

SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB

2020 WASSAW CUP REGATTA

August 29, 2020 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY This regatta is organized by the Savannah Yacht Club

RULES AND ENTRIES The regatta will be governed by the “*rules*” as defined in the current “Racing Rules of Sailing”. Any competitor observed discharging trash into the waters of the racing area will, after a hearing to confirm incident, be scored DSQ for that race. Ratings will be assigned using US Sailing most recent PHRF reporting book.

CLASSES

Class A: Spinnaker equipped boats

Class B: Non-spinnaker equipped boats

Class C: J 24 Fleet

The following colors are assigned to the class flags:

Class A- Yellow Flag, **Class B-** Green Flag, **J24-** Fleet White Flag

CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be announced on the VHF radio channel 71.

NOTICE TO THE COMPETITORS Notices to competitors will be made via VHF channel 71. There will be an update at 10:00am.

SCHEDULE OF RACES **Sat: 1:00pm**, Warning for first class to start, indicated by their class flag. Other classes will start either in conjunction with or after, as indicated by their class flag. RC’s intention is for Starts to be announced on Channel 71. *This does not forego each competitor’s Individual responsibility to check the course board, sequences, and flags.*

RACING AREA The racing area will be the Wilmington River, Wassaw Sound, and the Atlantic Ocean.

COURSES Courses will be club or Government marks, and will be appropriately

displayed on a course board on Signal and by use of radio channel.

Unless shortened or otherwise modified, all classes will use same start/finish line. The Race Committee intends to announce courses over VHF Channel 71 prior to the Start of each Class, **NONETHELESS, *the course board is the rule.*** PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE COURSE BOARD. **NOTE: Any and All Government Marks not being used as marks of the course, *must be honored.***

MARKS Marks will be Government marks or SYC Club marks, as outlined on the course board, except at the start and finish line, which will be orange hippity hops. If course marks are used, Class A and J24 will use Green Tetrahedrons and Class B will use Orange Tetrahedrons. **PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE COURSE BOARD.**

Races for each class, or combined classes, will be started using Rule 26 (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. The start Pin may be replaced with another RC boat displaying an orange flag on a staff. 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.

RECALLS Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1 The Race Committee will endeavor to recall OCS boats on Channel 71. 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

FINISHING LINE Finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal boat and the start/finish “Pin” mark, or a vessel at anchor displaying an orange flag on a staff.

SHORTENING THE COURSE The race committee may shorten course in accordance with RRS 32 at any government mark, or mark of the course. This modifies RRS 32.

TIME LIMITS Each class/race will have an appropriate time limit. Boats finishing more than 45 minutes after 1st boat in her class will be scored “Did Not Finish”. This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A5.

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. Radio contact with SYC to notify retirement is encouraged.

PROTESTS Protests will be addressed at a later date.

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

One race is scheduled and intended, which may constitute the series, however the RC may, at its discretion based on conditions, sail more than one race. Each boat’s score will be the total of all her race scores. No race will be excluded. This changes Rule A2. The boat with the lowest score wins.

ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES The two-turns penalty as provided in 44.1 and 44.2 of the RRS shall apply. Per Rule 42.3 (i) a boat which runs aground may use her engine to help free herself without improving her position. Please see 23 below.

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

MAXIMUM CREW/MINIMUM CREW There are no maximum crew limits for this Regatta.

The minimum crew for all Classes will be 3.

COURTESY BROADCASTS The Race Committee may transmit the course designation and visual signals displayed by the Race Committee over VHF Channel 71. The transmitted information is provided as a *courtesy* to competitors and does not in any way alter competitor’s responsibility to observe the course designation and the Race Committee’s visual signals which govern the conduct of the race/races. This is a courtesy only & any errors or omissions in these transmissions **SHALL NOT BE** grounds for redress.

ACCEPTANCE AND INCORPORATION OF RULE 42.3(i) The Race Committee has agreed that this Regatta will be sailed using rule 42.3(i) which states “Sailing instructions may, in stated circumstances, permit propulsion using an engine or any other method, provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race.” *Please note ... honor in this is of utmost importance. The intent is to provide competitors with a reasonable opportunity to “break free” from a grounding, being able to in turn re-join the race, having gained *no* advantage in the process.*