



Gulf Coast Sailing Club



2024 “MOST MEMORABLE” Regatta, a SWFL BOTY Event

May 17th, 2024

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

1.1 This Regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 *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 yachtscoring.com

1.4 There will be no signals made ashore.

1.5 All vessels must process via www.yachtscoring.com Floatl 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 announced on VHF 72

2.3 All classes will start at the same time for a single start.

2.4 All Notification will be made by VHF broadcast channel 72.

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

3.1 The scheduled time for the first warning signal will be 10:55 hrs.

4. Racing Area and Courses

4.1 The location of the racing area will be on the Gulf of Mexico, from 300' West of, and at 270 degrees from GP G3 , to Southwest Channel, leaving G “1” FL G 2.5s BELL and R #2 FL R 2.5s 16ft 5M to starboard, then Finish 90 degrees East of G #3 QG BELL to Port Please Take a clear picture of your GPS screen upon passing north of a line east of 82' 44.3 W. Send the clear legible picture to Cell #239-430-3643 with the boat name and skipper name. Expect a confirmation of receipt within 15 minutes or resend.

4.2 The government marks referenced in these instructions are marks of the course.

4.3 The STARTING LINE will be 300' West of, and at 270 degrees from GP G3.

4.4 The finishing line marks will be between an orange flag on a RC vessel anchored near Lat N 27 34.7 Long W 82 44.3, and G “3” QG BELL .

5 Check-in

5.1 Check-in will be on VHF 72, please Announce the boat's name, class entered, sail number and the number of crewmembers on board.

6 The Start

6.1 At the Start take a clear GPS picture confirming the boat location is South of a line 300' West of, and at 270 degrees from GP

7 The Finish

7.1 The Finish shall be north of a line at 90 degrees East of G #3 QG BELL leaving G #3 to Port. Please Take a clear picture of your GPS screen upon passing north of a line east of 82' 44.3 W. Send the clear legible picture to Cell #239-430-3643 with the boat name and skipper name. Expect a confirmation of receipt within 15 minutes or resend.

8 Time Limits, Shortening Course and Finishing

8.1 The finishing line will be north of a line 90 degrees East of G #3 QG BELL near Lat N 27 34.7 Long 82 44.3 W.
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) twenty- six 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. Expect a confirmation of receipt within 15 minutes or resend.

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 18th 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 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 also applies to 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. 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.



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