



2013 Rhodes 19 Class Association
National Championship

Organizing Authority:

Rhodes 19 Class Association & Rhodes 19 Fleet 7

Hosted by:

Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans, Louisiana
October 15th, 16th, 17th, & 18th, 2013

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in 2013 edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing. The prescriptions of the US Sailing Association shall apply. US Sailing prescriptions T1, T2, and T4 shall also apply.

Competitors shall comply with the eligibility requirements of the Rhodes 19 class rules. The Rhodes 19 Class Rule RE 32.03 regarding serviceable life preservers is changed as follows: "One U.S.C.G. Approved PFD of Type I, II, or III per crewmember, and One U.S.C.G. Approved PFD of Type 4 (Throwable)."

If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside of the Grill located on the second floor of Southern Yacht Club (SYC).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0830 on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the racing schedule will be posted on the prior day by 1800.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the "A-Frame" located near the boat hoists of SYC. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals "AP."

5. SCHEDULE

5.1

Tuesday, Oct 15 at 1400	Practice Race Warning Signal
Tuesday, Oct 15 at 1830	Skippers Meeting
Tuesday, Oct 15 before 1900	All boats launched.
Tuesday, Oct 15 after 1900	No haul-outs for remainder of the Regatta
Wednesday, Oct 16 at 1100	First Warning Signal – additional races to follow
Thursday, Oct 17 at 1100	First Warning Signal – additional races to follow

Friday, Oct 18 at 1100

First Warning Signal – additional races to follow
Awards Ceremony – as soon as possible after the last
race of the regatta.

A maximum of eight races will be attempted during the course of the regatta.
Maximum excludes practice race.

- 5.2 Subsequent races each day will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race. If the race committee displays Code Flag A at the finish line without Code Flag N, it means no more racing that day. Changes Race Signals.



6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be black R-19 logo on a yellow field.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Lake Pontchartrain, approximately 1.0 – 2.0 miles N of Southern Yacht Club.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The attached diagram shows the course designations, the marks in order and the rounding direction of each mark. The race committee will post the course designation, and the approximate distance and magnetic bearing to Mark 1.
- 8.2 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks in the direction from the previous mark, and round either gate mark.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The starting and finishing marks will be orange spheres.
- 9.2 Original marks 1, 2S and 2P, will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.3 Mark 1A (the offset mark), will always be a white sphere.
- 9.4 New marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. If the course is changed again, the original marks will be used.
- 9.5 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 9.6 The Race Committee will display a red or green shape as defined in RRS 33 indicating the direction of change. The Race committee will not display a new compass heading.
- 9.7 The race committee may adjust the angle of a gate without making any signals.

10. CHECKING IN

When the anchored race committee signal boat displays code flag L, competitors shall come within hail on starboard tack and check in by hailing their sail numbers until acknowledged by the race committee. Only the race committee may protest alleging breaches of this sailing instruction. The penalty for breaking this sailing instruction is at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes Rules 60.1 and 60.3.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a race committee boat at the starboard end, and the course side of the nearby starting mark.
- 11.3 As a courtesy, the warning signal for each race may be preceded by short repetitive sound signals to alert competitors that a starting sequence is about to begin.
- 11.4 After the starting signal, the Race Committee will attempt to hail sail numbers of OCS boats and boats that have not complied with rule 30.1. The delay of such a hail, the order of hailing or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby mark.
- 12.2 Boats that retire before finishing shall inform the RC as soon as possible.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 A boat starting more than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5.
- 13.2 If no boat that has started rounds the windward mark within 40 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3 The time limit is 150 minutes for the first boat to sail the course in accordance with Rule 28.1.
- 13.4 Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored "TLE - Time Limit Expired" without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4.1, A5 and A11.

14. PROTESTS AND REDRESS REQUESTS

- 14.1 US Sailing prescriptions T1, T2, and T4 shall apply.
- 14.2 Protests shall be delivered to the protest committee representative at the SYC within 45 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks. The docking time will be posted.
- 14.3 The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the official notice board. This posting constitutes the notice required by rule 63.2.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted on the official notice board. This posting constitutes the notice required by rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5 Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day at the SYC.
- 14.6 On the last day of racing, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered: (this changes rule 66)
 - a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or,
 - b) no later than thirty minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- 14.7 On the last day of racing, a request for redress shall be delivered within the protest time limit or within thirty minutes of the incident, whichever is later. This changes rule 62.2.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point system of RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 15.2 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes A2
- 15.3 A maximum of eight of races are scheduled, of which three must be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.4 Boats scored TLE will be given the number of points as the last boat to sail the course and finish within the time limit, plus two points. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, RRS A4.1, A5, and A11.

16. TOWING

Boats may be towed to and from the race area only if towing is made available to all participants. Otherwise, a boat accepting a tow without consent of the Protest Committee or Race Committee shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. Exceptions to this rule may be made by the Protest Committee in extenuating circumstances, i.e. breakdown, illness, or other factors that may be appropriate. Protests under this rule may be made only by the Protest Committee or the Race Committee. This changes RRS 41 and 60.1(a).

17. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall not be used, except for those available to all competitors provided by the Organizing Authority.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The race committee working channel is VHF 68 (with 69 as an alternate).

19. WIND, and WAVES IN LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN

The Race Committee will delay the start of racing if winds are below 4 knots or over 22 knots.

Heavy northerly winds generate large swells on the South Shore of Lake Pontchartrain. The Race Committee may delay the start of racing if, in the Race Committee's opinion, wave action poses a danger to Race Committee scat boats and/or racers.

20. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded as stated in the Notice of Race.

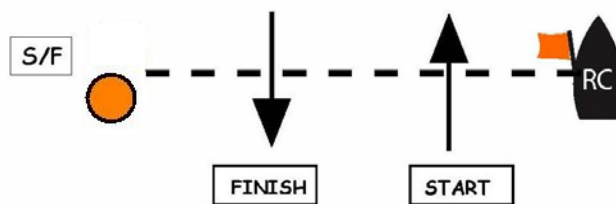
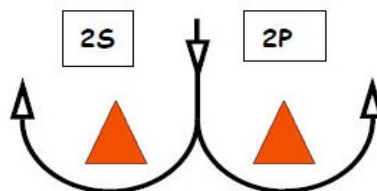
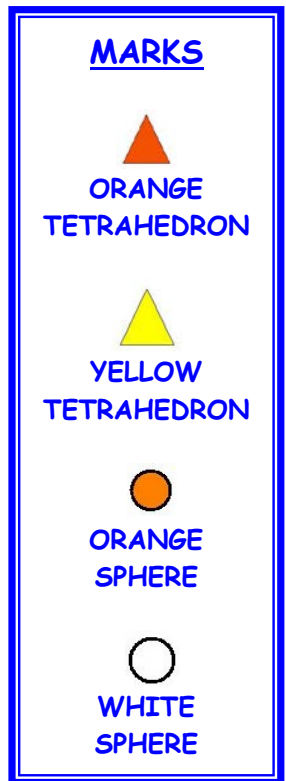
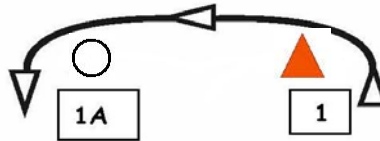
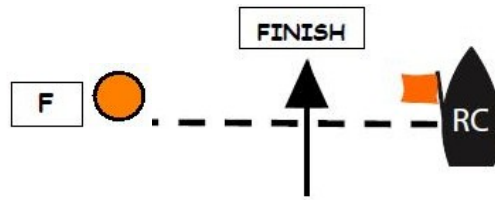
21. CONTACT INFORMATION

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22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this 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.

WINWARD - LEEWARD COURSE DIAGRAM



NOTE: COURSE DESIGNATIONS INDICATES NUMBER OF LEGS EXCLUDING OFFSET (1 TO 1A)

COURSE **W3**: START-1 (port) - 1A (port) - 2 S/P - FINISH (upwind)

COURSE **W4**: START-1 (port) - 1A (port) - 2 S/P - 1 (port) - 1A (port) - FINISH (downwind)

COURSE **W5**: START-1 (port) - 1A (port) - 2 S/P - 1 (port) - 1A (port) - 2 S/P FINISH (upwind)

Etc.

COURSE DIAGRAM IS NOT TO SCALE