHF channel 68.
- 11.2 A boat leaving the racing area before finishing shall notify its class RC Signals Boat, (hailed as "Race Committee Short Course" or "Race Committee Long Course", as appropriate), and provide her name, sail number, and class, and receive acknowledgment from the race committee.
- 11.3 [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 mobile telephones.

12 PRIZES

Prizes will be presented on Saturday evening. Final results will be posted after any protest hearings. The final results may affect the awarded prizes.

13 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 13.1 The first Start signal will be at 1100 AM. Warning Signal at 10:55 AM
- 13.2 Three races are scheduled.
- 13.3 One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

14 CLASS FLAGS

14.1 Classes and starting order Class Flags

Spinnaker	Numeral Pennant "3"
Non-Spinnaker	Numeral Pennant "4"

14.2 Classes may be combined for starts.

15 COURSES AND MARKS

- 15.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and side on which each mark is to be left.
- 15.2 The course will be windward-leeward, twice around, with a mid-course Start/Finish line, which is an open gate on non-start/finish legs.
- 15.3 The RC may shorten the course to once-around by displaying the "S" flag, (Sierra) which indicates boats will finish, to windward, at the Start/Finish line at the end of the first lap.
- 15.4 All marks will be inflatable buoys.
- 15.5 To change of the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the existing mark to a new position that puts it due windward from the Start/Finish line again. The leeward mark will also be moved to maintain the structure of the course.

16 THE START

- 16.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the class's RC Signals Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 16.2 A boat may not start more than 5 minutes after her starting signal.
- 16.3 Boats not in Starting sequence shall keep clear of those that are.

17 THE FINISH

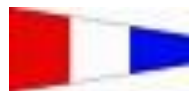
The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the class's RC Signals vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

18 TIME LIMIT

- 18.1 If no boat in a class has passed the first mark within 60 minutes from the Start, the race will be abandoned.
- 18.2 The time limit for the first boat in a class to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.
- 18.3 Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat in their class has finished, will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 and A5.

19 SCORING

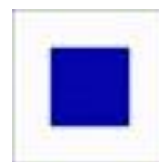
- 19.1 PHRF time-on-distance will be used.
- 19.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no score excluded.



Numeral Pennant "3"

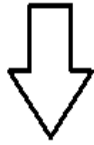


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Sierra (Shorten Course)

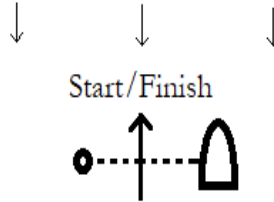
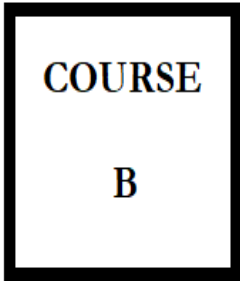
Wind



Windward Mark



1, 3



Start/Finish

Start / Finish line is open on non-finishing legs.
Boats may sail through it or around it on either side.

Start

Mark 1, yellow tetrahedron, leave to port

Mark 2, yellow tetrahedron, leave to port

Mark 3, yellow tetrahedron, leave to port

Mark 4, yellow tetrahedron, leave to port

Finish

2, 4



Leeward Mark