



Southeast Florida PHRF Championship
November 20 & 21, 2010
Coconut Grove Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The 2010 Southeast Florida PHRF Championships will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (*RRS*).
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between a rule in the NOR and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. (This changes *RRS* 63.7.)
- 1.3 There will be no number of crew or crew weight limitations in effect.
- 1.4 A valid PHRF Rating from Southeast Florida PHRF is required for boats sailing in both days of racing. Boats sailing only in Sunday's race that have a valid Rating will race in PHRF. Boats sailing only in Sunday's race that do not have a valid rating will be assigned a rating at no additional charge, and will sail as an Assigned Rating Class (ARC). To obtain a rating, contact Chief Handicapper Russ Horn at 954-224-5418 or rhorn@mhs.net
- 1.5 Sail numbers are required as per *RRS Appendix G*, except that national letters are not mandatory. Mainsails, overlapping headsails and spinnakers shall bear the number under which the boat is registered.
- 1.6 On each day of racing, boats shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat on starboard tack prior to the first warning signal of the first race in which it will be competing and **check in** by continuously hailing their sail numbers until recognized. No check-ins will be accepted during a starting sequence. Boats may also check-in prior to the first warning signal of the day by hailing on VHF Channel 72.
- 1.7 A competing boat may utilize a VHF radio for safety purposes or to communicate with the Race Committee. This changes *RRS 41*. The Race Committee will monitor VHF 72. Failure to hear a broadcast from the Race Committee shall not be grounds for redress. This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Event Website, <http://sefphrfchamps.sailspace.net> and on the official Notice Board located on the first floor of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Written changes will be posted as per SI 2.1, above, by 1700 on the day before they will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water in accordance with *RRS* 90.2(c). The Race Committee Signal Boat shall display Code Flag "L," and Competitors shall approach the Signal Boat to receive the change while Code Flag "L" is displayed. The Race Committee will also attempt to broadcast the change on VHF Channel 72.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.
- 4.2 Code Flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in Sailing Instructions or other notice to competitors has been posted on the Official Bulletin Board.
- 4.3 Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the lowering of this signal.
- 4.4 Code Flags "N" over "A" when displayed ashore means that all races are abandoned. No more racing today.
- 4.5 The Race Committee will attempt to make a timely advisory broadcast on VHF Channel 72 regarding any of the above signals made ashore.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The scheduled time for the Warning Signal for the first race each day is:
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| Saturday, November 20 | 1100 |
| Sunday, November 21 | 1130 |
- 5.2 Up to three windward-leeward races are scheduled for Saturday. A 12-18 mile distance race is scheduled for Sunday.
- 5.3 The Race Committee Finishing Boat will signal its intent to run another race on Saturday by displaying Code Flag "R" at the finish of a race. Code Flag "R" will be lowered with one sound one minute before the next Warning Signal is made.
- 5.4 On Sunday, November 21, no Warning Signal will be made after 1330 hours.

6. CLASS SPLITS AND WARNING SIGNALS

- 6.1 Class splits will be determined as per NOR 3.3 and will be posted after the close of Registration as per SI 2.1, above.

- 6.2 Class Warning Signal pennants will be as follows:
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| PHRF1 | Light Blue and White |
| PHRF2 | Dark Green |
| ARC | Lime Green |
- 6.3 Class pennants displayed on the backstays of competing boats are not required.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 All racing will be on Biscayne Bay. Competing boats will assemble prior to the first Warning Signal of the day near the Race Committee Signal Boat, located one to two miles SSW of the entrance to Dinner Key Channel.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 Saturday, November 20

COURSE #3 - Windward, Leeward, Windward (Finish).

COURSE #4 - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward (Finish).

COURSE #5 - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward, Windward (Finish).

Saturday's courses will have **Offset Marks** adjacent to the Windward Marks, and will have **Leeward Gates**. The windward mark and the accompanying offset mark shall be left to port. Boats shall sail between the gate marks on the leeward leg of the course and round either gate mark. If a gate mark is missing, boats shall leave the remaining leeward mark to port.

PHRF 1 and PHRF 2 will sail the same course.

8.2 Sunday, November 21

The Race Committee will define the distance race course by a sequence of mark letters. Green letter marks will be left to starboard; red letter marks will be left to Port. Alternatively, a lower case "s" following the mark designation means a starboard rounding, and a lower case "p" means a port rounding.

- 8.3 Courses will be posted on the Race Committee Signal Boat course board prior to the first Warning Signal of each race. The description of the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing of the first leg, and distance from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed. The Race Committee will also attempt to announce the course on VHF Channel 72 prior to the Warning Signal.

9. MARKS

9.1 Saturday, November 20

Marks will be five foot inflatable tetrahedron marks, except as provided below. The start mark, leeward finish mark, and initial course change marks shall be yellow. The original windward and leeward marks, and any subsequent change marks shall be orange.

The offset mark will be a three ft. round inflatable mark.

9.2 Sunday, November 21

The following five foot inflatable tetrahedron marks may be used:

G – Orange mark approximately one mile east of Snapper Creek Canal.

L - Leeward mark.

J - Gybe mark set as for a marks to port triangle with approximate interior angles 45-90-45 degrees

W (1) - Inflatable weather mark, compass bearing will be posted on the Race Committee boat.

W (2) - Inflatable weather mark same compass bearing as W (1) but at a Greater distance than **W (1)**.

Original Marks **L, J, W(1) and W(2)** shall be orange marks. Change marks will be yellow, with any subsequent change mark reverting back to orange.

In addition, the following permanent government marks may be used and appear on NOAA chart 11465:

B - Fl yellow 4 sec 12' 3M B Biscayne National Park Boundary Marker

C - Fl yellow 4 sec 12' 3M C Biscayne National Park Boundary Marker

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of a yellow starting mark.

10.2 The Race Committee may start two or more classes at the same time.

10.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). (This changes *RRS A4.1*)

11. RECALLS

11.1 In the event of an individual recall, the Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers or identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make such hails, will not be considered an act or omission of the Race Committee under *RRS 62.1 (a).*)

12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or gate, or move the Finish line), and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

13. FINISH

13.1 The Finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark, as follows:
For leeward finishes, the mark will be a yellow inflatable mark located on the starboard side of the Race Committee boat, such that the mark is left to port when finishing.

For windward finishes, the mark will be the windward mark located on the port side of the Race Committee boat, such that the mark is left to port when finishing.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 Any race on Saturday, November 20 in which no boat finishes within two hours of the start shall be abandoned. Any boats not finishing within 45 minutes of the finish time of the first boat will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). The TLE score for such boats shall be one point more than the

number of boats that finished within 45 minutes of the first boat. (This changes *RRS* 35, A4.1 & A4.2.)

14.2 The time limit for Sunday's distance race shall be five hours.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 A boat intending to protest is requested to notify a Race Committee Finish Boat of its intention and the identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing.

15.2 Protest forms will be available at the Jury desk at CGSC. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Jury desk within the protest time limit. The time limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Finish Boat docks or when a race is abandoned ashore. Protest hearings will be conducted at CGSC as soon as possible and in the approximate order in which they were filed.

16. SCORING

16.1 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

16.2 All races will count for the final standings. No races may be discarded.

16.3 Scoring ties will be broken as provided in Amendment No. 1 to the NOR, **8.0 SCORING**.

17. AWARDS (as per NOR 10.0)

17.1 The top three boats racing both days in each class shall receive trophies.

17.2 The top three boats in the combined PHRF fleet in Sunday's race shall receive trophies.

17.3 The top two boats in the ARC fleet in Sunday's race shall receive trophies.

17.4 The PHRF SEF Overall Champion will be the yacht with the lowest overall cumulative corrected time for all races sailed on both days of the Championship..

18. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

18.1 All boats must check in with the Race Committee as provided in SI 1.6.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the Race Committee via hailing. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the Jury desk on shore at CGSC.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS* 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and the Host Club, and their officers, members, agents and volunteers, 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.

