



**The 42st ANNUAL BRADENTON KICK-OFF
REGATTA 2024**

Bradenton Yacht Club, Palmetto, Florida
September 21 & 22, 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current Racing Rules of Sailing and the current WFPHRF Class Rules.
- 1.2 This is a WFPHRF Category 4 event.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the sailing instructions shall take precedence. This changes rule 63.7.
- 1.4 As allowed by RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, & 63.4 do not apply to these Classes.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The Official Notice board will be the Yacht Scoring Website for this event. The Unofficial Notice Board will be located poolside at the Bradenton Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0700 on the day it will take effect, on the Official Notice Board, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the southeast corner of the Yacht Basin.

5. SCHEDULES OF RACES

Friday, September 20	1630-1800	CHECK-IN at BYC
	1800	Skippers MEETING
Saturday, September 21	1100	First Warning, Race #1
Sunday, September 22	1100	First Warning, 1st race of the day

- 5.1 PHRF Spinnaker and Multihull Classes are scheduled for up to four (4) races on Saturday. On Sunday up to two (2) races are scheduled.
- 5.2 Cruising and Racer/Cruisers are scheduled for up to two (2) races on Saturday. On Sunday one (1) race is scheduled.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flags for the Drop Mark Course in Diagram "A" will be:

Multihull	Gray
Spinnaker	Yellow

- 6.2 The class flags for the Fixed Mark Course in Diagram "B" will be:

Cruiser	Purple
Racer/Cruiser	Green

- 6.3 Class Flags stay the same for Sunday.

7. RACING AREAS

Both courses shall be located in lower Tampa Bay.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 On Saturday, the Multihull and Spinnaker Classes will sail a course in **Appendix 1**. The courses listed include the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course letter and approximate compass bearing to the first mark.
- 8.2 On both Saturday and Sunday, Cruisers and Racer/Cruiser's will sail a course in **Appendix 2**. The **Appendix 2** chart shows the approximate fixed marks location, and the courses are described in **Appendix 2**. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the Course letter for the course that will be used for each class.
- 8.3 On Sunday, all Classes will sail a course in **Appendix 2**.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks of the Multihull and Spinnaker course on Saturday only (**Appendix 1**) will be: Marks 1 and 2 will be large GOLD tomatoes. Start and finish marks will be orange marks. New marks, as provided in instruction 11, will be yellow cylinders.
- 9.2 Marks for Cruising and Racer/Cruiser courses on Saturday will be fixed government marks as shown on the attached **Appendix 2 Chart** except that the start mark will be an orange mark.
- 9.3 On Sunday all Classes will use fixed government marks as shown in **Appendix 2**.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Starting signals will be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and an orange mark.
- 10.3 The starting line location for the Spinnaker and Multihull Classes will be within a one-mile radius of Marker 70 for Saturday only
- 10.4 The Cruiser and Racer-Cruisers will start near Manatee River # 2.
- 10.5 On Sunday All Classes Start near Manatee #2.
- 10.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.7 Order of Starts

Saturday:

Cruising and Racer/Cruiser Classes:

First Start – Racer-Cruiser	Green Class Flag
Second Start – Cruising	Purple Class Flag

Other Classes:

First Start – Multihulls	Gray Class Flag
Second Start – Spinnaker	Yellow Class Flag

Sunday:

All Classes:	First Start – Multihulls	Gray Class Flag
	Second Start – Spinnaker	Yellow Class Flag
	Third Start – Racer/Cruiser	Green Class Flag
	Fourth Start – Cruising	Purple Class Flag

- 10.8 Before the start of the first race of the day, each boat shall check-in with the race committee boat by passing across the stern of the race committee boat on starboard tack.
- 10.9 All boats shall give their boat name, sail number, class and division.
- 10.10 Only the race committee may protest boats for not checking in properly.
- 10.11 Radio check-ins for the Multihull and Spinnaker Classes will be accepted on VHF channel 63, and for Cruisers and Racer Cruiser VHF 69 for Saturday. On Sunday All Classes use channel 63.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change mark will be a **Yellow Cylinder**. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 RECALLS

- 12.1 The race committee may, after the starting signal, hail the sail numbers of the OCS boats that have not complied with RRS 29.1 & 30.1 on VHF Channel 63 for Course A and VHF Channel 69 for Course B for Saturday. The delay of such a hail, the order of hail or failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.2 Sunday All classes OCS use 63. The delay of such a hail, the order of hail or failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.3 If the race committee signals a general recall, the division that has been recalled shall start AFTER all other divisions have started. If more than one division has a general recall, then each recalled division shall restart in their respective starting position AFTER all other divisions have started. This changes RRS 29.2.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line for the Spinnaker and Multihull Classes shall be between a blue flag on the race committee boat and a designated mark; the Cruiser and Racer-Cruiser course will finish near Manatee River # 2 between the blue flag on the committee boat and an orange finish mark.
- 13.2 On Sunday - All Classes will finish near Manatee River #2 between the blue flag on the committee boat and an orange finish mark.

14 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 14.1 The scoring penalty, RRS 44.3, (a), (b), and (c) will apply. Vessels will need to fill out the Alternative Acknowledgement Form provided on the Unofficial Notice Board located poolside at the Bradenton Yacht Club.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Any vessel in the Spinnaker and Multihull Classes failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat in its class that sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing on Saturday Only. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5
- 15.2 Any vessel in the Racer/Cruiser and Cruiser Classes failing to finish by 1630 on Saturday and by 1500 on Sunday will be scored a DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1 A4.1 and A5.
- 15.3 On Sunday only, no races will be started after 1500.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available next to the Unofficial Notice Board located poolside at the Bradenton Yacht Club or can be filed on line on the Official Notice Board on the Yacht Scoring Website.
- 16.2 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention at the finish line, including the sail number of the boat being protested.
- 16.3 This changes RRS 61.
- 16.4 The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice board on the Yacht Scoring Website
- 16.5 Written protests must be delivered to the race committee within 30 minutes of the race committee finish boat's posted docking time.
- 16.6 The protest notices required by RRS 63.2, and the notification of protests by the race committee or the protest committee required by RRS 61.1(b), will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Corrected times for individual races will be calculated for the PHRF boats using the following WFPHRF ratings: The Random Leg Course (RLC) will be used for the Racer/Cruiser, & Cruising Classes. The Buoy or Random Leg Course (RLC) will be used for the Spinnaker and Multihull Classes depending on which course is sailed.
- 17.2 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply, except that no score will be excluded. This changes RRS A 2.
- 17.3 One race will constitute a series.

18 COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 The race committee will monitor VHF channel 63 for Multihull and Spinnaker Classes. Channel 69 will be used for Cruisers and Racer/Cruisers for courtesy communications from/to regatta participants. Nothing said over VHF Channel 63/69 for courtesy reasons shall be grounds for protests or redress.
- 18.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones. The only exception is SI 18.1.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall promptly notify their race committee signal boat, as soon as possible on Channel 63/69. The Race Committee may protest a competitor who fails to notify the committee when retiring.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, the sponsors, the race committee, officers and board of directors of BYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta.

Appendix 1 - COURSE DIAGRAM (Saturday Only, Multihulls and Spinnaker Classes) (not to scale)

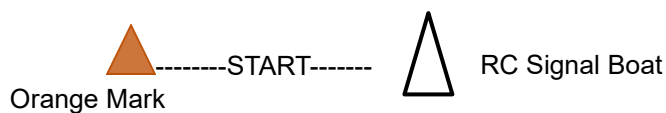
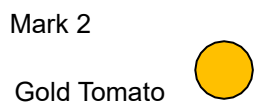
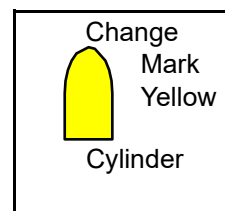


Diagram "A" Courses

COURSE A: Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish at "START"

COURSE B: Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish at "START"

COURSE C: Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - Finish at "FINISH"

ALL MARKS ARE TO BE LEFT TO PORT FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE COURSES

Appendix 2 - COURSE CHART (Saturday Cruisers & Racer Cruisers, on Sunday All Classes)



Appendix 2 - (On Saturday, Cruising and Racer/Cruiser on Sunday All Classes)

Marks

"A" Mark-Manatee River-FI R 2.5s 16ft 3M "2"

"B" Mark-Terra Ceia- FI 4S 16ft 5M "TC"

"C" Mark- Mullet Key Channel Front Range FL W 2.5s 20 ft

"D" Mark- Southwest Channel Buoy G"3" QG Bell

"E" Mark – Tampa Bay Mark FL R 4S 5M "70"

Courses

Note: The letter "P" on the courses below means round this mark to PORT

The Letter "S" on the courses below means round this mark to STARBOARD

Note: The number "2" next to the Course letter will mean, "Sail the Course Twice Around".

Course A (14.34 nm)

A-Start

B-P

C-P

D-P

A-Finish

Course B (14,34nm)

A-Start

D-S

C-S

B-S

A-Finish

Course C (11.04nm)

A-Start

B-P

C-P

B-S

A-Finish

Course D (10.69nm)

A-Start

B-P

D-P

A-Finish

Course E (13.98nm)

A-Start

B-P

C-P

B-S

A-S (Round #2)

B-S

A-Finish

Course G (13.63nm)

A-Start

B-P

D-P

A-P (Round#2)

B-P

A-Finish

Course H (9.00nm)

A-Start

B-P

E-P

B-S

A-Finish