

**2016 Port Aransas & Ladies Race Regatta
Hosted by the Corpus Christi Yacht Club
April 16-17, 2016**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, rules of the South Texas PHRF, the Notice of Regatta, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Any questions about the rules must be submitted to the Race Committee (RC) in writing and answers will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.3 Ladies Race: A female must be at the helm of a participating yacht from the first warning signal of the Ladies Race to the race finish.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 A yacht shall be considered entered if she has completed all registration and paid entry fees by 0830 hrs on Saturday, April 16th, 2016. Late registration may be accepted at the sole discretion of the RC. All yachts must hold a valid 2016 South Texas PHRF rating or temporary rating and will be scored according to that rating. Yachts without a current PHRF rating shall apply with the local PHRF Committee for a temporary rating. Alternatively, the RC retains the right, at its sole discretion, to assign a temporary PHRF rating for the sole purpose of this regatta.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 All Notices to Competitors for the Port A Race will be posted on the Sailing Center window facing east towards the pool at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club (CCYC). After the finish, Notices to Competitors will be posted at a display board located at the Port Aransas Municipal Marina.
- 3.2 All Notices to Competitors for the Ladies Race will be posted at a display board located at the Port Aransas Municipal Marina. After the finish, Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Fleet Room window facing east towards the pool at the CCYC.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be posted before 0900 hrs on the day it will take effect. In the event of unforeseen circumstances on the water, changes in Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be communicated orally to each yacht.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore prior to commencement of the Port A Race and upon conclusion of the Ladies Race will be displayed from the CCYC Flagstaff or Wednesday Night Start Line. Signals made ashore prior to commencement of the Ladies Race and upon conclusion of the Port A Race will be displayed from the CCYC Flagstaff or Wednesday Night Start Line.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 These times are all subject to change at the discretion of the RC and may be changed after the Sailing Instructions are published:

- **0900 hrs, Saturday, April 16th** – Skipper’s Meeting at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club, upstairs deck, for the Port A Race.
- **1030 hrs, Saturday April 16th** – Warning signal for first class.
- **0930 hrs, Sunday, April 17th** – Skipper’s Meeting at the Port Aransas Marina Pavilion for the Ladies Race.
- **1100 hrs, Sunday April 17th** – Warning signal for first class.

6.2 There will be a social and awards ceremony following the Port A race at the Port Aransas Marina Pavilion. There will also be an awards ceremony following the Ladies Race located at the CCYC upstairs patio.

7. CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF STARTS

7.1 Classes will start in the following order for the starting sequence:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
150 Class	Green
All Sails B	Aqua
All Sails A	Pink
Multihull	Yellow

7.2 Classes and/or starts may be combined, eliminated or created at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer depending on participation.

8. RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be the Corpus Christi Bay and Corpus Christi Ship Channel.

9. THE COURSE

9.1 The Port A Race Course will be posted at the starting line prior to the warning flag for each class. All Corpus Christi Ship Channel markers beginning with 43 shall be passed on the proper side as supplemental race marks.

9.2 The Ladies Race Course will be announced at the Skippers Meeting. All Corpus Christi Channel markers from the starting line until 43 shall be passed on the proper side as supplemental race marks.

9.3 In the event of adverse winds in the Corpus Christi Ship Channel during the Port A Race, the Race Committee reserves the right to shorten the race as noted in 12.1.

10. MARKS

10.1 Fixed bay marks will be used as numbered in the race mark map for Corpus Christi Bay.

- 10.2 Mark “GC” shall be the green cans at the entrance to the Corpus Christi Marina, and shall be passed on the proper side as supplemental race marks.
- 10.3 On the Course board, the letters “p” or “s” following a mark designate to which side the mark is to be taken (“p” for port and “s” for starboard).
- 10.4 The Starting and Finishing Marks are described in instructions 11 and 12.

11. **THE START**

- 11.1 The RC will announce at the skippers meeting the general location of the start.
- 11.2 Subject to the availability of an RC boat and/or weather conditions, the start of the Port Aransas Race will be at a line between a staff bearing an orange flag on the RC boat and a nearby orange mark or other permanent structure. The start may also be held at the Wednesday night “TH” start/finish line.
- 11.3 The start of the Ladies Race will be at a pier located near the intersection of Port Street and Shoreline Circle or approximately ½ mile West of the ferry landing. There will be a line between a staff bearing an orange flag on the pier and a point determined by the Race Committee on the north side of the ship channel. See Exhibit A.
- 11.4 A yacht may start no later than 5 minutes after her starting signal; however, she shall in no way hinder any yacht starting or preparing to start in another class.
- 11.5 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting line and of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.

12. **THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finish line for the Port A Race will be at a pier located near the intersection of Port Street and Shoreline Circle or approximately ½ mile West of the ferry landing. There will be a line between a staff bearing an orange flag on the pier and a point determined by the Race Committee on the north side of the ship channel. See Exhibit A.
- 12.2 The finish line for the Ladies Race shall be the Wednesday night “TH” start/finish line.

13. **TIME LIMIT**

- 13.1 If no yacht finishes within five (5 hours) of the first start, the race shall be abandoned. Any yacht may be scored DNF if her corrected time against the last finisher in her class eligible for a prize (based upon the number of prizes authorized under Section 18 below) plus thirty minutes has elapsed and she has not yet finished.

14. **SAFETY**

- 14.1 A yacht retiring from a race or the regatta shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity. Telephone calls for such purposes may be made to the RC at 361-944-8930 (RC/Todd Hunter’s cell phone).

15. **PROTESTS**

15.1 A yacht intending to file a protest shall notify the RC at the finish line as soon as possible after she finishes. Deadline for filing protests shall be the later to occur of: (a) one hour after the yacht intending to protest finishes, or (b) fifteen minutes after the arrival of the RC when announced with three (3) horn blasts at the Port Aransas Marina (for the Port A Race) or the CCYC (for the Ladies Race). Protests shall be written on US SAILING forms available from the RC or the CCYC front desk. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible.

16. **SCORING**

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System will apply.

17. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

17.1 All radio communication between competitors and RC will be on channel 68 VHF. Note, RC may not always be available by radio due to the size of the racing area.

18. **PRIZES**

18.1 The Pontiac Trophy will be presented to the PHRF All Sails yacht (Classes A & B) racing in the Port A Race with the best overall corrected time.

18.2 The Semloh Trophy will be presented to the PHRF All Sails yacht (Classes A & B) female skipper with the best overall corrected time.

18.3 Other prizes will be awarded according to class participation.

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Exhibit “A”

