



Fall Pursuit PHRF Challenge

Saturday Racing - Sept 29th / Oct 13th / Oct 27th

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

This regatta is organized by the Savannah Yacht Club, Savannah, Georgia.

1. RULES

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) as adopted with prescriptions by the United States Sailing Association, the rules of the competing classes racing (except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions), the Invitation to Race, and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Ratings of yachts will be assigned by the Race Committee based on the US Sailing PHRF average national rating for boats as currently listed on their web site.

1.3 The Savannah Yacht Club presumes each yacht conforms to its manufactured specifications as to hull dimensions and displacement and standing rigging dimensions, and that no standard equipment has been removed to gain advantage over other competitors. The burden is on each competitor to advise the Race Committee Chairman that these presumptions are incorrect as to his or her yacht so that the Race Committee may make appropriate adjustments. Failure to so advise the Race Committee, should such alterations be brought to the Race Committee's attention by fellow competitors, may result in penalties up to and including disqualification.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Eligible yachts may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority. Eligible competitors shall be self-righting (PHRF) sailboats 20 feet in LOA or greater with a recognized rating listed in the U.S. Sailing Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) Handicap manual. Other yachts may participate at the discretion of the SYC Race Committee.

To Register for the event, scan this QR code with your smartphone, or go to <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/5832>



Notices of Race, SI's, Updates, Competitors, Crew Finder, and Boat Finder will all be posted on this website.

Please register as early as possible so course and rating calculations can be performed in advance to establish the staggered start times for participating yachts. These calculations must be carried out in advance to allow for proper notice to competitors of their starting times for each race

3. SAFETY

3.1 The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper who must decide whether or not to start or to continue to race. The skipper must ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit. The skipper of the yacht must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, and all sails and gear. The skipper must also be assured that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed and the crew is aware of its proper use.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices and winners will be posted on the official notice board at Savannah Yacht Club and our web page. Savannah Yacht Club or <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/5832>. If possible probable courses and individual starting times will be included on the regatta site / 'pushed out' electronically to registered boats.

5. **CREW LIMITATIONS**

5.1 None.

SPECIAL NOTE: Please check Crew Finder / Boat Finder on the website if you are looking for crew or looking for a boat. Go to EVENT WEBSITE > NEWSROOM & RESULTS > CREW BOARD or click here: http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/5832#_newsroom

Please tell your friends about this website and specifically about how to sign up to crew on a boat through this website. This gives us the opportunity to take someone sailing who doesn't have a boat but would like to join us.

*Skippers, also please remember to check this notice board a couple of days before the regatta to see who might want to join us and reach out to that person. **This is how we grow the sport.***

6. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

6.1 Any change in the sailing instructions one hour before the race on our web page or communicated on channel 71. VHF announcements will be made no sooner than one (1) prior to the first vessel start time of 13:00. Multiple hails via VHF may be made within the hour prior to the first vessel start.

7. **CLASSES**

7.1 There will be two (2) classes; spinnaker and non-spinnaker. One yacht will constitute a Class.

8. **SCHEDULE OF RACING; CANCELLATION** (If applicable)

8.1 Races will be cancelled for the day of racing if winds exceed 25 knots or if there is severe rain ½ hour before the start. Monitor Ch. 71 prior to the start for any changes. Races are scheduled as follows:

There will be no Competitors meeting prior to any races in this series.

Saturday, September 29, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m. First boat starting the staggered sequence for all boats.

Saturday, October, 13th, 2012 @ 1:00 pm First boat starting the staggered sequence for all boats.

Saturday, October, 27th, 2012 @ 1:00 pm First boat starting the staggered sequence for all boats.

9. **RACING AREA**

9.1 The races will be sailed in the Wilmington River, Wassaw Sound, and or the Skidaway River and its mouth. Each skipper should have an up-to-date copy of NOAA Charts 11511 and 11512. See attached appendix for courses. Course will be phoned to you the day of the race, and or given to you on channel 71. They will be also be posted on the regatta event website / via link on SYC website.

10. **COURSES**

10.1 Course(s) names will be displayed on a course board at the east end of the SYC docks if Committee is present and broadcast via VHF radio. It is the Committee's intention to post the probable course(s) on the regatta series website. Course names will correspond to the predefined course list of courses contained in Appendix 'A'. In any predefined course listed in Appendix 'A'; yellow / orange tetrahedron(s) or orange ball (hippity hop) may be included as starting marks or marks of the course as needed. All club and Government marks to be rounded as prescribed in pre-designated course listings. Any deviation from the course list will be either / or posted on Committee course board and verbally via VHF radio as well as broadcast via electronic media when possible and feasible.

*Note: A Race Committee boat may or may not be present for one or all races. If a Committee boat is not present; signals will be given from eastern most end of the Savannah Yacht Club outside Wilmington River floating dock.

11. **START**

11.1 Racers for each class will be assigned a starting time determined by the length of the race and their PHRF rating. This will be a staggered start race with no two boats starting at the same time.

11.2 The start/finish line will be between an orange flag display on the SYC tower and an orange mark set directly across the Wilmington river. All race committee signals will be displayed from the SYC tower.

11.3 Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made. Additionally, all yachts who are not immediately starting shall keep clear of the next subsequent boat that is starting.

11.4 Class Flag for A and B starts will be a WHITE FLAG. When this flag is displayed (with sound) this will signal 5 minutes until the start of the lead yacht. ONLY THE LEAD BOAT WILL BE STARTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RRS 26 (5 MINUTE STARTING SEQUENCE).

11.5 Race Committee will attempt to notify all remaining yachts of their upcoming start for each successive start via VHF hail on channel 71, and will signal an audible sound for each successive yachts start. Failure to hear your start (or recall) via VHF shall not constitute grounds for redress or exonerate any yacht from starting correctly.

11.6 The Start time for the first boat will be at or around 1300 hrs. The Race Committee reserves the right to postpone the start for any reason (barge traffic, still setting start line, etc.) and may do so with VHF hail and possible display of ALL POSTPONED flag.

11.6 ALL YACHTS SHOULD SET THEIR STARTING TIMER OFF THE LEAD YACHTS "START". We suggest if you are not the lead yacht, use a STOPWATCH – not a countdown timer – to calculate the time to your start.

12. **RECALLS**

12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with racing the Rule 29.2.

13. **CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER START**

13.1 The race committee may shorten course in accordance with racing rule 32. The Race Committee reserves the right to shorten the course at any mark of the course.

14. **FINISH LINE**

14.1 The Finish line will be displayed between an orange flag in the SYC Tower and a start/finish line pin located directly across the Wilmington River.

15. **TIME LIMIT**

15.1 There will be no time limit for an individual race. However, any yacht not finishing within 45 minutes of the 3rd yacht finishing in her class will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

16. **YACHTS WITHDRAWING FROM THE RACE**

16.1 A yacht which has withdrawn for any reason must keep clear of yachts still racing and must also notify the race committee as soon as possible on Chanel 71.

17. **PROTESTS**

17.1 A yacht intending to protest shall do so in compliance with RRS Rule 60 with the following modifications:

17.2 After finishing or retiring, the protesting yacht shall notify the race committee boat near the finish line, giving the sail number(s) of the protested yacht.

17.3 The protesting yacht shall deliver a written protest to race committee within 24 hours via our web page. A reply will be made directly to all parties involved via email within 48 hours.

18. **SCORING**

18.1 The Low Point scoring system Rule A2 of the RRS will apply. One or more races completed shall constitute a series. A yacht's score shall be the total of all her race finishes. There will be no throw-out's

18.2 The lowest total score wins.

18.3 When there is a tie on points between two or more yachts, the tie shall be broken in favor of the yacht with the most first places, and then if the tie remains, the most second places, and so on (throw-outs will be included for tie-breaking purposes). When the tie remains, it shall be broken by total corrected time (throw-outs will be included for tie-breaking purposes). This changes RRS A8.

19. **ALTERNATE PENALTIES**

19.1 The 720 degree turns penalty of Rule 44 will apply. A boat which runs aground may use her engine to help free herself without improving her position, but must exonerate herself by making a 360 degree turn as soon as possible after her engine has been shut off.

20. **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

20.1 A yacht shall neither make radio communications while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. Any special instructions will be announced on VHF Channel 71.

21. **NOTICE OF INTENT TO RACE**

21.1 All yachts shall sail by the eastern most SYC Wilmington River floating dock and check in by hailing their sail number and yacht name. If a Committee boat is present all yachts shall pass and hail the Committee in order to check in with yacht name and sail number. This is to be done before the first race of each day as soon as possible after the race committee is on station / broadcasting on VHF radio channel 71.

APPENDIX A: SYC 2012 Fall Pursuit Series Course Lengths

FLAG	COURSE	DISTANCE (Nau. Miles)
ALPHA:	START/27/FINISH	1.70
BRAVO:	START/25/FINISH	4.30
CHARLIE:	START/23/FINISH	6.10
DELTA:	START/22/FINISH	8.80
ECHO:	START/19/FINISH	12.45
FOXTROT:	START/13/FINISH	21.5
GOLF:	START/14/FINISH	21.0
HOTEL:	START/SYC1/FINISH	1.46/2.86
INDIA:	START/SYC1/27/FINISH	2.33/3.73
JULIET:	START/SYC1/25/FINISH	4.83/6.23
KILO:	START/SYC1/23/FINISH	6.43/7.83
LIMA:	START/SYC1/22/FINISH	9.03/10.43
MOTEL:	START/SYC1/19/FINISH	12.92/14.32
NOVEMBER:	START/27/23/27/23/FINISH	6.70
OSCAR:	START/27/23/27/25/FINISH	9.90
PAPA:	START/25/22/25/22/FINISH	13.14
QUEBEC:	START/23/22/23/22/FINISH	11.20
ROMEO:	START/22(STBD)/23(STBD)/ FINISH	8.80
SIERRA:	START/22(STBD)/25(STBD)/22(STBD)/FINISH	12.70
TANGO:	START/23/19/FINISH	14.22
UNIFORM:	START/19/22/19/FINISH	16.05
VICTOR:	START/19/22/23/22/FINISH	15.00
WHISKEY:	START/SYC2(STBD)/SYC1(STBD)/ SYC2(PORT)/FINISH	2.60/4.00
XRAY:	START/SYC2(STBD)/SYC1/SYC2(STBD)/25/FINISH	5.10/6.50
YANKEE:	START/27/SYC2(STBD)/SYC1/SYC2(STBD)/FINISH	2.60/4.00
ZULU:	START/19/20/FINISH	13.10

NOTES:

SYC1, SYC2, and SYC3 are club placed marks and will be either a tetrahedron or orange hippty hop.
 SYC1 (Short Course) will be located in the Skidaway River, near the North End of Modena.
 SYC1 (Long Course) will be located in the Skidaway River, near the South End of Modena.
 SYC2 will be located in the Wilmington River, near the mouth of the Skidaway.