



Naples Gulf Coast SAILING Club



2023 “MOST MEMORABLE” Regatta, a SWFL BOTY Event May 19th, 2023

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1 This Regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the class rules of the West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Federation (WFPHRF) and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the Gulf Coast SAILING Club
- 1.3 Notices to the competitors and changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted to the email address provided with registration or by VHF broadcast on channel 72 per RRS 90.2 (c). The official bulletin board will be at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm
- 1.4 There will be no signals made ashore.
- 1.5 All vessels must process via www.yachtscoring.com Sail Plan, Complete Crew List, Crew List Emergency Waivers

2. Classes and Start Sequences

- 2.1 A minimum of three entries will constitute a class. If five or more one-design boats are entered, they will be scored as a class.
- 2.2 The starting order for this Race and signals for this race will be:
- 2.3 All classes will start at the same time.
- 2.4 All Notification will be made by VHF broadcast channel 72. (Alternate VHF 69)

3. Schedule of Races: The event will operate on GPS time.

- 3.1 The scheduled time for the first warning signal will be 7:55 hrs.

4. Racing Area and Courses

- 4.1 The location of the racing area will be on the Gulf of Mexico, from Gordon Pass channel entrance at Naples FL, to Southwest Channel, finishing at a line North of 90 degrees from G #3 QG Bell to Port. W 27:34:00 N 82:44:00 W
- 4.3 The STARTING LINE will be at a line South of Gordon Pass N 26:05:50 W 81:48:70 W Take a picture of your GPS at 0800 confirming your location South of the starting line.
- 4.4 The finishing line will be at a line at a line North of 90 degrees from G #3 QG Bell to Port. W 27:34:00 N 82:44:00 W. Take a picture of your GPS at upon arriving confirming your location North of the finishing line.
- 4.5 The race course shall be as described and identified by the attached Addendum “A” – The Course.

5 Check-in

- 5.1 Check-in will be on VHF channel 72 (Alternate VHF 69).
- 5.2 All boats are to check-in announcing the boat’s name, class entered, sail number and the number of crew members on board. Check- in by VHF radio channel 72.

6. The Start

- 6.1 The START will be at a line South of Gordon Pass W 26:05:50 N 81:48:70 W.

7. Recalls; This is a CORINTHIAN EVENT. All vessels must honor the respect of all participants.

- 7.1 Take a picture of your GPS at 0800 showing your location South of the starting line.
- 7.2 Take a picture of your GPS at upon arriving confirming your location North of the finishing line.

8 Time Limits, Shortening Course and Finishing

- 8.1 The finishing line will be at a line at a line North of 90 degrees from G #3 QG Bell to Port. N 27:34:00 W 82:44:00 W. Take a picture of your GPS at upon arriving confirming your location North of the finishing line.

8.2 A boat that is retiring from a race shall attempt to notify Susan Watkins by cell text or call 239-430-3643.

8.3 Time limits for all boats to finish will be (a) thirty hours. This changes RRS 35 & A4.1.

8.4 At the finish take a picture of the GPS confirming and displaying the boat position (Lat Long) and time. Send the clear legible picture to Cell #239-430-3643 with the boat name and skipper name.

8.5 If required a Shortened course will be announced on channel 72.

9. Penalties, Protests and Requests for Redress

9.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress shall notify the RC by calling or texting Susan Watkins at 239-430-3643. This changes RRS 61.

9.2 A boat that takes penalty turns shall report this to the RC by VHF before leaving the racing area. This changes 44.2.

9.3 The protest time limit is May 20th at 1600 hours.

9.4 Protest and Redress Forms are available from www.USSAILING.ORG . Written protests shall be transmitted to the Protest Committee at 239-430-3643 within the 90-minute time limit. Written requests for redress will be delivered (transmitted), no later than the protest time limit. Forward to 239-430-3643

9.5 Protest hearing notices will be posted within thirty minutes after the protest limit time has expired.

10. Scoring

10.1 One race will constitute a Regatta. RRS A4, the low point system, will be used for scoring. This is a change to RRS A2.

10.2 WFPHRF scoring is based on time on distance. Corrected times will be calculated based on the boat's rating, the distance of the course sailed, and the elapsed time in which the course was sailed.

10.3 The RC will use: WFPHRF rule 2.2 for scoring all races. This amends RRS 62.1(a).

10.4 The race will be scored using RLC PHRF time on a distance of 108 nautical miles.

11 Radio and Cell Phone Telecommunication

11.1 Except for emergency purposes and calls to the RC per this SI, while racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications related to all aspects of the racing that are not available to all boats. This restriction applies to the use of cell phones for information regarding the race that might be of use to competitors.

11.2 Boats shall be equipped with a working Marine VHF radio on board. The RC will attempt to communicate, depending upon radio traffic, on VHF channels in the following order: 72, 68, 69 and cell phone. Information received from the RC on any channel shall be considered as being information available to all competitors.

11.3 Failure to hear hails by the RC, and the timing and order of such hails will **NOT** be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

Liability Disclaimer: Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, including death. 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.



___/___/___ Jerry Watkins ___/___/___

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ADDENDUM “A” – THE COURSE

Naples to Tampa Bay
(Scored on a distance of 107.4 Nautical Miles)

Mark	Chart Description	Rounding / Leaving	Approx. Location
Start @ Gordon Pass	Virtual	START – South of & Pass to Starboard within 1000' of LAT LONG	N26° 05.500 / W81° 48.700
West of Sanibel	Virtual	Pass to Starboard	N26° 28.030 / W82° 11.174
Boca Grande	R “2” FL R 6s BELL	Pass to Starboard	N26° 39.800' / W82° 19.600'
Southwest Channel G “1”	G “1” FI G 2.5s Bell	Round to Starboard	N27° 32.329' / W82° 48.597'
Egmont Key – FINISH LINE	QG “3” Bell	FINISH – North of & Pass to Port within 1000' of LAT LONG	N27° 34.8' / W82° 44.000'

- All Lat / Lon Coordinates are in Degrees, Minutes and 1000s (Not Seconds)
- All Headings are “True” (Not “Magnetic”).
- From Gordon Pass to “Southwest Channel”, pass all government marks to starboard. “Private” buoys or buoys marking obstructions such as fish havens ARE NOT marks of the course and DO NOT need to be honored.
- All coordinates are provided as a reference only. Any reliance on such coordinates shall not be grounds for redress.

Gordon Pass Start to Sanibel Virtual Mark = 30 NM @ 318 True

Sanibel Virtual Mark to Boca Grande R”2” = 14 NM @ 333 True

Boca Grande R”2” to Southwest Channel G”1” = 59 NM @ 333 True

Southwest Channel G”1” to Egmont Key – Finish Line = 5 NM @ 057 True