

“WFORC Regatta”
45rd Annual West Florida Ocean Racing Circuit
October 11–13, 2019



Sanctioned by the GYA Offshore Council
Hosted by Pensacola Yacht Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) Regulations for Sanctioned Events (available at www.gya.org).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC) Watson Sailing Center.

2.2 Any questions regarding the NOR, or SI shall be submitted in writing to the race committee by placing such questions in the protest box located at the PYC office upstairs no later than 1000 on race day. Responses, if any will be posted on the official notice board no later than 1030 on race day.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the SI will be posted not later than 1030 on race day.

3.2 Oral changes may be given on the water by displaying code flag L with one sound signal and hailing on the designated VHF channel.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the PYC flag pole.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Thursday, October 10th

1500 - 1800 – Check-In & Late Registration (PYC)

1800 – Competitors Meeting (PYC)

Friday, October 11th

0800 – 0900 - Check-In & Late Registration (PYC)

0800 – 0930 - Crew Breakfast (PYC Clubhouse)

1055 – First Warning Signal.

1700 – Hors d’oeuvres, keg beer, drink specials, and Bushwackers (PYC)

1730 – Day 1 Winner Awards Ceremony (PYC)

Saturday, October 12th

0800 – 0930 - Crew Breakfast (PYC Clubhouse)

1055 – First Warning Signal. A distance race is planned if weather is suitable.

1600 – Band, hors d'oeuvres, keg beer, drink, and Bushwackers (PYC)

1730 – Day 2 Winner Awards Ceremony (PYC)

Sunday, October 13th

0800 – 0930 - Crew Breakfast (PYC Clubhouse)

1055 – First Warning Signal.

1600 - Awards Ceremony (PYC).

6. CLASS FLAGS

PHRF Class flags will be:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Flag</u>
PHRF Spin A	Pink
PHRF Spin B	Lt Blue
PHRF Non-Spin	Purple

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the Pensacola Bay to the east and south of the entrance to Bayou Chico. See NOAA Nautical Chart 11383 for area details.

8. THE COURSE

8.1 The course for each fleet (PHRF Spin and Non-Spin) will be windward/leeward or triangle using dropped marks. See RRS Appendix S, Course Diagrams for designation of courses with the following exception, the elimination of Mark 2 Gates on all Windward/Leeward courses. Single Mark 2 will be used.

8.2 The course and the number of laps or partial laps (i.e., 1, 1 ½, 2, 2 ½) to sail and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg will be displayed from the stern of the race committee signal vessel.

8.3 The marks are to be rounded to port unless indicated otherwise.

No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be orange tetrahedrons.

9.2 New marks, as provided in SI 12, will be a yellow tetrahedron.

9.3 Start and finish marks will be race committee (RC) vessels. If two RC vessels are not used, one mark will be a dropped mark.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Areas that are designated as obstructions are listed in PBGSI 7.0 SHOAL MARKS.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC start pin vessel or the course side of an inflated mark.

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.5 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11.6 The race committee will attempt to notify "On Course Side" (OCS) boats by hail over the designated VHF channel. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification and the timing and order of such hails, and/or broadcasts, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE 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.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Finish pin vessel or the course side of a nearby mark.

13.2 If code flag A is displayed at the finish, it means "there is no more racing today."

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 The target time for each dropped mark race is 45-80 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for granting redress. This is a limit to RRS 62.1(a).

14.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 60 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

14.3 If no boat has finished within 2 hours, the race will be abandoned.

14.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing (see SCORING). This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.2, and A5i.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available on the second floor of the PYC clubhouse.

15.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed in the protest box located near the clubhouse upstairs office within the appropriate time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is one hour after the race committee signal boat docks after the last race of the day. Time of docking will be indicated by one sound signal and will be posted on the official notice board.

15.4 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. Hearings will be held in the conference room located upstairs at the PYC clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

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

15.6 Breaches of SIs 11.3, 16, and 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

15.7 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.

15.8 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 based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes rule 62.2.

16. SCORING

16.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.

16.2 No race will be discarded if four (4) or fewer races are completed. One race will be discarded if five (5) or more races are completed.

16.3 One (1) race must be completed to constitute a Regatta.

16.4 PHRF handicap calculations will be based on time on distance.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Check-Out and Check-In: Prior to the first warning signal, all PHRF boats shall check-in with the RC by passing astern of the RC signal boat on starboard tack and displaying and hailing her sail number. The RC will then acknowledge that the boat has properly checked in.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible via VHF radio or hail.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 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.

18.2 The RC will not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirements, protests, reported penalties, or requests for emergency assistance.

18.3 The RC will use VHF Channel 72.

18.4 Any RC broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the RC to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

19. AWARDS

19.1 The overall winner on corrected time (Spinnaker Class A if so divided) will be awarded the Commodore Ronald F. Richards Memorial Trophy.

19.2 The Dr. Lindsay Riddle Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the most competitive PHRF class, if classes are divided, as described in the Sailing Instructions, excluding any one-design classes.

19.3 The Commodore John Chappell trophy will be awarded to the winner of Class B, if classes are divided.

19.4 Class awards for first place will be presented to the Day 1 and Day 2 winners on Friday and Saturday respectively.

19.5 Class awards for first, second, and third place overall in the regatta series and the appropriate special awards will be presented on Sunday.

19.6 Classes that did not compete the previous year will receive certificates and recognition, and trophies will be ordered for presentation later.

20. STORAGE

Pensacola Yacht Club allows the storage of visiting competitors' boats and trailers for up to one week prior to and after PYC regattas without any storage charge. If storage is required for a longer period, transient storage rates are available. Contact PYC Dockmaster, Greg Spitzer at (850) 433-8804, ext. 108 or via email at dockmaster@pyc.gccoxmail.com for wet slip and dry storage arrangements.

21. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

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