

**2018 Labor Day Night Race
Sailing Instructions
August 31, 2018
DAVIS ISLAND YACHT CLUB - TAMPA, FLORIDA**

1.RULES

The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Class rules of the WFPHRF or designated ODR class rules. As allowed by RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, & 63.4 do not apply to this regatta.

2.ENTRIES

Boats entering the PHRF Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser, Cruising, Non-Spinnaker and Multi-hull Division (may be integrated into other Classes) must have a valid WFPHRF certificate, or a “provisional” rating assigned by the DIYC Fleet Captain.

Boats entering the True Cruising that wish to fly a cruising spinnaker, in accordance to the class rules, must declare by email to fleetcaptain@diyc.org no later than 2200 hrs. on August 30th, 2018.

3.NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the ground floor on the west side of the club house.

4.CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instruction will be posted before 1830 hrs on August 31st. If races are postponed ashore, changes to the sailing instructions can be posted at any time prior to the lowering of the AP flag.

5.SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole, west of the clubhouse.

Flag AP with two horns (one horn when lowered) means “The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered.”

6.SCHEDULE OF RACES

1 race is scheduled for this event:

Friday – First start: 1900
Spinnaker + Racer Cruiser + Non-spin + Cruising + Multi-hull

7.CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag for the initial start will be a Green Flag with the letter “G”.

8.RACING AREA

Racing will take place south of DIYC in Hillsborough Bay and Adjacent waters.

9.THE COURSE

Courses and marks are described in Appendix “A” along with roundings. Course selection for the race will be provided at the competitors meeting.

The mark locations on this document are meant to show general location and are not to be relied upon for navigation. Any error in these is not grounds for redress.

9. THE START

Designated starting times will be distributed at the competitors meeting. The time will be the local area **GPS** time.

The first vessel listed to start will be started using RRS 26; thereafter, each vessel will start at or after their designated time.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and DIYC “**Mark A**”.

“OCS” starters may be announced on channel 72 . Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.

10.SAFETY

Any competitor who challenges a vessel confined to the Tampa Bay ship channels in such a way as to cause them to file a report will be scored DSQ. This changes RRS Rule 63.1

Any competitor throwing refuse overboard is subject to disqualification. This changes RRS Rule 63.1.

12.CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

If the race committee signals a shorted course by displaying flag S with two sounds, the finishing line shall be a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the nearest adjacent mark of the course. This changes RRS 32.2.

13.THE FINISH

Unless the course is shortened, the finish line for ALL classes will be the range markers on the east and west side of the DIYC basin.

If no one is on station at the finish, a vessel should record her own finishing time per the US Sailing prescription to RRS 34 and the sail numbers or names of the vessels finishing immediately before and immediately after her.

14. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the race shall be 2400 hrs, Friday, August 31st, 2018. Any boat not finished by this time of day shall be scored DNF, this changes RRS 35.

A vessel withdrawing from the race must notify the Race Committee on VHF channel 72 or by cell phone at the following number: **813-846-4209** and **leave a message if there is no answer.**

15. PENALTY

For all divisions, the Scoring Penalty, Rule 44.3 will apply.

16. PROTESTS

Boats intending to file a protest shall notify the race committee within 20 minutes of their finish of their intent to protest, and identify the protested boat.

Completed protest forms shall be delivered to Davis Island Yacht Club no later than 1100 hrs Saturday, September 1st. Completed protest forms should be sealed in an envelope and marked: ATT: Labor Day Race Committee then placed in the Fleet Captain's box in the Members Room.

Protests will be heard in the order received, on a later date determined by the Chief Judge.

The Chief Judge shall inform competitors via phone or e-mail where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as a witness.

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

17. SCORING

Unless the race is shortened, the order in which vessels finish the race shall determine their finishing places. If the course is shortened, each vessel's elapsed time, calculated from her individual start time and the actual course distance, shall be used to calculate her corrected time which will then determine her finishing place. WFPHRF RLC or provisional club ratings shall be used for calculating starting times and corrected times.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio or phone transmission while racing nor receive radio or phone communications not available to all boats.

19. PRIZES

Please refer to NOR.

20. OTHER

Racers shall be aware that numerous restrictions on maneuvering and navigation may be in place on waters constituting and adjacent to the racing area. Failure to honor these, and subsequent delays to racing due to that, are NOT grounds for redress.

APPENDIX "A"

COURSE 1

Mark	Description	Rounding
START	Guardian II and DIYC Mark "A"	Start
"F"	DIYC Mark "F" - North of Long Shoal	STBD
"G"	DIYC Mark "G" – Tampa Yacht	STBD
"I"	DIYC Mark "I" – Bayshore N27.54.720 W82.29.095	STBD
"B"	DIYC Mark "B" - Tall Range	STBD
ARM	Alafia Range Mark – QR 18ft N27.50.68 W82.26.86	STBD
"A"	DIYC Mark "A" - DIYC	STBD
BASIN	BASIN	Finish

COURSE 2

Mark	Description	Rounding
START	Guardian II and DIYC Mark "A"	Start
"I"	DIYC Mark "I" – Bayshore N27.54.720 W82.29.095	PORT
"G"	DIYC Mark "G" – Tampa Yacht	PORT
"F"	DIYC Mark "F" - North of Long Shoal	PORT
"A"	DIYC Mark "A" - DIYC	STBD
ARM	Alafia Range Mark – QR 18ft N27.50.68 W82.26.86	PORT
"B"	DIYC Mark "B" - Tall Range	PORT
"A"	DIYC Mark "A" - DIYC	STBD
BASIN	BASIN	Finish