August 25, 2018

Halifax River Yacht Club Daytona Beach, FL Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The rules governing the 2018 Old Timers Memorial will be: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the 2018 Old Timers Memorial Notice of Race (NOR) the 2018 Old Timers Memorial Sailing Instructions (SI), the 2018 World Sailing Regulations, the FCSA 2018 Rating Policies and Rules and any special instructions issued by the HRYC Race Committee.
- 1.2 Any changes to the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions will be posted at the Regatta Network on the official notice board at http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17453.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- Any notices to competitors will be posted at HRYC on the official notice board and will also be available at http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17453.
- 2.2 Communications via VHF radio shall be made on **channel 72**. All instructional communications via VHF radio will cease 5 minutes before the first warning signal.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of the race will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect. Any changes will also be posted at http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17453.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

No Signals made ashore will be displayed at any time.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND ACTIVITIES

- **5.1** Date of races is Saturday, August 25, 2018.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal will be 1055 EDT.
- **5.3** It is anticipated that there will be two races.
- 5.4 The warning signal for the second race will be as soon as possible after all boats have finished their first race.
- 5.5 There will be an informal gathering of skippers and crew on Friday, August 24, 2018 at HRYC beginning at 5 p.m. There will not be a competitors meeting for this event.

6 THE COURSE

- **6.1** Racing will be in the vicinity of the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy.
- 6.2 The Race Committee signal boat will notify the competitors of the course to be raced upon anchoring. See http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17453 for the course information contained in the Sailing Instructions Appendix A.

7 MARKS

7.1 Marks are approximately 72"x 60" orange or yellow inflatable marks. Government marks may be used as part of the race course, if not these marks can be left to either side.

8 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

8.1 There are no areas that are designated as obstructions unless amended by the race committee signal boat.

9 THE START

9.1 The Cruising Class warning will be at 1055 and the Performance Class warning will be at 1105 for the first race. If suitable, both classes will be combined into a single start, with a warning as announced by the R/C. The warning times for the second races of each class will be announced by the R/C after their prior races have been completed.

10 RECALLS

- 10.1 Display of code flag "X" and one sound signal shall signal individual recalls. A boat recalled shall be notified by hail and on VHF channel 72 if possible; however, it is the responsibility of any yacht that is OCS to properly clear themselves.
- 10.2 Display of code flag "I" as the preparatory flag requires a yacht that is OCS within one minute of the start to round an end of the starting line before starting.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finish line will be between the R/C signal boat and a buoy, generally the same as the starting line unless changed by the R/C on the water.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 (RRS), will apply for those boats not exonerating themselves under Rule 44.1. A boat will not be scored worse than DNF. (Did Not Finish) for those that choose the scoring penalty.

13 TIME LIMITS

- **13.1** Time limit for all classes is 3.5 hours. If no boat has passed the first mark within 1 hour the race may be abandoned by the R/C.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 3.5 hours of the start will be considered DNF. For the first race, the R/C may determine that a competitor is too far behind to correct out of their position and may be finished in place. This would be done if motoring back to the starting area would facilitate an earlier start for the second race of the day.
- 13.3 The time reference for all boats shall be that which is provided by the National Institute of Standards and Technology time as broadcast by radio station WWV in Fort Collins Colorado. These may be accessed by telephone at 303-499-7111, Internet at http://time.gov/widget.html or by radio. The station radiates at 10,000 Watts on 5, 10, and 15 MHz; and 2500 Watts on 2.5 and 20 MHz. Each competitor is responsible for calibrating their own clocks.
- 13.4 All boats are <u>strongly</u> encouraged to use the RaceQs smartphone application (http://raceqs.com/) to track their boat in the races. This free application will allow competitors to replay the race, with an opportunity to see where they may have performed well, or poorly, with respect to the other boats in the fleet. In addition, since the application uses GPS time to report position and location it can serve as a verification of events on the water, possibly to verify the reported finish time, or interactions between boats in the event of a protest.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 U.S. Sailing <u>Protest forms</u> are available at HRYC and online. Protests shall be filed on a U.S Sailing Protest Form and be delivered within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is 1900 on the day of the race and can be extended to allow boats time to return to the club if deemed necessary by the R/C. Boats that intend to file a protest must inform the R/C on the water of their intentions. All boats involved in the protest should be contacted by VHF and informed of their involvement by the boat filing the protest.
- 14.3 The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 (RRS) and 62.2 (RRS).

- **14.4** Protests shall be filed in person at HRYC.
- 14.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted in accordance to rule 2.1 of the Sailing Instructions to inform competitors under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.6 Protest hearings shall be scheduled as soon as possible after boats return to shore. All parties listed on the protest form will be advised of the time of the protest hearing. All protests hearings will be held at HRYC, 331 Beach St., Daytona Beach FL.
- 14.7 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.4, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the Protest Committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- **14.8** Breaches of instructions 16 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- **14.9** Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 64.
- **14.10** All boats shall carry at all times a US Sailing protest form and a standard protest flag.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 1. Completion of a single race shall be enough to constitute a completed regatta. There will be no throw-outs of completed races unless the R/C determines that the entire race should be nullified.
 - 2. Scoring will be the low point system.
 - 3. Additional scoring points (RRS Appendix A11):

DNC (Did Not Compete) # of entrants +1

DNS (Did Not Start) # of entrants +1

OCS (Over Course Side) # of contestants +1

DNF (Did Not Finish) # of contestants +1

RET (Retired) # of entrants +1

DSQ (Disqualified) # of entrants +1

DNE (Disqualified, Not Excludable) # of contestants +1

DGM (Disqualified, Gross Misconduct) # of entrants +5

BFD (Black Flag Disqualification) # of entrants +5

ZFP (Z Flag Penalty) # of entrants + 20%

SCP (Scoring Penalty Taken) # of entrants + 20%

TLE (Time Limit Expired) last place +1

- 15.2 All boats shall be scored using their FCSA PHRF rating and corrected *time on distance*.
- 15.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to reclassify any boat at its discretion
- 15.4 Ties will be broken in accordance with the RRS Appendix A, Section 8.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Check-in: Boats shall sail within hailing distance of the committee boat, and state their boat name and sail number and fleet.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.3 All boats shall carry all the necessary safety equipment required by law, regulation, or class rules.
- 16.4 All boats competing in the Old Timers Memorial shall comply with all ISAF Category 4 requirements

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the FCSA Rating Policies and Rules, the Sailing Instructions and all other rules and policies that apply. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

19.1 Official boats will be marked with a race committee flag.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

20.1 All support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have started the race, the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

21.1 A boat shall neither send nor receive any radio, mobile phone or Wi-Fi network transmissions while racing that are not available to all boats.

22 PRIZES

- **22.1** Prizes will be given as follows:
 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all classes with 5 or more boats competing
 - 1^{st} and 2^{nd} in all classes with less than 5 boats competing
- 22.2 Prizes will be awarded at the HRYC Sailing Awards Dinner on November 17, 2018.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 The Race Committee will be in charge of all scheduled races. The Race Chairman or his designate will have final decision over management issues of the race, including, but not limited to whether a boat will be allowed to compete, penalties (except protest – which will be over-seen by the protest committee), scoring, eligibility of yachts to race and time limits.

Despite the schedule to race and despite the Race Committee's decision to race, it is *ALWAYS* the skipper's decision whether he, his vessel and/or his crew should participate in any race. The responsibility of the decision to race and any and all consequences lie *SOLELY* with the skipper, captain or owner/operator of the vessel. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE *SAFETY*, *HEALTH* AND *WELFARE* OF YOUR VESSEL AND ANYONE ABOARD! YOU ARE FURTHER RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS TAKEN BY YOUR CREW AND DAMAGE TO, OR CAUSED BY, YOUR VESSEL. THIS SHOULD ALWAYS GUIDE YOUR DECISION TO RACE AND YOUR ACTIONS WHILE RACING. The Race Committee accepts *NO* responsibility for your decision to race and the consequences that accompany it.

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$250,000.00 (USD).