

October 26th & 27th 2019

1 RULES

The races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing. The prescriptions of RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are not in effect. RRS 33 is changed; see SI 9 "Changing the Next Leg of the Course". RRS 35 is changed; see SI 11 "Time Limits". RRS 61 is changed; see SI 12.1

"Protests and Requests for Redress".

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the club website.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Ongoing changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the club website.
- 3.2 Changes to sailing instructions that would affect the racing for the regatta shall be posted no later than one hour prior to the scheduled start time of the first race on the official bulletin board in the LLSC pavilion.

4 **REGATTA SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 Event Timeline
 - Sat, Oct 26
 - o 0900 Registration
 - o 1030 Skippers meeting
 - o 1130 First warning
 - o 1700 Children's Hayrack Rid and Trick-or-Treat
 - o 1700 Cocktails and appetizers
 - o 1815 Costume Contest
 - o 1900 Dinner & Live DJ
 - Sun, Oct 27
 - o 1000 First warning
 - o 1400 No starts after this time
 - o 1530 Award ceremony (pending protest)
- 4.2 One (1) race for each class shall be completed to constitute a regatta for that class.
- 4.3 Multiple races are scheduled at the discretion of the race committee.
- 4.4 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday the 27th.
- 4.5 Start order will be posted on a board hung from the stern of the race committee boat.
- 4.6 When five (5) or more races have been completed the worst race score will be excluded.

5 CLASSES & CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 Classes for this regatta are:
 - PHRF (fleet splits announced at skippers meeting)
 - Portsmouth/Dinghy
 - Multihull (20ft and under)
 - Cruiser
 - Junior (under 18 years of age)
 - M14
 - MC Scow
 - Laser

- 5.2 The flag to be used for each class will be described on a board hung from the stern of the race committee boat.
- 5.3 Five (5) or more boats of the same type will constitute a fleet within the class. At the discretion of the race committee, a fleet may be started separately from other boats within the same class.

6. THE COURSES

- **6.1** Courses may be:
 - Modified windward-leeward where the leeward mark is to leeward of the start/finish area, designation "MWL",
 - Modified "Olympic" course, designation "OLY", or
 - Alternate course around a combination of fixed buoys and/or temporary marks (no specific designation assigned)
- **6.2** The diagrams in "**Appendix A**" indicate the layouts for courses MWL and OLY, including the approximate angle between the legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is left. All marks are to be left to port unless otherwise noted. A distant weather mark ("WD") may be set to facilitate handling faster fleets. When WD is used the race committee will post which fleets are to round WD.
- For course MWL the race committee will post the number of "laps" the fleet will sail on a board at the stern of the race committee boat. Course OLY has a fixed number of legs, refer to "**Appendix A**". A "LAP" IS NOT A "LEG".

7 MARKS

- **7.1** Marks will be LLSC permanent marks, orange, yellow or green tetrahedrons. Weather marks may differ in distance for different fleets participating on the same course. Distinction will be made on the course board displaying number of laps, for the color or letter of the weather mark for each fleet.
- 7.2 PHRF, Portsmouth and Multihull will share the same leeward mark, reach mark and start/finish lines.
- 7.3 Cruiser fleet will use the same start/finish line as the PHRF, Portsmouth, and Multihull; Cruiser fleet will use fixed buoys.
- 7.4 Junior fleet will have an RC boat, start/finish line, and course separate from the other fleets.

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an ORANGE flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark. The starting line will be on the port side of the RC boat.

9 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 9.1 If the direction of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds.
- 9.2 There will NOT be a new compass bearing, NOR will green or red shapes or flags be displayed. The new mark will simply be set accordingly. This changes RRS 33(a).
- 9.3 If the length of the leg will be changed, there will NOT be a signal indicating so. The new mark will simply be set accordingly. This changes RRS 33(b).

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a BLUE flag on a Race Committee Boat and a nearby mark. The finish line will be on the starboard side of the RC boat.
- 10.2 For all courses, the start/finish lines are a "closed gate". Boats not starting or finishing shall not sail through these lines.

11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 If no boat in a fleet rounds the first mark within 45 minutes, or finishes within two hours of her start, the race for that fleet may be abandoned. For the Cruiser fleet, the time limits for abandonment are, as measured from the start of the race, 2 hours for first boat to round the distance mark or to finish within 4 hours.
- 11.2 Any boat that fails to finish within 20 minutes after the second boat in her fleet sails the course and finishes or within the time limit, whichever is greater, may be scored TLE. For the Cruiser fleet, this time is set at 60 minutes. This changes rules 35.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 In addition to the requirements of rule 61, a protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest at the conclusion of the race in which the incident occurred. This changes rule 61.
- 12.2 Protest forms are available at the race committee boat when docked at LLSC. Protests shall be deliver there within the protest time limit.
- 12.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee boat has docked and made one long sound.
- 12.4 Notices will be posted to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

13 SCORING

13.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A (A4) will apply.

Scoring methods:

- Portsmouth Portsmouth
- Multihull
 - PHRF

PHRF (Time-on-Distance) PHRF (Time-on-Distance)

Portsmouth

CruiserJuniors

Portsmouth

14 TROPHIES

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14.1 Trophies will be awarded by class and / or fleet using the following scale:

- 5 boats 1st
- 6 7 boats 1st, 2nd
- >7 boats
 1st, 2nd, 3rd

15 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.

The Skipper/Owner shall be responsible for the actions of his or her crew and guests. The legal drinking age in Georgia is 21, and minors are not permitted to consume alcohol. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, under age drinking, or failure to comply with the request of any Race Officer, Committee Member or LLSC Board Member, the Skipper/Owner will be held responsible and the boat, competitor, crew or guest may be subject to expulsion from the regatta by the Event Director. The Skipper/Owner shall release and hold harmless LLSC; it's Officers, Director's and agents for the Skipper/Owner, his/her crew or guest(s) violation of any of the provisions of these Sailing Instructions.

