

2020 Lake Weir Invitational and 16th Annual Harpoon Nationals Regatta

April 18-19, 2020 - Weirsdale, Florida

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: Ocala Sailing Club. Host: Kiwanis Club of Lake Weir RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2. These Sailing Instructions may be changed orally on the water; the Signal Vessel will fly Code Flag L with multiple sound signals in the event of a change in the Sailing Instructions.

1.3 The Class Flag for the Harpoon 5.2 fleet will be lime green. The Class Flag for the Portsmouth fleet will be pink. The Class Flag for the Multihull fleet will be light blue.

1.4 [NP] before a paragraph of these Sailing Instructions denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board at the Kiwanis Club of Lake
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- CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day it will
 take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000
 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at the Kiwanis Club of Lake Weir.
- 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 Saturday, April 18 0900-1000: Check-in at Kiwanis

1100: Competitors Meeting
Noon: First Race Warning
1830: Regatta DinnerSunday, April 190830: Coffee & Donuts at Kiwanis
0900: Competitors Meeting
1000: First Race Warning
ASAP after racing: Awards presentation.

- 5.1. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 5.2. Code flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.
- 6. RACING AREA

The racing area will be Lake Weir, Florida.

- 7. COURSES
- 7.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2 The course shall be signaled by a placard on the signal boat no later than the warning signal.
- 7.3 [NP] Unless finishing, boats shall not pass through the finish line.

8. MARKS

- 8.1 The port end starting mark will be an inflatable mark. The starboard end starting mark will be the signal vessel.
- 8.2 The color and shape of all course marks will be confirmed at the Competitor's Meeting and also posted on the official notice board.
- 8.3 The Finishing mark will be the signal vessel at the port end and a mark vessel or inflatable mark at the starboard end.
- 9. THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finish line) to a new position.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the port end and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark or orange flag on a mark vessel.
- 11.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored according to their observed position on the course, which may be the position of the last mark rounded. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- **12. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES**
- 12.1. Target time will be 50 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not constitute grounds for redress.
- 12.2 Time limit will be 90 minutes.
- 12.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1. Protest forms are available at the Kiwanis Club. Protests and requests for redress must be filed within 1 hour after the signal vessel docks. Docking time will be posted on the notice board.
- 13.2. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted on the notice board within 30 minutes of the protest filing deadline. It is the responsibility of each participant to check the posted list of protest hearings.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. The number of races scheduled is 5. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 1 for each class.
- 14.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15. SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- **16. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
- 16.1. Boats or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Harpoon 5.2 factory specifications.
- 16.2 [NP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This includes mobile telephones. The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 72 and may broadcast OCS boats on that channel. Failure to make a call, receive a call or other instructions shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 60.1(b).

17. TRASH DISPOSAL

[NP] As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our inland waters. See rule 55. Trash may be placed aboard the race committee vessels.

- 18. PRIZES
- 18.1. Prizes will be awarded in each fleet to the top 3 boats in a class with five boats registered.
- 18.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 19. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT
- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See rule 4 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority 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.
- 19.2. Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

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