

# SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB

## 2017 SYC PHRF WED FUN SERIES REGATTA

EVERY WED FROM JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> – AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

This regatta is organized by the Savannah Yacht Club

**2. RULES AND ENTRIES**

The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current “Racing Rules of Sailing”. Any competitor observed discharging trash into the waters of the racing area will, after a hearing, be scored DSQ for that race.

Ratings for the Fun Series Regatta will be assigned by the SYC race committee based on the most recent CCS ratings.

**3. CLASSES**

Class A Spinnaker equipped boats

Class B Non-spinnaker equipped boats

The following colors are assigned to the class flags:

Class A Yellow Flag

Class B Green Flag

**4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board within 20 minutes following the end of the competitor’s meeting, or earlier.

**5. NOTICE TO THE COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Savannah Yacht Club Dock House.

**6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Some signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag staff located on the SYC bluff. Code flag “AP” with two sound signals means, The race is postponed.” One sound Signal will be made when “AP” is lowered. This changes Race Signals “AP”. No warning signal will be made prior to 90 minutes after “AP” made ashore is dropped. This changes Race Signals “AP”.

**7. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

All Wednesday evening races will have a first competitor’s Warning Gun at 1800 HRS. All Races will be based on the “Pursuit” format with competitors assigned start times based on ratings assigned to each competitor’s yacht. Communications regarding starts will be announced on Channel 71. *This does not forego each competitor’s Individual responsibility to check the course board, sequences, and flags.*

**8. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be the Wilmington and Skidaway Rivers, and Wassaw Sound.

**9. COURSES**

Courses will be selected from the course Appendix and will be appropriately displayed by course on a course board on the Signal boat. The Race Committee intends to announce over VHF Channel 71. If appropriate, bearing to first mark will be posted in magnetic degrees.

Unless shortened or otherwise modified, all classes will use same start/finish line.

Although the race committee intends to announce the courses over VHF Channel 71 prior to the Start of each class, nonetheless, the course board is the rule. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE COURSE BOARD.

**10. MARKS**

Marks will be Government marks and/or tetrahedrons, as outlined on the course board, except at the start and finish line, which will be Government Marks and/or orange/white hippity hops. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE COURSE BOARD.

**11. THE START**

Races for each class, or combined classes, will be started using Rule 26 (RRS).

Before the First Warning Signal of the day, all skippers intending to race shall check in by sailing past the stern of the signal boat and hailing their boat sail number. any boat failing to do so may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) for that race. All boats shall compete in the Class for which they are registered.

The race committee will make several short sound signals shortly before any warning signal that is not at a scheduled time and is not preceded by the lowering of another signal.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the start mark. The start mark may be replaced with another RC boat displaying an orange flag on a staff.

A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall stay clear of the start area and all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

**12. RECALLS**

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1 The Race Committee will endeavor to recall OCS boats on Channel 71. The lack of a hail; the failure to hear a hail; the timeliness of the hail, or the order of the hail SHALL NOT be grounds for redress. General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2

**13. FINISHING LINE**

Finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal boat or the SYC dock and the start/finish mark, or a vessel at anchor displaying an orange flag on a staff.

**14. SHORTENING THE COURSE**

The race committee may shorten course in accordance with RRS 32 at any government mark or mark of the course. This modifies RRS 32.

**15. TIME LIMITS**

Each class/race will have a 2-1/2 hour time limit. Boats finishing more than 1 hour after after the 1st boat in her class will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A5.

**16. RETIREMENT**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the race area. If this is impossible, she shall report her retirement to the front office at SYC immediately upon arriving ashore. Radio contact with SYC to notify retirement is encouraged.

## 17. PROTESTS

A boat intending to protest shall do so in accordance with RRS 60, with these modifications:

Protests shall be written on forms available at the protest desk located in the Dock House and delivered there within the time limit. The protest time limit shall be 1 hour starting when the signal boat docks.

Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible.

Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are *parties* to a hearing or named as a witness. This posting shall constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2.

Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "A party to the hearing may ask for a Reopening no later than one-half hour after being informed of the decision."

## 18. SCORING

Abbreviations for scoring records shall be in accordance with Appendix A.

Two or more races are scheduled with one race constituting a series. Each boat's score will be The total of all her race scores. No race will be excluded. This changes Rule A2. The boat with the lowest score wins.

A club's team score for the Old Pole Award will be the combined score of the club's best finishing position in Class A plus the club's best finishing position in Class B. Any ties will be broken in favor of the club with the best finishing position in Class A. This changes RRS A2.

For the Barbara Ann/Hugh Bear Trophy, Class A and Class B will be scored using the Modified rating based on the number of youth crewmembers up to a maximum of three.

## 19. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The two-turns penalty as provided in 44.1 and 44.2 of the RRS shall apply. A boat which runs aground may use her engine to help free herself without improving her position, but must exonerate herself by taking a two-turns penalty once she has shut her engine off. This changes RRS 42.3(d).

## 20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

While racing a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive special radio transmissions not available to all boats.

## 21. MAXIMUM CREW/MINIMUM CREW

Maximum crew, excluding youth, will be determined as follows:  $(LOA \times .3)$  minus 2.

Fractions will be rounded up.

The minimum crew will be: Class A – 3, Class B and C – 2.

## 22. COURTESY BROADCASTS

The Race Committee may transmit the course designation and visual signals displayed by the Race Committee over VHF Channel 71. The transmitted information is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the course designation and the Race Committee's visual signals which govern the conduct of racing. This is a courtesy only and any errors or omissions in the information transmitted SHALL NOT be grounds for redress.