

WFORC Regatta

Revised

45th Annual West Florida Ocean Racing Circuit October 11–13, 2018



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*, the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) Regulations for Sanctioned Events (available at www.gya.org), and sections of the Pensacola Bay General Sailing Instructions (PBGSI).
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the WFORC Regatta notice of race (NOR), the PBGSI, and these sailing instructions (SI), these SI shall take precedence.
- 1.3 The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee (PC), be less than disqualification.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take place.
- 3.2 Any questions regarding the NOR, PBGSI, or SI shall be submitted in writing to the race committee (RC) by placing the questions in the protest box located at the upstairs PYC office no later than 0930 on race day. Responses will be posted on the ONB no later than 1000 on race day.
- 3.3 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 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Divisions</u>	<u>First Warning</u>
October 11, Friday	All	1055
October 12, Saturday	All	1055
October 13, Sunday	All	1055

- 5.2** Number of races: The RC will attempt to conduct as many races on each racing day as practicable except for the day that the distance race will be held when there will be only one race.

6 DIVISION FLAGS

- 6.1** Division flags will be:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Spinnaker A	Pink
Spinnaker B	Light Blue
Non-Spinnaker	Purple

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1** The racing area will be on Pensacola Bay south of the Bayou Chico Channel for the dropped mark courses and for the distance race, Pensacola Bay and Caucus Channel (Pensacola Pass). Should weather conditions be unfavorable for the Pensacola Pass distance race, the distance race will then be conducted in Pensacola Bay. See NOAA Nautical Chart 11383 for area details.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 Dropped Marks Courses

- 8.1.1** The diagrams in RRS Appendix S, COURSE DIAGRAMS show the courses to be sailed using dropped marks for all divisions.
- 8.1.2** No later than the warning signal the course number and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg will be displayed from the stern of the RC signal vessel.
- 8.1.3** The marks are to be rounded to port unless indicated otherwise except at a gate.

8.2 Distance Race Course

- 8.2.1** The course for each division will use government marks. Note that for the distance race, Mark 1 will be the first mark in the series of marks for the course.
- 8.2.2** No later than the warning signal, the RC signal vessel will display the course from the stern of the RC signal vessel using the procedure and designations in the PBGSI section 8.4 (available at <https://pensacolayachtclub.org/Racing.aspx>). Course designation letters can be found in Appendix A and Appendix B which also lists detailed information on government mark nomenclature and location.
- 8.2.3** The marks shall be rounded to port unless indicated otherwise.

9 MARKS

- 9.1** Government marks will be fixed and are described in the PBGSI, Appendix B.
- 9.2** Dropped Marks 1, 2, 3, 2s, and 2p will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.3** Dropped Mark 1a will be a red ball.
- 9.4** New marks, as provided in SI 12.1, will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- 9.5** The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee signal vessel on the starboard end and a red tetrahedron at the port end.
- 9.6** A RC vessel signaling a change of the course is a mark as provided in SI 12.2.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1** Areas that are designated as obstructions are listed in the PBGSI, Appendix B.

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 at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displaced with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]
- 11.5 A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.6 If any part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment is on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course for the dropped mark courses, the RC 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.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the RC vessel signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the RC vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.
- 12.3 For the distance race, course legs shall not be changed.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel on the port end and the course side of the starboard-end finishing mark.
- 13.2 When Flag A is displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today'.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 Race time limits are as follows:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Race time limit</u>	<u>Mark 1 time limit</u>
Dropped Marks	All divisions	2 hours	1 hour
Distance	All divisions	6 hours	2 hours

- 14.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race shall be abandoned. If no boat has finished within the race time limit the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in a division that sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, and A5.

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 PYC clubhouse upstairs office within the appropriate time limit.

- 15.3 The protest time limit is one hour after the RC 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 (ONB).
- 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 RC or PC will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6 Breaches of SI 11.4, 17, and 18 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 PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.8 If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD on the ONB 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 scoring system shall use corrected times calculated time on distance (TOD) based on PHRF ratings.
- 16.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4 Two races shall be completed to constitute a series.

17 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 17.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. [DP]

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 All boats shall comply with USCG Regulations for Safety Equipment. All boats shall also comply with World Sailing (WS) Offshore Special Regulation B for inshore racing (available at <http://www.sailing.org/specialregs>).
- 18.2 Participating boats are subject to inspection and may be disqualified if the USCG and WS regulations are not met. [DP]
- 18.3 Check-In and Check-Out: Prior to the first warning signal, all boats shall check-in with the RC by passing astern of the RC signal vessel on starboard tack and displaying and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. [DP]
- 18.4 At each racing day check-in, each of the boat's crew members must be wearing their PFD. This rule does not supersede any class rules or regulations that may require wearing a PFD while on the water. [DP]
- 18.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible via VHF radio or hail. [DP]

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1 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. [DP]
- 19.2 The RC will not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirements, protests, reported penalties, or requests for emergency assistance.

19.3 The RC will use VHF Channel 72.

19.4 Any RC broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, and so forth, 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).

20 PRIZES

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

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

20.3 The overall winner for Division A (corrected time) will be awarded The Commodore Ronald F. Richards Trophy.

20.4 The overall winner of Division B will be awarded The Commodore John R. Chappell Trophy.

20.5 The winner of the PHRF division with the closest and most competitive racing during the regatta will be awarded The Dr. Lindsay Riddle Trophy.

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22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk – see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority (OA) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23 INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24 PHOTOGRAPHER AND VIDEO RIGHTS

24.1 By participating in this event, competitors grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, or video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

25 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

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