



***Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club***  
***Punta Gorda Sailing Club***

**4th ANNUAL**  
**HOSPICE CUP REGATTA**  
**Benefitting Tidewell Hospice**  
**November 17, 2018**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing and by the Harbor 20 "Class Rules".
- 1.2. Racing rule 44.1 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of part 2 in an incident while racing. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.
- 1.3. A boat touching the Signal Boat is required to complete a **720 degree** turn as soon as possible. This changes rule 44.2.
- 1.4. The score for a boat violating Rules 1.3 above, and failing to be awarded redress shall not be excluded.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, 4400 Lister Street, Port Charlotte, FL. Changes will also be posted on the Regatta Network web site: [http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17774#\\_newsroom](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17774#_newsroom) under the "News & Notice Board" tab.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 08:00 hours the day they will take effect. They will also be posted on the Regatta Network web site: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17774> under the "RACE DOCUMENTS" tab.
- 3.2. Changes in the schedule of races will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 20:00 hours on the day before they will take effect. Changes will also be posted on the Regatta Network web site: [http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17774#\\_newsroom](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17774#_newsroom) under the "News & Notice Board" tab.

**4. RACING SCHEDULE**

- 4.1. The Race Committee shall attempt to start 4 races for the Harbor 20 division. One race shall constitute a regatta.
- 4.2. Saturday, November 17th, first warning signal will be at 10:30 hours.
- 4.3. Saturday, November 17th, No warning signal will be made after 2:30 P.M.
- 4.4. Sunday November 18th  
Awards and Hospice Cup Breakfast benefiting Tidewell Hospice will be located at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club at 11:00 A.M. is \$20.00 per person

## 5. ELIGIBILITY AND RATINGS

- 5.1. The Charlotte Harbor Hospice is an Open Harbor 20 One Design Regatta. The Harbor 20 Fleet 6 Fleet Captain and Fleet Officer(s) shall be responsible for assuring all entries abide by their one design rules.

## 6. SAFETY

- 6.1. Each boat shall carry no less than two persons aboard when racing.
- 6.2. The Race Committee will not start a race when, in its judgment, sustained winds exceed 20 knots. **NOTE: The decision to start a race or to continue racing rests solely with the individual skipper.**
- 6.3. Each boat must have on board a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channels 16 and 71.
- 6.4. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 71 for rescue and emergency purposes and may make announcements as a courtesy.

## 7. FLEET WARNING FLAGS

- 7.1. Harbor 20 One Design division warning flag will be the H20 Class logo.

## 8. IDENTIFICATION

- 8.1. All boats racing must have large legible identification numbers displayed on their main sail.
- 8.2. Prior to the first start, each participant shall approach the Race Committee (Signal) boat on starboard tack with mainsail hoisted, showing boat number and give boat's name, sail number and number of people aboard, and receive acknowledgment from the Race Committee.

## 9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. The racing area will be Peace River / Charlotte Harbor. The general racing area is shown on Attachment 1. The position of the starting line is dependent on the wind direction. The Race Committee will announce the location of the starting line on VHF channel 71 approximately 30 minutes before the first race of the day.

## 10. RACE COURSES

- 10.1 Races will be Windward/Leeward with Start/Finish line in the Middle of the course on a line between the Windward and the Leeward Marks and once or twice around - a White board on the Signal Boat will show (W/L 1), or (W/L 2). The starting/finish line is open.
- 10.2 The race course to be sailed will be displayed on the stern or side of the Race Committee (Signal Boat) prior to the warning signal for each fleet.

## 11. MARK DESCRIPTIONS

- Mark 1 shall be a **YELLOW** inflatable. Mark 1a (offset) shall be an a **RED/ORANGE** ball. Mark 2 shall be a **RED** inflatable. See Attachment 2.
- 11.2 A new mark will be identified with a **RED** inflatable. If a new mark is subsequently changed, it will be replaced with an original mark. If the windward mark (1) is moved, there will be no offset mark (1a).

## 12. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee (Signal) Boat on the starboard end of the line and an inflatable buoy
- 12.2 The Race Committee may tether a buoy to the stern of the Race Committee signal boat. This buoy and its tether shall be considered as permanently attached parts of a starting mark.
- 12.5 A boat that touches the Race Committee signal boat serving as a starting mark and causes damage shall retire from that race. A boat that touches the Race Committee signal boat serving as a starting mark and does not cause damage shall, as soon as possible, perform a 720 degree turn. This changes Rule 44.1(b). A tethered buoy shall be considered an ordinary mark for this purpose, with the penalty for touching as published in Rules 44.1 & 44.2.

### **13. STARTING SEQUENCE AND SIGNALS**

- 13.1** Races shall be started in accordance with Rule 26.
- 13.3** Before making a starting signal, the Race Committee may make a series of sound signals as a courtesy to alert the boats that a starting signal will be made in approximately one minute.
- 13.4** A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after its starting signal will be scored DNS by the Race Committee, without further hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4.1, and A5.

### **14. INDIVIDUAL RECALL**

- 14.1** The Race Committee may attempt to notify the boat or boats being recalled by hailing or broadcasting the sail number and/or name. Failure of the Race Committee to verbally notify a boat or of a boat to see or hear recall notification or the timing and order of such hails will not be grounds for granting redress.

### **15. TIME LIMIT**

- 15.1** The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 60 minutes.
- 15.2** Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) and will receive one point more than the last boat to finish within the time limit. This changes rules 35 and A4.1

### **16. BOAT WITHDRAWAL**

- 16.1** Any boat withdrawing from a race shall notify the Race Committee and shall continue to attempt to notify the Race Committee until receiving acknowledgment. The Race Committee will monitor VHF radio channel 71.

### **17. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1** Competitors are encouraged to satisfy rules infractions on the water by making the appropriate penalty turn. If not satisfied on the water, a Protest Committee will be convened following the receipt of a properly prepared protest. Boats involved will be notified of time and date.
- 17.2** Protest flags are required. Protests and Requests for Redress must comply with the RRS Rules 61 and 62 with the following modifications
- 17.3** At the finish of the race or after withdrawal, a boat lodging a protest must inform the Race Committee of the sail number of the boat being protested and/or the skipper of said boat.
- 17.4** The skipper of the protesting boat shall contact Martin Holland at 941-286-0722 directly or no later than **4:00 PM** on the day of the race, a written protest conforming to Rule 61.
- 17.5** A boat requesting redress under rule 62 shall contact Martin Holland at 941-286-0722, directly or no later than 24 hours from the time the preliminary results are posted, a written request conforming to Rule 62.
- 17.6** Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after the Protest Time Limit. This will include the competitors involved, where and when there will be a hearing to which they are a party. An attempt will be made to contact skippers involved in a protest by cell phone. However, failure to be contacted is not grounds for redress.
- 17.7** It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the Protest Notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if they are cited in a protest.

### **18. SCORING**

- 18.1** The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 18.2** No throw outs for this regatta.

### **19. AWARDS**

- 19.1** Awards shall be presented to the top 3 finishers (Skipper and 1) crew in Harbor 20 division based upon lowest point total for the regatta
- 19.2** Awards will be presented at awards breakfast at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club 11:00 A.M.

# ATTACHMENT 1

## STARTING AREA

