

Windmill Midwinter Championship
March 25-26, 2022
St Petersburg Yacht Club
Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”). If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

1.2 RRS 41 “Outside Help” and RRS 62.1 “Redress” are changed by SI 18 and 19.

1.3 The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.

2 ENTRIES

2.1 Eligible competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and paying the entry fee at Registration.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be displayed on the official notice board which will be located in Bay One at the St Pete Sailing Center (SPSC).

3.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be displayed by 0830 on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be displayed on the prior day by 1700 hours.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the South side of the SPSC. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE

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Friday March 25th

0815 Skippers Meeting

1000 First Warning

Saturday March 26th

1000 First Warning

5.2 Subsequent races each day will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race.

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7 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be on Tampa Bay, east of the St Petersburg Pier.

8 COURSES

8.1 The attached diagram shows the course designation, the marks in order and the side on which each rounding mark is to be left.

9 MARKS

9.1 The starting marks will be an RC boat at the starboard end and a yellow cylinder at the port end.

The windward mark will be an orange tetrahedron.

The finishing mark will be a race committee boat and a yellow cylinder.

10 CHECKING IN

10.1 Boats are requested to check in with the RC Signal Boat when arriving to the race course.

11 STARTING AND FINISHING

11.1 The starting line will be between the staff from which orange flag is displayed on the race committee boats and a yellow cylinder

11.2 The finishing line will be between the staff from which a blue flag is displayed on a race committee boat and the course side of a yellow cylinder.

11.3 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix U.

12 RECALLS

12.1 The race committee will, after the starting signal, hail on VHF channel 63 the bow or sail numbers of OCS boats. The delay of such a hail, the order of hailing or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to the new location as long as no boat is on that leg of the course. This change RRS 33.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 A boat starting more than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1, and A5.

14.2 If no boat that has started rounds the windward mark within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

14.3 The time limit is 60 minutes for the first boat to sail the course. Boats still racing more than 15 minutes after the first boat that sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REDRESS REQUESTS

15.1 Competitors shall report their intention to protest to the race committee signal boat as soon as possible after finishing.

15.2 Protests shall be delivered to the protest committee representative at the SPSC within 45 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The docking time will be displayed on the official notice board. Requests for redress involving OCS scores shall be delivered within 30 minutes of the displaying of OCS information or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

15.3 A list of protests received will be displayed on the notice board no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit. This display constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be displayed on the official notice board. This display constitutes the notice required by RRS 61.1(b).

15.5 Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day at the SPSC.

15.6 Boats are prohibited from protesting under any rule related to advertising, and Sailing Instructions 2 and 10. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

15.7 On the last day of racing, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered: (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision prior to the last day of racing; or,

(b) no later than thirty minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

15.8 On the last day of racing, requests for redress shall be delivered within the protest time limit or within thirty minutes of the incident, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

16 SCORING

16.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

16.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled. One completed race shall constitute a series. When 1-5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of all her races. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race. This changes RRS A2.

17 PRIZES

17.1 Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crew of the first three (3) boats in the Championship.

18 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

18.1 The use of hand-held VHF radios while racing is permitted, but only for receiving communications from the race committee on channel 63, and in emergencies. The failure to receive such communications shall not be grounds for granting redress.

18.2 Other use of any electronic communication device, including cellular telephones, while racing is prohibited.

COURSE DIAGRAM



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NOT TO SCALE



START/FINISH

COURSE 4: START-1P-2P-1P-FINISH