

The Viridian Sailing Center proudly presents:

2019 Aero Firecracker Regatta

June 29, 2019 to June 30, 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES**

- a. This Regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing

2. **ADVERTISING** - Restricted to Category A

3. **ENTRIES**

- a. Yachts will be entered by completing a registration form and paying the required fees online.

4. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- a. Notices to competitors will be posted on the message board at the Viridian Sailing Center. Copies have also been made available on Facebook and via e-mail.

5. **CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 10 minutes after the Competitor's Meeting.
- b. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1730 on the day before it will take effect.
- c. This will be signaled by flying code flag "L" from the flagpole located on the dock of the sailing center.

6. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- a. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the dock of the sailing center.
- b. If a postponement is signaled, warning signal will not be less than 30 minutes after the AP is lowered.

7. **SCHEDULE**

a. **June 29, Saturday**

0800-0900 Registration

0800-0900 Breakfast (*Included in entry fee*)

0915 Skippers Meeting

1030 Warning Signal for first race: other races follow at discretion of race committee

Lunch Time at PRO discretion at the dock

Afternoon races Warning signal time to be announced by race committee

No race to start after 1700 hours

1800 Dinner served at 1800 or as soon as practicable after last race.

Dinner is included in the entry fee and will be served on the dock after the races

June 30, Sunday

0930

Warning Signal for first race: other races follow at discretion of race committee

No races to start after 1200

Awards as soon as possible after racing

8. STARTING SEQUENCE

- a. Starting sequence is at the discretion of the PRO and will be communicated in the skipper's meeting and posted on the message board.

9. COURSES – See Example Course Diagrams in appendix A

10. START AND FINISH LINES – See Example Course Diagrams in Appendix A.

- a. The Starting Line will be between an Orange sphere and an orange flag on a RC boat.
- b. The Finish Line will be between an Orange sphere and an orange flag on a RC boat.
- c. The start line will be located below the leeward mark.
- d. The finish line for even numbered courses will be below the leeward mark. The finish line for odd numbered courses will be above the windward mark.

11. CHECKING IN

- a. Before the Warning Signal of the first race of each day each boat will sail on **starboard tack**, past the stern of the RC boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC.

12. MARKS

- a. All course marks will be orange, green, or yellow unless otherwise specified by the PRO and posted on the message board.

13. RECALLS

- a. When individual recalls are signaled, the RC will make every effort to hail the boat's sail number.
- b. The failure to call, or boat to hear their sail number called will not be considered as grounds for redress.

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- a. If Required -The RC will lay a new mark and will remove the original mark as soon as possible.
- b. Any mark to be rounded after the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.
- c. The new mark will be an ORANGE cylinder.
- d. If another change is required the new mark will be replaced by the original mark.
- e. Compass headings may be hailed to the competitors with a change of course.

15. SHORTENING OR ABANDONING A RACE

- a. A race may be shortened or abandoned at the discretion of the RC

16. TIME LIMIT

- a. The time limit for the first boat in each class to reach the first mark is 30 minutes.
- b. The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish is 1-1/2 hours.
- c. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course will be scored finishers + 2; this changes RRS A4.2.

17. RETIREMENT

- a. A boat that retires from any race is asked to notify a RC boat before leaving the race area. If this is not possible, the competitor will notify a Viridian staff member when reaching the dock.

18. PROTESTS

- a. Protests will be delivered to the Principal Race Officer within 30 minutes after the RC boat docks.
- b. Forms are available on the notice board.
- c. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board A.S.A.P. after the time limit period has expired.
- d. Approximate hearing times will be posted on the notice board.

19. SCORING

- a. RRS Appendix A, low-point scoring will be used, except that a boat's final score shall be the sum of all races with one throw-out per 6 races. This changes Rule A2. One race shall constitute a regatta.

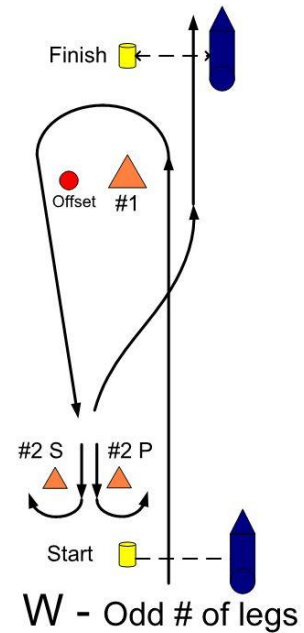
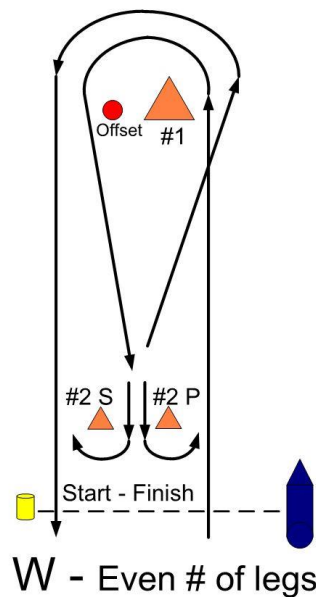
20. TROPHIES

- a. Eligibility for trophies will be determined based on registrants. This will be at the discretion of the organizing committee. Possibilities include:
- b. One design racing for Aero 5, 7 and 9's
- c. Portsmouth racing for all sizes of rig with a first place trophy awarded for first in each respective size rig.

21. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS / SAFETY

- a. All boats must carry one **USCG approved PFD**
- b. All competitors at or under 16 years of age are required to wear an USCG approved PFD at all times while sailing.
- c. A random inspection of boats may be made to assure compliance with the RRS and these sailing instructions.

Appendix A: Course Diagrams



The course will be designated with a W and the number of legs to be sailed. For example:

W1: Start, Finish

W2: Start, #1/offset, Finish

W3: Start, #1/offset, #2S/#2P, Finish

W4: Start, #1/offset, #2S/#2P, #1/offset, Finish

Etc.

Note: While the diagram for an even number of legs shows passing marks #2S and #2P to port while finishing, #2S and #2P are not marks of the course on the last leg and can be passed to either side. Similarly, for the finish with an odd number of legs #1 and the offset are not marks of the course and can be passed to either side.