

# Fast Women Regatta Sailing Instructions (SIs)

August 1, 2015

*Sponsored by the Point Yacht Club*

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## 1. Rules

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (as amended by USSAILING).
- 1.2 GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events, and GYA PHRF bylaws.

## 2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Official Notices and Amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the deck at the Point Yacht Club.
- 2.2 Any questions regarding the Sailing Instructions must be submitted to the race committee prior to the skipper's meeting at 1100 on Saturday.

## 3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 1000 on the day of the race

## 4. Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the Point Yacht Club.
- 4.2 Code Flag "AP" with two (2) sound signals (one [1] when lowered) means: "Racing is postponed". The first warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the "AP" is lowered".

## 5. Schedule of Race

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| 5.1 Day and Date       | Time of the First |
| Warning Signal         |                   |
| Saturday, Aug. 1.      | 1255              |
| One race is scheduled. |                   |

## 6. Class Flags

Flag Color	Fleet	Class
Red	Spin	A (All Female)
Blue	Spin	B (Mixed)
Green	NonS	C (All Female)
White	NonS	D(Mixed)

## 7. Racing Area

- 7.1 The racing area is Perdido Bay. Refer to Attachment A or NOAA Chart 11378
- 7.2 There will be one starting area

## 8. Courses: Refer to Attachment A

## 9. Marks: Refer to Attachment A

## 10. The Start

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the nearby mark on the port end of the line.
- 10.2 An inflatable tender may be tethered to the stern of the Race Committee boat(s). Any boat touching these marks will have broken Rule 31.1 and shall act in accordance with Rule 31.2.

- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS). This changes Rules 63.1 and A4.1.
- 10.5 Recalls: The Race Committee will attempt to notify "On course Side" (OCS) boats by hail via broadcast over VHF Channel 68. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification and the timing and order of such hails or broadcasts, shall not be grounds for Redress. This changes Rules 29.1 and 62.1(a)

## 11. Change to the Next Leg of the Course

Rule 33 is amended to additionally provide that when in a subsequent change of the next leg of the course, a new mark is replaced; it will be replaced by an original mark.

## 12. Finishing

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race committee Signal Boat and the nearby finishing mark.

## 13. Penalty Systems

The Two Turns penalty, Rule 44.2 will apply with the added requirement that any boat that avails itself of this penalty must report this action, as well as the identity of the other boat involved, to the race committee immediately upon finishing. Failure to do so will invalidate the penalty afforded by Rule 44.2. This changes Rule 44.2

## 14. Time Limits

- 14.1 The Time Limit is 3 hours. If no boat in a class finishes within the time limit the race for that class will be abandoned.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## 15. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee of its intentions and the identity of the Protested Boat(s) and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee as soon as practical after finishing. This changes Rule 61. Failure to do so will make the protest invalid
- 14.2.1 If the protesting boat does not finish, she shall inform the Race Committee of her intent at the first reasonable opportunity and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee. This changes Rule 61.
- 15.2 Protests shall be written on US SAILING forms and delivered no later than one (1) hour after the Race Committee docks.
- 14.2.1 The Race Committee Boat's docking time will be indicated by one (1) sound

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signal and posted on the Official Notice Board.

14.2.2 Protest forms are available on the Official Notice Board at the Yacht Club.

14.2.3 Protests are to be filed in the Protest Box located at the Yacht Club. The protesting boat shall be responsible for having a witness legibly sign and note the date and time of the filing of the protest.

14.3 Protests notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after the Protest Time Limit expires to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing to which they are party. Protest hearings will be scheduled to start as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The Protest Committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Sand Bar at Pirates Cove.

14.4 It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the Official Notice Board at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any boat to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Protest Committee as grounds for proceeding under RRS 63.3(b).

14.5 RRS 63.5 is changed by adding: "A protest involving damage may be heard by the Protest Committee even though the requirements of RRS 61.1(a) and 61.3 and SI 14.1 have not been fulfilled.

#### 16. Scoring

16.1 PHRF Classes will be scored using the handicaps on their currently valid Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) PHRF Certificate

#### 17. Trophies

17.1 Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third places in each class

17.2 The Fast Women Regatta "1<sup>st</sup> Place-All Female" perpetual trophy award will be given to the first place boat in the Female Spin class. If there are no Female Spin boats then the award will be given to the first place Female Non-Spin class.

17.3 The Virgin Skipper trophy: Only those skippers for whom this race is the first time they are a skipper are eligible for The "Virgin Skipper" perpetual trophy award. The award will be given to the skipper who places highest in their class with the precedence given to Female Spin class, then Female Non-Spin, then Mixed Spin and lastly Mixed Non-Spin.

#### 18. Safety

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for

material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18.2 It is the responsibility of the skipper and crew to determine whether PFDs will be worn. The Point Yacht Club does not assume this responsibility, and no signals governing the wearing of life jackets, or other such devices, will be made.

18.3 Prior to the first warning signal, every boat shall check in by passing astern of the Race Committee Signal Boat on starboard tack by hailing and displaying her sail number.

18.4 Any boat abandoning the race shall immediately notify the Race Committee via VHF radio, channel 68.

18.5 Crew limits recommended on each boat's GYA PHRF certificate are invoked for each boat sailing in PHRF classes.

#### 19. Radio Communications

18.1 The Race Committee may not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirements, protests, penalties reports, or requests for emergency assistance. The Race Committee will use the following VHF Channels for communication:  
Channel 68

18.2 Race Committee broadcasts concerning its intentions; the course to be sailed, starting times; course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of the broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under RRS62.1(a).

#### 20. Trilogy Series

The Fast Women Regatta is the third race in a three race series of which the following two races are:

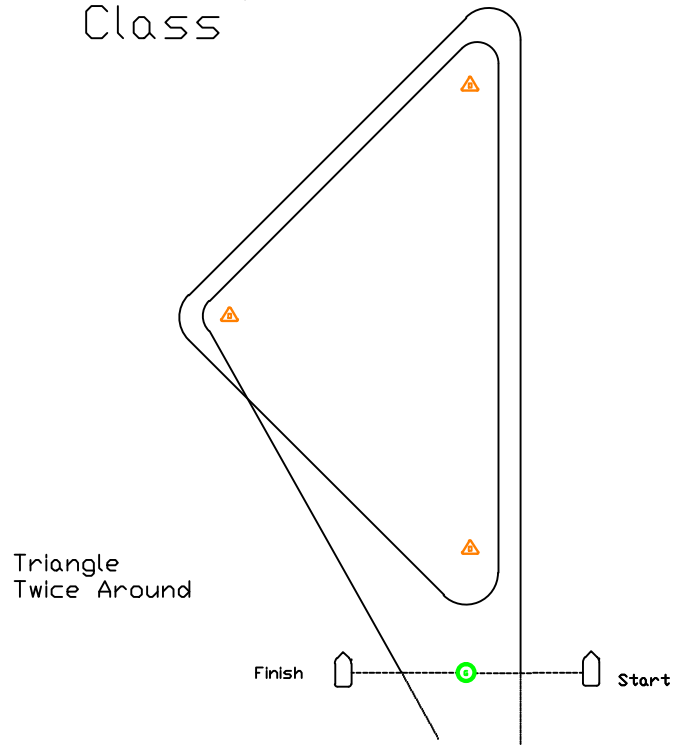
The Bikini Cup- Navy Yacht Club  
Race for the Roses- Pensacola Beach YC

There will be a trophy given to the best performing boat in all three races in the trilogy. You must have an All – Female crew in all three races to be eligible for this trophy. See the appendix to the NOR for further details regarding the Trilogy Trophy.

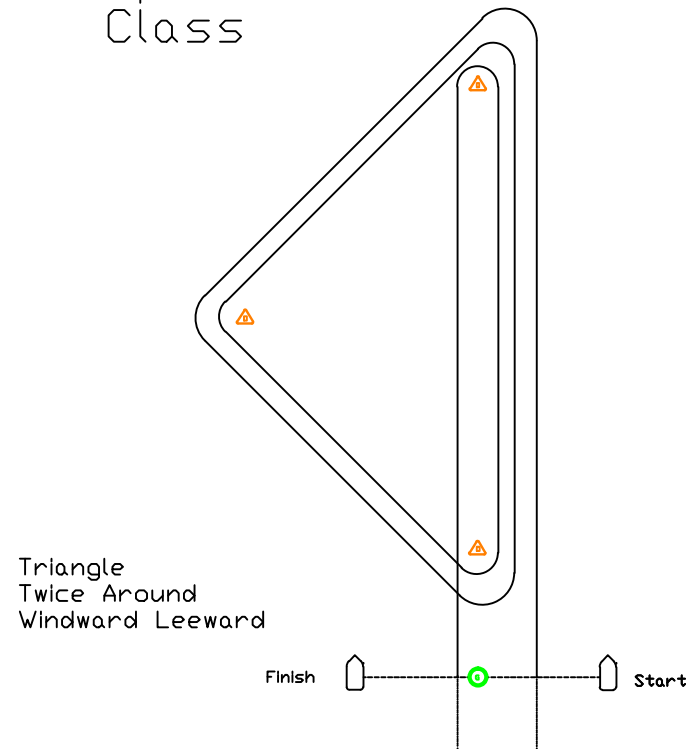
Good Luck and Good Racing!!

# The Point Yacht Club Invitational Regatta Standard Course Description

## Non-Spinnaker Class



## Spinnaker Class



The starting line shall be between the line flag on the race committee boat and a **green marker**. The course shall be a triangle as described in the above diagrams.

Spinnaker boats shall (unless shortened) sail a triangle, twice around consisting of **orange tetrahedrons** followed by one windward and one leeward leg, finishing at the end of the eighth leg between the race committee boat and a **green marker**. The original **orange tetrahedron** leeward mark shall be ignored as a mark of the course on both the first leg (immediately after the start) and the final leg (about to finish) only.

Non-spinnaker boats shall (unless shortened) sail the same triangle twice around consisting of the same **orange tetrahedrons** used by the spinnaker class, finishing between the race committee boat and a **green marker**. The original **orange tetrahedron** leeward mark shall be ignored as a mark of the course on both the first leg (immediately after the start) and the final leg (about to finish) only.

Once the triangle is established there shall be no change of course for the non-spinnaker class. However, the race committee may choose to change the windward mark for the seventh leg only of the spinnaker class course by the means prescribed in the Conditions and Sailing Instructions, finishing between the race committee boat and a **green marker** at the leeward end of the original weather leg.