

# **FIESTA REGATTA** **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**April 25 – 26, 2015**  
**Hill Country Yacht Club**

**1 RULES**

The race, regatta, or series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association (USSA), the current version of the FIESTA REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, Hill Country Yacht Club, and if sailing in a one-design fleet, the applicable class rules.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Display of the HCYC facility.

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 9:00 AM on Saturday, or 8:00 AM on Sunday, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 PM on the day before the change will take place.

**3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the HCYC deck. The AP with two sound signals (one when lowered) means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made no less than thirty (30) minutes after the AP is lowered.

**4 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Dates	Time of First Warning Signal
Saturday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 pm
Sunday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am

Five (5) races are scheduled. The Race Committee may conduct additional races. Flag A will be displayed signaling no more racing today.

No warning signal will be made after 12:00 noon on Sunday.

**5 CLASS PENNANTS**

Each class will be assigned a flag with a class icon or a pennant number as its class flag at the Skipper's Meeting and the assignments will be posted on the Notice Board. The pennant number *may* coincide with the order of starts, but is *not* required to do so.

**6 RACING AREAS**

A diagram showing racing areas will be posted on the Notice Board.

**7 COURSES AND MARKS**

The courses will be designated on a white board on the back of the Race Committee boat. The top section contains the compass heading to the first mark. The lower sections indicate the fleets and the assigned courses. Please see Appendix A for course diagrams.

<b>EXAMPLE OF COURSE BOARD</b>		
<b>220</b>		
<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class B</b>	<b>Class C</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>I-2</b>

Marks will be orange or yellow shapes. The color of the marks for events with multiple racecourses will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting and posted on the Office Display of the

HCYC facility. A buoy (barging ball) attached to the Race Committee boat shall be considered part of the mark.

8 **STARTING AND FINISHING LINES & STARTING SYSTEM**

Starts for all races will be in accordance with RRS 26. The start-finish line will be between the orange flag on the port side of the Race Committee boat and the race mark or starting pin to the port side of the Race Committee boat.

The starting line is restricted by 100 feet in ALL DIRECTIONS for any boat not racing, while any other fleet is in their preparatory phase. A boat shall start no later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal. Boats that do not meet the time limit will be scored DID NOT START (DNS). This sailing instruction changes RRS A4.2

If a course is designated with a "\*" (asterisk), after starting, but before finishing, the start finish line shall not be crossed (aka poison line). Boats crossing the start finish line when not starting or finishing shall be assessed a 20% scoring place penalty per crossing in any direction. Resulting score will not be greater than DNF.

9 **CHECKING IN**

Before her warning signal of her first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee boat and hail her sail number and fleet until acknowledged by the Race Committee. A boat failing to do so will be assessed a 20% scoring place penalty on its first race of the day. Resulting score will not be greater than DNF. The Race Committee will not acknowledge a boat until "On Station". To signal that it is "On Station", the Race Committee boat will raise the orange flag.

10 **SAIL NUMBERS**

Sail numbers must be displayed in accordance with RRS G1. Requests for exceptions to this requirement must be made in writing to Fiesta Regatta PRO no later than Friday, 10:00 pm. This changes RRS G1. A boat with conflicting sail numbers on her mainsail and other sails shall report the conflict to the Race Committee prior to the start of any day's first race. A Race Committee may protest a boat with no visible, improper, or illegible sail numbers.

11 **TIME LIMIT**

If the first boat does not reach the first mark in one (1) hour, the race shall be abandoned. If the first boat in each fleet/class does not finish within two (2) hours, the race shall be abandoned for that class. Boats finishing more than one (1) hour after the first boat has finished in each class, will be scored DID NOT FINISH (DNF). This Sailing Instruction changes RRS 35 and A4.2.

12 **PROTESTS**

a. Protest forms are available at the clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. The protest time limit is one (1) hour after the sound signal is given at the time the Race Committee boat returns to the dock. This changes RRS 61.3.

b. The times of protest hearings and the boats involved will be posted on the Official Display of the HCYC facility. If protests are made under one-design rules, a copy of those rules must be submitted to the Protest Committee before the protest is heard.

13 **SCORING**

- a. The Low Point System, RRS A4, will apply. One (1) completed race shall constitute a regatta. RRS A2 is amended; classes that complete more than five (5) races will be allowed one (1) exclusion for every six (6) races completed. For regattas with an even number of races sailed, ties will be broken by total corrected time in races in which tied boats sailed. If a tie still exists, joint winners shall be declared. The boat with the lowest

sum will be declared the winner. This procedure supersedes the RRS Appendix "A" tie break method for all Regattas with an even number of races sailed.

- b. With the exception of boats racing one design, boats will be scored using PHRF handicaps.

**14 CLASSES**

The Notice of Race, Regatta, or Series will indicate anticipated classes. For the purpose of these instructions, a racing class is defined as a group of at least three (3) boats of one-design, and type or a grouping of at least three (3) boats within a range of PHRF handicaps. Fewer boats of one-design may race as a class at the Race Committee's discretion. If applicable, special arrangements may be made for level fleet racing provided the Fleet Captain for that fleet contacts the Principal Race Officer of HCYC for approval before the deadline for registration and submits a list of specific fleet racing rules.

**15 PHRF EQUIPMENT**

Any boat racing under the PHRF Handicap system must comply with PHRF requirements. If a boat desires to compete in the PHRF classes, she must either have the necessary equipment or make declaration of deviations from the required equipment. Equipment deviations from PHRF requirements may result in a change to the PHRF Handicap rating assigned to that boat. Failure to declare a deviation from PHRF requirements shall, when discovered, result in being scored DISQUALIFIED, NOT DISCARDABLE (DND) for the race, with the race counting toward the standings of the race, regatta, or series in accordance with RRS 2 - Fair Sailing.

**16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A sailing vessel that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

2015 Rear Commodore of Sail, HCYC

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Principal Race Officer

## APPENDIX A

### COURSE DIAGRAMS

The diagrams below show the approximate courses, including the approximate angle between legs, the order of rounding marks, and the side on which each mark shall be passed. The "F" or the "I" courses may be extended by adding a number following the course to indicate the number of W-L laps to be sailed (see "I -2" as an example). The "M" course with a number indicates number of W-J-L laps.



