

WestWood Wealth Management

Prindle 50th Year North Americans

Crystal Beach, TX
June 3-5, 2022

Texas City Dike Yacht Club
Bolivar Yacht Club
Division IV

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta shall be governed by the “Rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2021-2024); the individual class rules of the classes sailing (except as any are altered by these sailing instructions); RRS Appendix S, the Notice of Race, and by these Sailing Instructions.

2. SAFETY

2.1. GENERAL: Notwithstanding anything in these Sailing Instructions, it is the personal responsibility of each competitor to sail safely and to wear a life jacket, or Personal Flotation Device (PFD), or other personal buoyancy device approved by the National Authority having jurisdiction and adequate protective clothing as conditions warrant. If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, retire from the race.

2.2. ELECTRICAL POWER LINES - AVOID!!! Before raising the mast, and ALWAYS while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. When launching from shore, docking, or landing, check for and avoid low overhead power lines. If you see a power line, AVOID IT! A MAST COMING IN CONTACT OR EVEN NEAR AN ELECTRICAL POWER LINE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO PEOPLE ON OR TOUCHING THE BOAT!

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. ENTRY FORMS: Each entry shall file a digital registration entry form through Regatta Network with the race organizer prior to racing. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

3.2. SAIL NUMBERS: Sail numbers shall match the entry form and be readable from both sides of the sail.

3.3. RATINGS:

3.3.1. The ratings will be taken from the SCHRS Ratings tables. (Latest published by SCHRS). SCHRS will normally be used as a basis for corrected time unless noted in the NOR.

3.3.2. When any modification to a boat has been made, the boat owner shall submit all required documentation to the race committee for a provisional rating. All documentation must be provided prior to the day of the regatta start. The SCHRS ratings calculator will be used to determine a provision rating for the regatta. A boat that starts without an assigned rating will not be scored for any races

3.3.3. If a boat does not have a published rating, the owner shall advise the Technical Committee in writing. The Technical Committee shall assign a rating based on the information supplied by the owner of said boat to be entered into the SCHRS rating calculator. It is the responsibility of the owner to secure a rating from the Technical Committee. A boat that starts without an assigned rating will not be scored for any races.

3.3.4. Any appeal to the posted rating shall be submitted in writing to the Technical Committee prior to the start of racing on Sunday. The Technical Committee shall review and approve/disapprove any rating change request prior to the first posted race results. NO revisions to the rating will be made after this time.

4. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTION / NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1. LOCATION: The location of the Official Regatta Notice Board will be digitally on [Regatta Network](#).

4.2. CHANGES: Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board one hour before the first race on the day the change takes effect. Schedule changes will be posted by 8:00 p.m. the previous day.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

Friday, April 1	1700 hours	Registration Deadline
Friday, May 6	1700 hours	Late Registration Deadline
Friday, May 6	1700 hours	Classes are formed
Friday, June 3	1000 hours	Competitor's Briefing
Friday, June 3	1200 hours	Warning Signal first start
Friday, June 3	1900 hours	Social Event
Saturday, June 4	1000 hours	Skipper's Meeting
Saturday, June 4	1200 hours	Warning Signal first start
Saturday, June 4	1900 hours	Social Event
Sunday, June 5	1000 hours	Competitor's Briefing
Sunday, June 5	1200 hours	Warning Signal first start
Sunday, June 5	TBD	Awards Party/Social Event

6. DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

6.1. MARKS: The description of the marks to be used, including starting and finishing marks, are listed below, and shown in ATTACHMENT A:

Identifier	Mark of Course	Latitude	Longitude	Description
S/F	Start/Finish - beach	29.44347° N	94.64785° W	Beach Launch
1	Rig	29.40892° N	94.63134° W	Oil Rig
2	Wreck	29.37928° N	94.71408° W	Wreck
3	Buoy "WR4"	29.36252° N	94.65585° W	Wreck buoy
4	Reach Mark 1	29.49757° N	94.48940° W	8' Orange
5	Reach Mark 2	29.47105° N	94.56937° W	8' Orange
6	Rounding/Off-Set	29.44000° N	94.64500° W	8' Yellow
A	Windward Mark	Drop	Drop	8' Orange
B	Reach Mark	Drop	Drop	8' Orange
C	Leeward Mark	Drop	Drop	8' Yellow
SB	Start/Finish Ball	Drop	Drop	2' White

6.2. "B" MARK LOCATION:

6.2.1. Buoy course: "B" Mark may be located either at the windward or leeward end of the course. Race Committee will express their intention at the Competitor's Briefing.

6.2.2. Distance course: "B" Mark will be placed along the beach, east of the start/finish line. Placement will be weather dependent. This mark will be either Reach Mark 1 or Reach Mark 2 as described in SI 6.1 and shown in ATTACHMENT A.

6.3. BARGING BUOY: A barging buoy may be set behind the Race Committee signal boat as a warning to skippers to keep clear of the starting boat when starting or finishing a race. A barging buoy and its tether is an extension of the starting boat or a mark of the course.

7. RACE STARTS AND STARTING SEQUENCE

7.1. CLASSES: Class Flags will be announced at the Competitor's Briefing.

7.1.1. Prindle 16

7.1.2. Prindle 18

7.1.3. Prindle 19MX

7.1.4. Prindle Open

7.2. STARTING SIGNALS: The starting signals shall be in accordance with RRS 26.

7.3. RACE SEQUENCE: Starting sequence will be determined at the Competitor's Briefing. This may change each day.

7.4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

7.4.1. When signals are made ashore, they shall conform to RRS "Race Signals" and their location ashore will be announced at the initial Competitor's Briefing and posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.

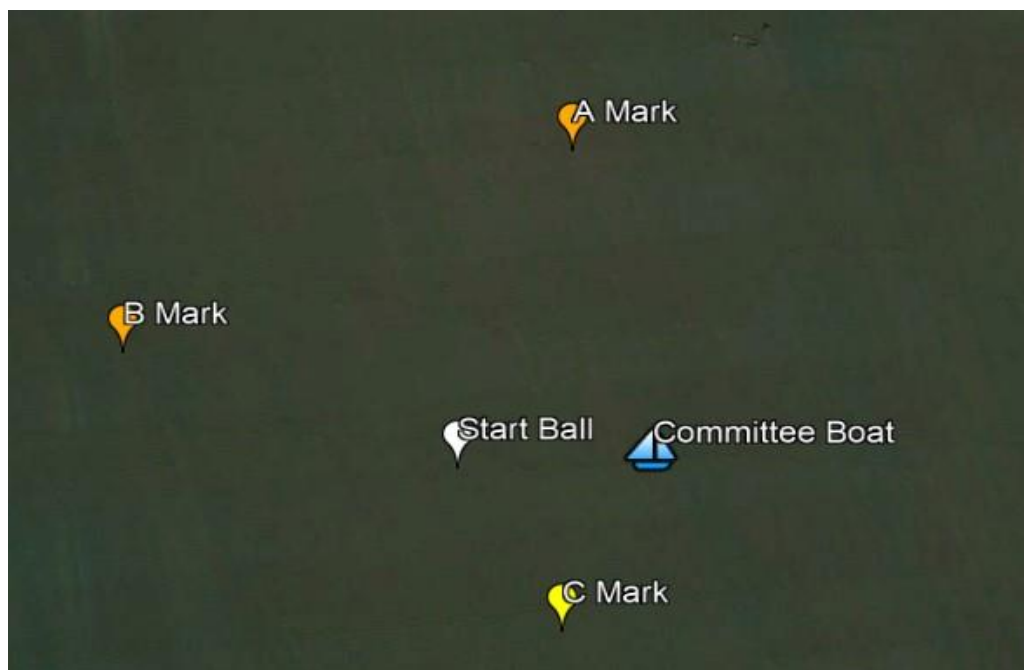
7.4.2. "Postponement" (Answering Pennant "AP") with 2 sound signals (one when lowered) means the race is postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

7.5. Catamarans whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all catamarans whose preparatory signal has been made.

7.6. A catamaran shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

8. THE COURSE

8.1. Buoy Course Schematic



Angles between marks and distances are schematic only.

8.2. COURSE CALLED: The course to be sailed shall be described at the Competitor's Briefing each day.

8.3. The RC may tweak the course during a race, to maintain a fair race course, no more than 0.1nm or 10 degrees without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.

9. START LINE OBSTRUCTION

9.1. The Start Line shall rank as an obstruction for fleets previously started while other fleets are starting and in sequence until after the last fleet has successfully started.

10. RETIRING FROM A RACE

10.1. NOTIFY THE RACE COMMITTEE: A boat, which retires from a race, shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or upon arriving at shore. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification from the regatta.

11. ALTERNATE FINISHES, TIME LIMIT, AND RACE VALIDITY

11.1. SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START: Courses may be shortened or abandoned at the Race Committee's discretion in accordance with RRS 32.

11.2. TIME LIMIT: Time limit shall be 30 minutes before sunset. The Race Committee may abandon a race at its discretion in accordance with RRS 32.

12. PROTESTS

12.1. PROTEST TIME LIMIT: Protests shall be written on regatta supplied protest forms or reasonable equivalent. Protests shall be filed with the Race Committee or with the Protest Committee within one-half hour (0.5 hr.) after the Race Committee boat arrives in the harbor or dock as signaled by an audible blast following the last race of the day. The protest committee may extend the protest time at their discretion. This modifies RRS 61.3.

12.2. SIGNALING A PROTEST: A boat protesting another boat shall follow RRS 61.1 (a) with the following provisions and modifications:

12.2.1. All boats, regardless of hull length shall hail "Protest" and but are not required to display a red flag even if longer than 6 meters. This modifies RRS 61.1 (a)(2)

12.2.2. The definition of the "first reasonable opportunity" for hailing "Protest" is IMMEDIATELY following the incident.

- 12.2.3. Notify the Race Committee signal boat of intent to protest when finishing is recommended so they will know to a protest may be filed after racing is concluded. If unable to finish, notify the Race Committee upon reaching shore that you did not finish and of your intent to protest.

13. **ALTERNATE PENALTIES**

- 13.1. One-Turn RULE: (This modifies RRS rules 44.1 and 44.2.) A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident. Her penalty shall be one-Turn Penalty in either direction, including a tack and gybe in the same direction.
- 13.2. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

14. **SCORING**

- 14.1. METHOD: Low Point Scoring System as written in RRS 90.3.
- 14.2. THROW OUT RACES: No race shall be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.1
- 14.3. PENALTIES AND SCORING PENALTIES: As described in RRS Appendix A except that DNF shall be scored the number of finishers plus one (1). This changes RRS 44.3(c).
- 14.4. One race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.

15. **SPECIAL NOTES**

- 15.1. QUESTIONS: Race Committee is not obligated to answer questions on the water. Any communications
- 15.2. OBSTRUCTIONS: Mark boats, rescue/chase boats, control boats, and line sighting boats shall rank as obstructions.
- 15.3. ASSISTANCE: Any boat receiving "hands on" assistance from rescue/chase boats will be scored DSQ. The Race Committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.
- 15.4. EQUIPMENT: Trapezes are permitted. Modifies RRS 49.1

16. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 16.1. The RC will intend to monitor **VHF Channel 68** while on the water.
- 16.2. It is heavily recommended for each competitor to carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US VHF channels 9,13, 16, 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72.
- 16.2 Boats shall use RaceQs, YoNav or equivalent tracking software for post-race analysis only
- 16.3 Race Committee Cell Phone: **Tom Dodd: 251.656.1568**

ATTACHMENT A

