



**2017  
SIR THOMAS LIPTON  
CHALLENGE**

**September 1-3, 2017**

Organizing Authority:

**Gulf Yachting Association (GYA)**

Hosted by:

**Pass Christian Yacht Club (PCYC)**

Pass Christian, MS

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and by the “GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events,” [www.gya.org](http://www.gya.org)
- 1.2. GYA Regulation 2.2 incorporates certain rules of the Flying Scot Sailing Association (FSSA) which are contained in the class “Member Handbook” and posted at [www.fssa.com](http://www.fssa.com).
- 1.3. FSSA Class Rule 7C is changed to allow the use of VHF radios to monitor the Race Committee (RC) on the same channel used by the RC and to receive notifications from the RC at any time during the race day.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the second floor inside PCYC.
- 2.2. Any questions regarding these SI’s shall be submitted in writing to the regatta desk located in the PCYC Board Room and written answers will be posted on the official notice board.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the SI’s will be posted not less than 90 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 or end of the protest time limit whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the PCYC flag pole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.

**5. SCHEDULE**

- 5.1. Four (4) races are scheduled.
- 5.2.

Friday	1100-1630	Boat Measurement
	1100-1800	Registration
Saturday	0800-1030	Registration
	1045	Team Captain’s Meeting (location TBA)
	1230	Warning signal for the first race of the day
Sunday	1025	Warning signal for the first race of the day
	1500	No warning signal after this time
		Awards (location TBA)

- 5.3. The warning signal for the second race of each day will be as soon as practical after the finish of the first race and after any necessary crew changes.
- 5.4. The names of the skipper and crew for each race shall be submitted within the time limit specified by GYA Regulation 28.8.
- 6. CLASS FLAG**

Class flag will be the GYA burgee.
- 7. RACING AREAS**

The racing area will be in the northern Mississippi Sound, just south of the PCYC.
- 8. THE COURSES**
  - 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
  - 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the RC will display the course to be sailed and approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9. MARKS**
  - 9.1. Marks 1 and 2 will be orange tetrahedrons.
  - 9.2. Offset mark "1a" will be an orange ball.
  - 9.3. The starting marks will be two anchored RC boats, OR an RC signal boat and an orange tetrahedron.
  - 9.4. New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be yellow tetrahedrons.
  - 9.5. The finish mark will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 10. THE START**
  - 10.1. The starting line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on the two RC boats at each end, OR between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
  - 10.2. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
  - 10.3. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to broadcast her sail number on the VHF radio. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, the order of the hail, or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
  - 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12. THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the nearby mark.
- 13. PENALTY SYSTEM**
  - 13.1. Appendix V, "Alternative Penalties," will apply. This changes RRS 44.1.
  - 13.2. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 14. TIME LIMITS**
  - 14.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish is 2-1/2 hours.
  - 14.2. Boats still racing and failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A4.2, A5 and A11.
  - 14.3. The RC may award a finish position to a competitor that has not completed the course in order to expedite the completion of races.
- 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
  - 15.1. RRS 61.1 (a) is changed by adding the following: "A boat intending to protest or request redress based upon an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first

reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the RC at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee, and receive an acknowledgment from the RC. Failure to do so will make the protest invalid.”

- 15.2. Protest forms are available at the registration desk. Protests, requests for redress, and request for reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.4. Notices will be posted as soon as possible, but no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.5. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the PCYC Board Room.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1. A score of (TLE) will be two points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but not worse than last place. This changes RRS A4 and A11.
- 16.2. The Low Point System of RRS A4 will apply, except that no race scores will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1
- 16.3. Two (2) races constitutes a series.
- 16.4. Ties will be decided in accordance with GYA Regulation 25.2. This Changes RRS A8.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1. Prior to the warning signal for each race, each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. [DP]
- 17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible. [DP]

## **18. SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 yards outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. [DP]

## **19. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats, this includes the use of cell phones. [DP]

## **20. PRIZES**

Prizes will be given according to GYA Regulations 27.1(b), 30.9, 30.10, and 30.11

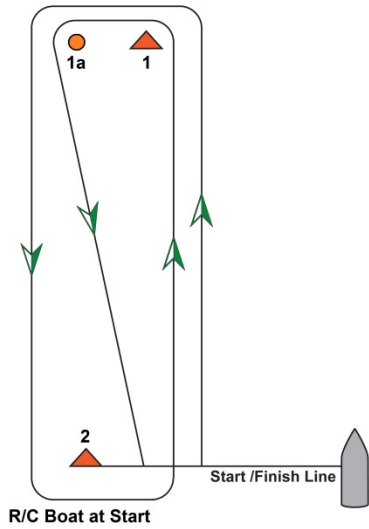
## **21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

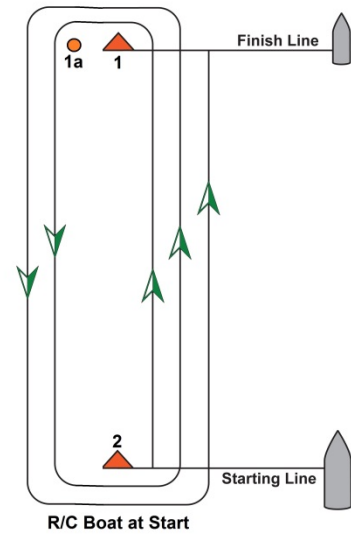
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## Appendix A – Courses



Course 4 Example



Course 5 Example

Course Examples			
Course	Marks	Course	Marks
4	Start, 1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a, Finish	5	Start, 1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a, 2, Finish
6	Start, 1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a, Finish		