



2019 RS Aero Gulf Coast Championships

17 May – 19 May 2019

Sea Star Base Galveston, Galveston, TX, USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS Race Signals is changed to modify A/P when used ashore and add a meaning to “A”.
- 1.3 RRS 31 is changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched without penalty.
- 1.4 The notation [DP] in a rule of the NoR or SI means that the penalty for breaching the rule is at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 1.5 RRS 33 is changed to not signal changes to a leg of the course.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.7 RRS 63.1, A4, A5 are changed to allow the use of a starting window.
- 1.8 RRS 35, 63.4, A4,A5,A11 are changed to define Time Limit Expired (TLE).
- 1.9 RRS 63.1 is changed to require boats to notify Race Committee of their intent to protest.
- 1.10 RRS 60.1(a) is changed so that boats may not protest for alleged violations of SI12.
- 1.11 RRS 62.2 is changed to required requests for redress to be filed earlier on the last day of racing.

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 There will be a briefing for competitors as follows: Sat 18 May and 19 May at 10:00.
- 2.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located on the Training Deck.
- 2.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag masts by the main building.
- 2.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 45 minutes’ in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.

2.5 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect and any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 09:00 on the day it will take effect.

2.6 The class flags will be the class insignia on the following background colours:

RS Aero 5: Numeral '5' on light blue

RS Aero 7: Numeral '7' on yellow

RS Aero 9: Numeral '9' on pink

RS Aero (all): White

3 SCHEDULE

3.1 The race schedule is as follows:

Friday 17 May 1200 Rigging and practice
1600-2000 Check-in and registration

Saturday 18 May 1000 Competitors' Meeting
1100 First Warning,

Sunday 19 May 1000 Competitors' Meeting - Chapel
1100 First Warning

Awards – Post Race – Commodore Room

3.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. Four (4) races are planned for each day of racing. Eight (8) races total are planned

4 RACING AREA

4.1 The racing area is on Offat's Bayou just south of the Sea Base. See Attachment A.

4.2 **Caution Areas:** There are shoals and reefs just outside the racing area. At the east end of the bayou there is shoaling and reefs north and east of the day mark G"1". Also, at the west end of the bayou, there is a reef beginning a few feet west of R"28".

5 THE COURSES

5.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, the course designations, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

5.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course designation.

5.3 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. No signals will be made to indicate a change. This changes RRS 33.

6 MARKS

6.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be red balls or floating shapes.

6.2 If a change mark is used it will be similar to the original mark or floating shape.

7 THE START

7.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks. If the port end mark is a floating shape the course side will be used for the line.

7.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.

7.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4, and A5.

7.4 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

8 THE FINISH

8.1 The finishing line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the finishing marks. If one end is a floating shape the course side will be used for the line.

8.2 Code flag "A" displayed at the finish shall mean "no more racing today". This changes RRS race signals.

9 TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

9.1 The time limit and target time in minutes is as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Finish window</i>	<i>Target time</i>
60	15	40

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9.2 Boats failing to finish within the finishing window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. A TLE score shall be two more points than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, A5 and A11. The RC will lower the blue "on station for finish" flag with a long sound when the finishing window is closed. This changes Race Signals.

10 PROTESTS, PENALTIES & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

10.1 Protest forms are available at the Community Sailing office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

10.2 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, is in effect.

10.3 RRS Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of an Incident. Is in effect.

10.4 Boats shall inform Race Committee of their intention to protest immediately after its finish. This changes RRS 63.1.

10.5 If the Race Committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP,UFD, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2.

10.6 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

10.7 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

10.8 For the purpose of meeting obligations under US Sailing prescriptions concerning redress, notification of a redress hearing shall be by posting on the official notice board for thirty minutes. The requirement for written requests for attendance of the hearing will be satisfied by a sign-up sheet at the official protest table. No more than one person per boat may attend.

10.9 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

10.10 Penalties for breaches of class rules, RRS 55 or rules in the NoR and SIs marked [DP], are at the discretion of the protest committee.

10.11 Breaches of SI 12, Safety Regulations, will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

10.12 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

11 SCORING

11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

- (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

11.2 Points will accrue to the registered helm and not the entered boat.

11.3 The combined fleet will be scored using PY handicaps; details will be posted on the official notice board.

11.4 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1 [DP] Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

12.2 [DP] Before the warning signal of her first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the race committee boat and hail her bow number and receive an acknowledgement from the race committee.

12.3 [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or does not intend to start a race, shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

13 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

13.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

13.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

[DP] Support persons 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 finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

[DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

16 RISK STATEMENT

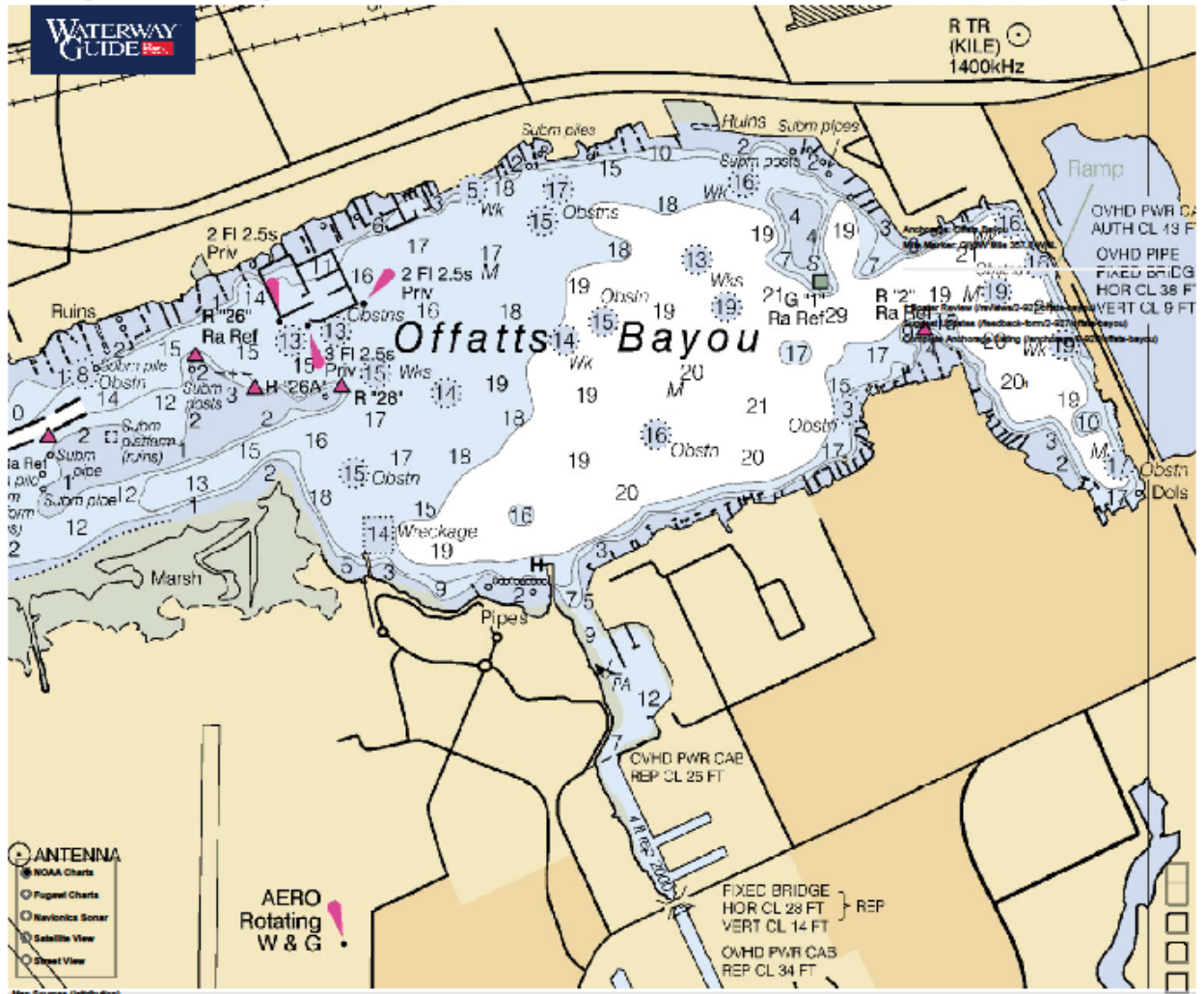
16.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

16.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

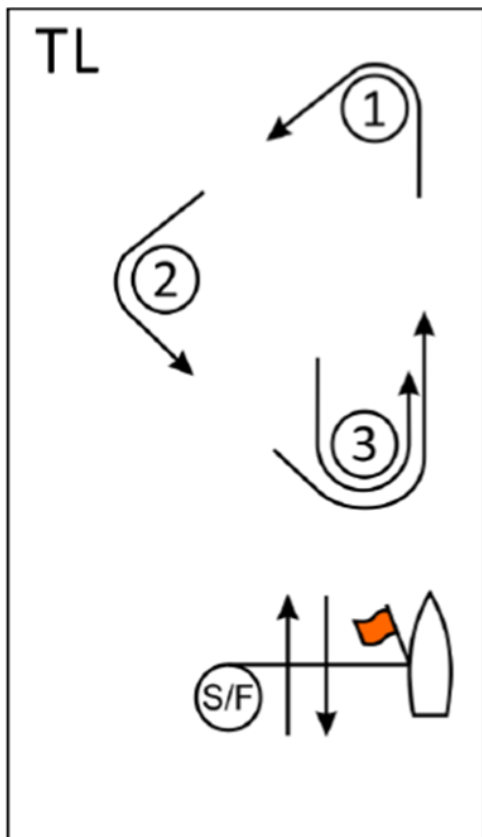
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least \$1 million against third-party claims, or the equivalent in other currencies.

Attachment A
RACING AREAS



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Attachment B
Course Diagrams



Course TL – Triangle, Leeward Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
TL2	Start-1-2-3-1-Finish
TL3	Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-Finish
TL4	Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-3-1-Finish
TL5	Start-1-2-3-1-2-3-1-Finish