



The 2019/45th Annual Barefoot Open Regatta

Sunrise Cove Marina
6725 Flat Creek Road
Gainesville, GA 30504

Performance Cruising Racing Fleets (PCRF) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES:

1.1 The regatta will be governed by "the rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-20.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors for the Barefoot Open Regatta will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the clubhouse at Sunrise Cove Marina. It is the responsibility of each registered skipper to monitor the notices posted on the Official Notice Board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board immediately following the "Skippers Meeting" on 04 October, OR before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any anticipated change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect. Changes may be made orally on the water by notifying the competitors on the designated VHF channel and posting a course board on the stern of the Race Committee boat at the start area at least 10 minutes prior to the base start time.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES:

<u>Race</u>	<u>Day & Date</u>	<u>Base Start Time Race #1</u>
#1	Saturday, 05 Oct	1000 – subsequent races to follow.
Racing Continues	Sunday, 06 Oct	1000

4.2 If the Race Committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the 2ND Substitute pennant with no audible. Boats that finish should remain close to the Race Committee platform but off the race course.

4.3 On Saturday, 05 October, no starts will be made after 1500. On Sunday, 06 October, no start will be made after 1400.

5 CLASSES/FLEETS:

Fleet designations will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Sunrise Cove Marina.

6 RACING AREAS:

6.1 Attachment A (map) shows the location of racing areas.

7 THE COURSES:

Copies of the PCRF pre-designated race courses (along with base offset start times) will be provided by the Race Committee and a copy will be posted at the Official Notice Board at Sunrise Cove Marina

club house. Race courses and base start times (for each race) will be provided on the water by the PCRf Race Committee.

8 MARKS:

8.1 Marks will be Corps of Engineer Markers, Lanier Auxiliary Racing Council (LARC) permanent marks or temporary marks. If temporary marks are used, they will be orange, yellow or red tetrahedrons, cylinders, or balls.

9 START & FINISH LINES:

9.1 The starting lines for the PCRf fleets will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby starting mark/buoy.

9.2 The finishing line for the PCRf fleets will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of a designated finish mark/buoy.

9.3 Race Committee may determine to shorten course. If so, the following is added to RRS 32.2 (a): Race Committee will move to a rounding mark/buoy defined for the race. The shortened course finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a course mark/buoy. Race Committee will display the 'S' (and orange) flag to indicate a shortened course.

10 THE START:

10.2 The PCRf fleets will be started using a staggered start (pursuit race) format.

10.3 Boats with more than five (5) minutes till their start time shall avoid the starting area (at least 200 feet behind and to the sides of the start line) and stay clear. The Race Committee may protest any boat in the starting area that is not in its five minute starting sequence and adversely affects the start of any boat in the their startling sequence. Starting sequence defined as the five minutes before a boat's designated start time.

11 TIME LIMITS:

11.1 If no boat in a fleet finishes within four (4) hours of her start, the race for that fleet may be abandoned. As stated in section 9.3, the Race Committee may determine to shorten course in an attempt to avoid abandoning the race.

11.2 Any boat that fails to finish 30 minutes after the second boat in her fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This is in addition to RRS 35.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

12.1 In addition to the requirements to RRS 61.1, a protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest at the conclusion of the race in which the incident occurred.

12.2 Protests shall be in writing. Forms are available at the sunrise Cove Marina Pavilion. Protests, request for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Protest Committee representative within the appropriate time limit. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

12.3 The Race Committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the Race Committee prior to the end of the protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This is in addition to the requirements of 62.2.

12.4 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

12.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day, (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This is in addition to RRS 66.

12.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This is in addition to RRS 62.2.

13 SCORING:

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will be utilized. The PCRf will attempt have

two races on Saturday and one race on Sunday. The Race Committee may opt to add or reduce the total number of races subject to weather conditions. One (1) race shall constitute the regatta. The U.S. Sailing PHRF Time on Distance reverse handicapping formula will be used for determining start time for each boat based on course distance and the boat's PHRF rating established by LLPHRF. PCRf participants are non-spinnaker boats only. Race format will be a staggered start (pursuit race). Skippers cannot adjust their boats to be more competitive when racing in the PCRf. That is, the boat must be no less equipped than when delivered as a stock boat from the factory. There is no specific length rule. However, a boat in this class would ordinarily be considered a self-righting cruiser as opposed to a racing boat. Sails are to be manufactured of Dacron fabric.

14 PRIZES:

Trophies will be awarded according to the Notice of Race.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS:

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible in a safe and seamanship-like manner. (See "Radio Communication" below).

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION:

Courtesy broadcasts may be made on channel 72. The failure of boats to have a working VHF radio, the misinterpretation of the courtesy broadcast, or failure of the Race Committee to provide the broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18 TRASH:

Any boat seen throwing trash in the lake by the Race Committee shall be penalized 20%. Such penalty shall not be grounds for redress. A boat may exonerate herself by retrieving the trash. This is in addition to RRS 55 and A5.

Appendix A – Racing Area Map

