

Bluster on the Bay III

January 18 -21, 2019

Sailing Instructions

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Rules changes in these Sailing Instructions (SI's)
 - 1.2.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board at Magnuson Hotel Marina Cove ("MHMC"), following the Saturday January 19th, 900 Skippers Meeting. Thereafter any change shall be posted no later than 0930 on the day it will take effect.
 - 1.2.2 (SI 4.1) When the flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
 - 1.2.3 (SI 11.5) A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after its starting signal will be scored DNS by the Race Committee without further hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4.1, and A5.
 - 1.2.4 These Sailing Instructions shall supersede any inconsistencies with the Notice of Race, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS—Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at MHMC which will be located under the Nepa Hut Beach Bar.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY—The Bluster on the Bay Regatta is open to all beach cat class catamarans with crews of 2 or less.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flagpole at MHMC. When the flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5.0 SCHEDULE

5.1 Racing Schedule

Saturday	01/19/19	1030	First warning	Additional race(s) to follow
Sunday	01/20/19	1100	First warning	Additional race(s) to follow
Monday	01/21/19	1100	First warning	Additional race(s) to follow
	01/21/19		No Start after 1400	

5.2 Event Schedule

Friday	01/18/19	1500	1800	Registration
Saturday	01/19/19	0800	1000	Registration
		0900		Skippers Meeting
Sunday	01/20/19	0900	1000	Registration
		1000		Skippers Meeting
		1900	2200	Beach Banquet
Monday	01/21/19	1000		Skippers Meeting
		1530		Trophy Presentation

5.3 Number of Races

- 5.3.1 There is three days of racing planned with the objective of having multiple races back-to-back.
- 5.3.2 There is no maximum number of races scheduled.
- 5.3.3 One race constitutes a regatta.

5.4 Decision to Race

- 5.4.1 The Principal Race Officer is the sole person responsible for determining when races will be started or abandoned. Decisions of the PRO in this regard are not subject to redress. This changes some Class Rules regarding wind strength limits.
- 5.4.2 It is the responsibility of each participant to determine if they race or not, regardless if the Principal Race Officer decides to start races. See Section 19

6.0 CLASS FLAGS — Class flags used as the warning signal in Rule 26 will be the regatta issued class flags for each class or color designated flags as defined by the RC. Class Flags will be presented in the Skippers meeting prior to the first day of racing.

7.0 RACING AREAS AND STARTING ORDER

- 7.1 Locations of racing circle is shown as attachment 1 to these sailing instructions. One race circle is planned. The location of the sailing circle will be closer to the hotel than in years past, as there are no “Keel” boats sailing, thus we will place the circle before the “cut” we sailed through in previous years.
- 7.2 A Class Size of 5 or more boats will be scored separately as a class. Classes may be grouped with another class of similar size and boat performance, and race together on course. This will be discussed during the Skippers Meetings, and each class flags will be displayed when the warning signal sounds.

8.0 COURSE — Final sailing courses will be published in an amendment to these SI's.

9.0 MARKS – Final Mark descriptions will be provided along with the any course changes as an

amendment to these Sailing Instructions either prior to or announced at the skippers meeting on the first day of this regatta.

10.0 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

- 10.1 Starting and Finishing lines will be included in the Course Maps and Mark descriptions illustrated in an Amendment to these sailing instructions. Any changes shall be handed out in subsequent amendments to these sailing instructions.

11.0 THE START AND MARK CHANGES

- 11.1 Each participant shall approach the RC Signal Boat on starboard tack and allow the RC time to record their class and sail number, and receive acknowledgment from the Race Committee, for check-in before the first race of each day.
- 11.2 Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. A series of sound signals may be made as a courtesy approximately 1 minute before warning signal for the first race in a sequence. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class. No later than the preparatory signal, the race committee shall signal or otherwise designate the course to be sailed. This changes rule 27.1
- 11.4 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after its starting signal will be scored DNS by the Race Committee without further hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4.1, and A5.
- 11.5 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled with the Code "C" flag and a sound signal before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Neither a compass heading, red or green flag, or a "+" or "-" display will be made, and the lack of these signals in addition to the Code "C" flag will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 33. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.6 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

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13.0 TIME LIMIT & PENALTIES

- 13.1 The time limit to reach Mark A is 30 minutes. If no boat passes Mark A within 30 minutes that race shall be abandoned
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) and will be given a score 2 points higher than the score for the last boat to finish. This changes Rule 35, A4.1, and A5.
- 13.3 The target time of all races is 45 minutes.
- 13.4 Rule 44.2 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by one turn consisting of one tack and one gybe

14.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 At the finish of the race or after withdrawal from the race, a boat lodging a protest shall inform the Race Committee of the sail number of the boat it intends to protest.
- 14.2 Protest and redress forms are available at the Official Regatta Desk at MHMC. Completed forms must be submitted to the Official Regatta Desk Officer as soon as possible, and not later than the protest time limit for each day of racing.
- 14.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Signal Boat docks. Docking time shall be determined by the Race Officer and posted on the Official Notice Board at MHMC.
- 14.4 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board at MHMC as soon as possible after the protest time limit to inform the competitors the time of the hearing to which they are a party.
- 14.5 All protest hearings will be held at the designated time specified in the official protest notices at the MHMC.

15.0 SAFETY AND BOAT WITHDRAWAL

- 15.1 Any boat withdrawing from a race shall notify the Race Committee Signal Boat or Safety Boat.
- 15.2 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS A5. The Race Committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.
- 15.3 Coach Boats may be recruited as Rescue Boats if necessary.

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17.0 SCORING

- 17.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply except as modified below. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 17.2 RRS A2 is changed such that if for four (4) or fewer races completed no scores will be excluded. If five (5) or more races are completed one score will be excluded.
- 17.3 Any registrants that volunteer on a committee or chase boat and misses a race start as a result, shall be scored an average score based on the races sailed for those missed starts.

18.0 AWARDS

- 18.1 Awards will be presented to the first, second, and third place finishers in each class for the Regatta that constituted a Class of 5 boats or more by the early registration deadline.

19.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

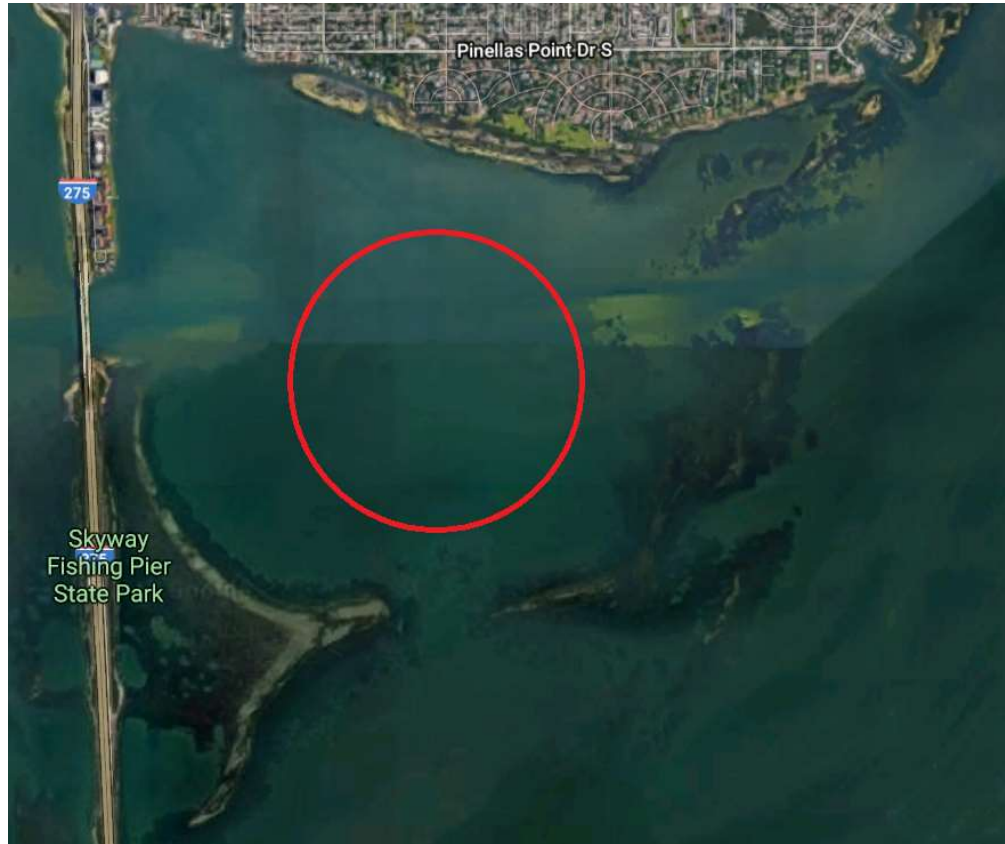
- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, See RRS 4, Decision to Race. It is the personal responsibility of each competitor to determine their level of safety. If wind, wave or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions safely, it is your decision and your decision alone to continue sailing or to retire. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for property damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20.0 INSURANCE

- 20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 (USD) or the equivalent.

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Sailing Instructions - Attachment One



Circle locations are approximate and this chart is intended for reference use only, not navigation.