

SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB

2020 Firecracker Regatta

Saturday, July 18th, 2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 This regatta is governed by the “rules” as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*

1.2 Any competitor observed discharging trash into the waters of the racing area will, after a hearing to confirm the incident, be scored DSQ for that race.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration on site from 0930 – 1030 on the Day of the Event, or, online at: <http://regattanetwork.com/event/19309>.

2.2 Eligible boats are One Design fleets such as Optimist Cubes, Sunfish, and 420's.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes following the end of the competitor's meeting or earlier.

4. NOTICE TO THE COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official glass notice board located riverside on the SYC Dock House/Sail Loft.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag staff located on the SYC bluff. Code flag “AP” with two sound signal means, the race is postponed. One sound Signal will be made when “AP” is lowered. This changes Race Signals “AP”. When the flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes in the race signal AP.”

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

July 18th, 2020, *Saturday*: 1200 Warning for first class/classes to start. When possible, indicated by their class flag. Other classes will start either in conjunction with or after, as indicated by their class flag, and/or verbally, and/or as posted on RC Signal. No races will start after 3:00pm.

RACING AREA

Racing areas will be the Wilmington and Skidaway Rivers.

7. COURSES

Courses may be selected from the course Appendix.

8. MARKS

Marks will be orange hippity hops, as outlined on the course board. Start line will be orange flag on a staff on race committee boat and orange hippity hop at pin end.

Please pay attention to the COURSE BOARD.

9. THE START

Races will be started by using appendix U according to RRS. Before the First Warning Signal of the day, all skippers intending to race shall check in by sailing past the stern of the signal boat and hailing their boat sail number. Any boat failing to do so may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) for that race. All boats shall compete in the Class for which they are registered. Approximately 1 minute prior to Warning Signals for each Class, as a courtesy, the Race

Committee will make several short sound signals. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the start "Pin" mark. A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area and clear of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

10. RECALLS

The Race Committee will endeavor to recall OCS boats.

The lack of a hail; the failure to hear a hail; the timeliness of the hail, or the order of the hail SHALL NOT be grounds for redress. General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2

11. FINISHING LINE

Finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal boat and the start/finish "Pin" Mark.

14. SHORTENING THE COURSE

The race committee may shorten course in accordance with RRS 32 at any mark of the course. This modifies RRS 32.

15. TIME LIMITS

Each class/race will have a time limit of 60 minutes. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after 1st boat in her class will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A5.

16. RETIREMENT

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the race area. If this is impossible, she shall report her retirement to the front office at SYC immediately upon arriving ashore.

17. PROTESTS

A boat intending to protest shall do so in accordance with RRS 60, with these modifications:

Protests shall be written on forms available at Main Clubhouse office or the Registration desk located in the Dock House and delivered back to either place within the time limit. The protest time limit shall be 60 minutes, starting when the signal boat docks. Protests will be heard in the order of receipt and as soon as possible.

Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are *parties* to a hearing or named as a witness. This posting shall constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2. Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "A party to the hearing may ask for a Reopening of a hearing no later than 30 minutes (one-half hour) after being informed of the decision."

18. SCORING

Abbreviations for scoring records shall be in accordance with Appendix A.

One race may constitute the series, however; it is the RC's intention to sail more than one race and possibly multiple races, based on conditions. Each boat's score will be the total of all her race scores.

19. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The one-turn penalty as provided in 44.1 and 44.2 of the RRS shall apply.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

While racing a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive special radio transmissions not available to all boats.

21. MAXIMUM CREW/MINIMUM CREW

All Classes will be as appropriate and normal for each Class/fleet.

Please use appropriate discretion.