



# Windjammer

## Sailing Instructions

February 23-24, 2013

### A Sarasota Bay Yachting Association WFPHRF Boat of the Year Event

#### 1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and West Florida PHRF rules except;

Each cruising boat has the option to declare that it will be rated with:

- a. **Non-Spinnaker** Receives the full Non-Spin Offset and sails with the RLC rating as shown on the boat's certificate.
- b. **Cruising Spinnaker** This is a change to WFPHRF App. E 2.c to include Category 4. This reduces the RLC rating by 1/2 of the Non-Spinnaker Offset. Cruising spinnakers must be tacked to the deck, not to a pole or extended sprit. A whisker pole is allowed, but not to exceed the maximum LP of largest jib for the boat.

**Spinnaker Declaration** – The skipper must make a written declaration at the competitor's meeting Thursday, Feb. 21st for each day's racing stating that he or she plans to use a spinnaker. If no declaration is presented the assumption is that no spinnaker will be used.

#### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the north side of clubhouse at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron and on the notice board at Venice Yacht Club.

#### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.**

#### 4. SIGNAL MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the east side of the club (Saturday SSS and Sunday VYC). If a postponement is signalled ashore the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

##### Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013

1800 hrs                      **Registration and Onsite Check In**

1900 hrs                      **Competitors' meeting SSS**

##### Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013

1130 GPS                      **Starting time for first boat; subsequent starts based on reverse handicap**

##### Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013

1000 GPS                      **Starting time for first boat; subsequent starts based on reverse handicap**

#### 6. COMMUNICATION

Race committee will monitor VHF Channel 68. Vessels retiring must notify race committee.

#### 7. RACING AREA

The Gulf of Mexico.

## **8. COURSES**

There are four possible courses for Saturday and Sunday races (see course appendix).

Course to be sailed will be displayed on the RC boat at the Sarasota and Venice starts.

Reverse Handicap Start times will be distributed at the skippers meeting.

## **9. MARKS**

Government, permanent and temporary marks with GPS coordinates will be used.

## **10. STARTING ORDER**

Races will be started in reverse handicap. Start times for each boat will be available at the competitors' meeting.

## **11. START AND FINISH LINES**

Sarasota Sailing Squadron starting and finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal boat at the starboard end and course side of the port-end starting mark referenced as 'Big Pass'.

VYC/VSS' start and finish lines will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the starboard end and the port end inflatable buoy.

## **12. ALTERNATE FINISH LINE**

If weather does not permit or Race Committee is not on station, boats shall be required to hail their finish and proximity to other boats on Channel 68.

The Saturday finish for races to Venice is referenced as Venice '2', leaving it to starboard.

The Sunday finish for races to Sarasota is permanent mark referenced as "Big Pass" on course sheet. The finish line extends approximately 100 feet, perpendicular to the bearing from the previous mark, leaving the finish mark to port.

Boats are required to record their GPS finish time. After finishing, a boat shall call RC on VHF channel 68 as soon as conveniently possible. If RC does not acknowledge the message, leave a message on SSS Office phone 941-388-2355.

## **13. PROTESTS**

A boat or competitor shall not be penalized without a protest hearing, except as provided under rules 30.2, 30.3, 69, A5 and P2. A decision on redress shall not be made without hearing. The protest committee shall hear all protests and requests for redress that have been delivered to the race office unless it allows a protest or request to be withdrawn.

## **14. SCORING**

Boats will be scored in accordance with Appendix "A" of the RRS using the low point system, modified so that all scores will be included.

The WFPHRF RLC rating will be used, except as modified by Windjammer SI (1.b)

## **15. TROPHIES**

Trophies will be awarded beginning at 1800 Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. Divisions may include Spinnaker, Non Spinnaker, Cruiser, Pocket Cruiser and Rum Runner; dependent on number of entries.

## **16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.