



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 1 RULES

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing except that the US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 63.2 and 63.4 do not apply.

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the official notice board on the lower level on the western wall.

## 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted prior to 0900 on December 15.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located west of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Scheduled Warning for first race:

Distance race	1030
Drop Mark race(s)	1100

## 6 CLASS FLAGS AND VHF CHANNEL

Division	Class Flag	VHF Channel
Racer/Cruiser	Red flag with "S"	69
All Spinnaker	Red flag with "S"	69
Non-Spinnaker and Cruising	Blue flag with 'N'	69

## 7 COURSES

- 7.1 Courses for Racer/Cruisers, Cruising, and Non-Spinnaker are described in Appendix A.
- 7.2 All Spinnaker classes will sail courses diagramed in Appendix B.
- 7.3 Prior to the warning signal course identifiers will be displayed. For the drop mark course the approximate magnetic bearing and distance to the first mark will also be displayed.

## 8 MARKS

- 8.1 Distance course will use fixed marks as described in Appendix A.
- 8.2 Marks for all other classes will be the following:
  - 8.2.1 Marks 1, 2s and 2p will be yellow tetrahedrons.
  - 8.2.2 The start mark will be a green tetrahedron.
  - 8.2.3 Mark 1a and the finish mark will be a small orange ball.
  - 8.2.4 New marks, as used in SI 9.2 and 10 will be orange tetrahedrons.

## 9 STARTS

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a nearby mark.
- 9.2 ***The race committee may signal a change of the first leg of the course by displaying flag C, with repetitive sound signals at the warning signal. Mark 1 will then be a new mark.***
- 9.3 The race committee will hail OCS boats on VHF. The failure of the race committee to hail, the timeliness of hails, or sequence of the hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

- 10 **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE** For all classes except the Distance course, to change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing 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.

## 11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line for the drop mark course will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a nearby mark.
- 11.2 For Racer/Cruisers, Cruising, and Non-Spinnaker the finish line will be at the entrance to the Seaplane Basin, formed by the two day marks.

## **12 TIME LIMIT**

- 12.1 For Racer/Cruisers, Cruising, and Non-Spinnaker using fixed marks:
  - 12.1.1 If no boat reaches DIYC "C" for the first time within 120 minutes of the start time, the race will be abandoned.
  - 12.1.2 Any boat not finishing within 5 hours of the start time will be scored DNF without a hearing, changing RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 12.2 For all divisions using drop marks:  
Boats failing to finish within 120 minutes of the start time will be scored DNF without a hearing, changing RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 For PHRF Non Spinnaker, Cruising and Racer/Cruiser Classes the Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply.
- 13.2 For PHRF Spinnaker Class a boat may take a penalty at the time of the incident in accordance with rule 44.1.
- 13.3 Appendix V2 **Penalty Taken After a Race** will apply for all classes.

## **14 SCORING**

- 14.1 One race is planned for Racer/Cruisers, Cruising and Non-Spinners.
- 14.2 Three races are planned for all other classes.
- 14.3 For all classes one race constitutes a regatta.
- 14.4 For all classes no races will be excluded from a boat's score.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available from the fleet captain's office.
- 15.2 The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.

## **16 SAFETY**

- 16.1 All boats shall check-in with the race committee before the warning signal of the first race either by hailing on VHF and receiving confirmation from the race committee or by sailing past the signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their class and sail number, and receiving confirmation from the race committee.
- 16.2 Racer/Cruisers, Cruising, and Non-Spinnaker boats sailing the distance race shall listen for updates from the race committee on VHF at the top of every hour and by cell phone at any time.
- 16.3 A boat that retires from the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.4 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, changing RRS 63.1. Racers should be aware that numerous restrictions on maneuvering and navigation are in place on waters constituting and adjacent to the racing area. In particular: stay out of the Restricted Area which is generally at least 1000 feet from shore surrounding MacDill AFB, outlined by numerous white and orange buoys surrounding the air force base.

## **17 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

The race committee may be using VHF for working communications. Except as stated in 16.2, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except for emergencies. This restriction also applies to cellular telephones and other electronic devices.

## **18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entire at their own risk. See rule 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.

## Appendix A – Possible Courses for Racer/Cruiser, Cruising, and Non-Spinnaker Boats

### Course #1 – rated distance 11.53 nm

Mark	Chart Description	Approx lat / long	Round to
<b>Start</b> – DIYC “A”	C “A” Priv	27 54.2 / 082 27.3	--
DIYC “F”	C “F” Priv	27 52.6 / 082 27.6	Port
DIYC “C”	C “C” Priv	27 52.8 / 082 26.7	Starboard
Cut C G”15”	G”15” Q G	27 49.2 / 082 26.9	Starboard
DIYC “C”	C “C” Priv	27 52.8 / 082 26.7	Port
<b>Finish</b> – Seaplane Basin		27 54.5 / 082 27.2	--

### Course #2 – rated distance 15.58 nm

Mark	Chart Description	Approx lat / long	Round to
<b>Start</b> – DIYC “A”	C “A” Priv	27 54.2 / 082 27.3	--
DIYC “F”	C “F” Priv	27 52.6 / 082 27.6	Port
DIYC “C”	C “C” Priv	27 52.8 / 082 26.7	Starboard
Priv 25ft	Q R 25ft	27 48.7 / 082 27.5	Starboard
Gadsen Pt Cut G”5”	G”5” Fl G 4s	27 47.8 / 082 29.2	Starboard
Priv 25ft	Q R 25ft	27 48.7 / 082 27.5	Port
Cut C G”17”	G”17” Fl G 4s	27 49.8 / 082 26.8	Port
DIYC “C”	C “C” Priv	27 52.8 / 082 26.7	Port
<b>Finish</b> – Seaplane Basin		27 54.5 / 082 27.2	--

### Course #3 – rated distance 19.56 nm

Mark	Chart Description	Approx lat / long	Round to
<b>Start</b> – DIYC “A”	C “A” Priv	27 54.2 / 082 27.3	--
DIYC “G”	C “G” Priv	27 53.0 / 082 28.3	Port
DIYC “F”	C “F” Priv	27 52.6 / 082 27.6	Port
DIYC “C”	C “C” Priv	27 52.8 / 082 26.7	Starboard
Priv 25ft	Q R 25ft	27 48.7 / 082 27.5	Starboard
Gadsen Pt Cut G”1”	G”1” Q G	27 47.2 / 082 30.9	Starboard
Priv 25ft	Q R 25ft	27 48.7 / 082 27.5	Port
Cut C G”17”	G”17” fl G 4s	27 49.8 / 082 26.8	Port
DIYC “C”	C “C” Priv	27 52.8 / 082 26.7	Port
<b>Finish</b> – Seaplane Basin		27 54.5 / 082 27.2	--

*Warning* – north of the buoy, G “3” Fl G 2.5s Gadsden Pt Cut, there is a day marker, G”3WR”; Note: there is shallow water as well as underwater debris all around this structure.

Appendix B – Courses for all others

Course 4		Course 5
<p>Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, 1(port), 1a (port), finish</p>		<p>Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, 1(port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, finish</p>

**NOTE – If only one leeward mark is present it shall be rounded to port.**