

2016 THISTLE MIDWINTERS – SARASOTA STOP

February 27 - March 1, 2016



Organizing Authority:
Sarasota Sailing Squadron
1717 Ken Thompson Parkway
Sarasota, FL 34236



Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to Rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 do not apply.
- 1.3 RRS 28.1 is changed such that boats shall not pass through the finishing line except when finishing or attempting to finish. RRS 28.2 is changed to provide that a boat breaking this rule may not exonerate itself.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located under the pavilion at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.
- 2.2 The race committee will use VHF channel **72** to communicate with competitors on the water.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes to the racing schedule will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect

4 Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the Race Signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.

5 Schedule of Races

Day	First Warning	
Sun, Feb 28	1130	
Mon, Feb 29	1130	
Tue, Mar 1	1030	No warning after 1400

6 Class Flags

Class flag for all races will be the Thistle Class Flag.

7 Racing Area

The racing area will be on Sarasota Bay approximately 1-2 miles north of the Clubhouse, as shown in Appendix B.

8 Courses

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded.
- 8.2 The course identifier, approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles to the first mark will be displayed from the race committee signal boat prior to the warning signal for each race.

An example is shown below:

W	Windward/Leeward course
270	Approx magnetic bearing to windward mark
0.8	0.8 nm to windward mark

9 Marks

	Original	Change
Mark 1	Yellow Tetrahedron	Orange Tetrahedron
Marks 2A, 2B, 3 and 4	Yellow Tetrahedrons	
Start and Finish pins	Green Tetrahedrons	
Offset	Small red/orange buoy	
Start, finish	RC vessels	

10 The Start

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and either (a) the course side of the starting mark or (b) a staff displaying an orange flag on a boat at the port end.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A4.
- 10.3 When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race will be held on the same day, multiple sound signals will be used to alert boats of an upcoming warning signal.
- 10.4 The RC signal boat will attempt to display the sail numbers of all boats penalized under RRS 30.2 (Z Flag Rule) at the end of the race in which the penalty has occurred. The failure of any boat to observe their number or failure to display numbers correctly for any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11 Recalls

- 11.1 The RC will hail sail numbers of the OCS boats using VHF radio channel 72.
- 11.2 The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, the order of the hailed numbers, or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will:

- (a) lay a new mark or
- (b) move the finishing line or
- (c) move the leeward gate.

When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. Individual gate marks may be moved (without signal) to maintain the configuration of the course.

13 The Finish

- 13.1 The finish will be between the staff of an orange flag on the RC finish boat at the starboard end and the course side of the finishing mark at the port end.
- 13.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means “no more racing today”.

14 Time Limit

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat in each race is 2 hours.
- 14.2 Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE and will receive two more points than the number of finishers. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, A5 and A11.

15 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available outside the business office of Sarasota Sailing Squadron and shall be delivered to the protest committee within one hour of the posted docking time of the race committee signal boat.
- 15.2 Within the protest time limit, the Race Committee will post the sail numbers of all boats that are penalized under RRS 29 and 30. A boat so notified may only file a request for a redress hearing within 60 minutes. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.3 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

- 15.4 A notice indicating the parties, time, and order of hearings fulfilling the requirements of RRS 63.2 and its prescriptions will be posted not later than 30 minutes following the expiration of the protest time limit.
- 15.5 A lesser penalty than DSQ (which may include no penalty) may be given at the discretion of the protest committee for an infringement of rules other than the rules of Part 2, changing RRS 64.1
- 15.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - 15.6.1 Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - 15.6.2 No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

16 Scoring

- 16.1 A boat's regatta score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 16.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 16.3 A maximum of eleven (11) races are scheduled.

17 Safety

- 17.1 Prior to the first warning signal of the day, each boat shall sail by the stern of the RC Signal Boat on starboard tack, hail its sail number, and receive acknowledgement of having checked in.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 18.1 Substitution of crew(s) will not be permitted without the prior written approval of the Race Committee. No substitution of skipper is permitted.
- 18.2 The same boat, equipment, and sails approved during the measurement shall be used throughout the regatta. Substitutions will not be permitted without the prior written approval of the Race Committee.

19 Equipment and Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 Outside Help While Not Racing

While not racing, from the time a boat leaves the dock until she has returned to shore, a boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except:

- a. Help for a crewmember who is ill, injured, or in danger;
- b. After a collision help from the crew of the other vessel to get clear;
- c. Help in the form of information or sustenance freely available to all boats;
- d. Unsolicited information from a disinterested source.

21 Radio Communication

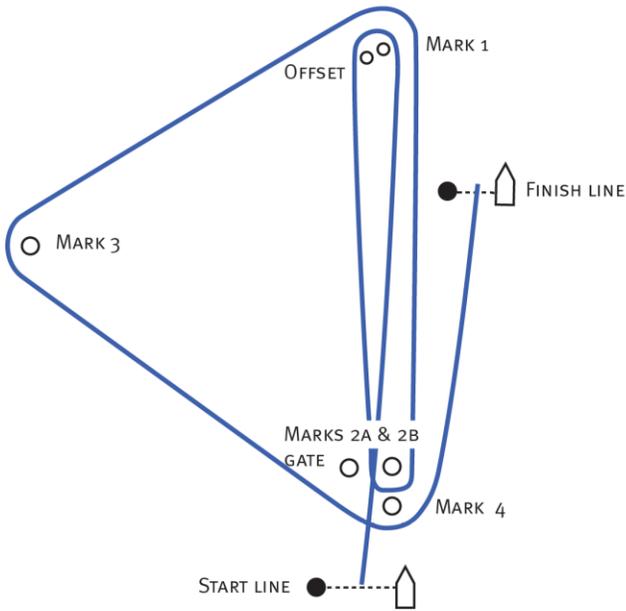
- 21.1 Pursuant to Chief Measurer's Rulings 65 and 74, competitors may receive VHF radio transmissions from the Race Committee on channel 72 concerning safety, notice of on-course-side (OCS) boats and general information to assist in the management of the event.
- 21.2 The RC will monitor VHF channel 72 for use in emergency and safety related situations.

22 Safety Regulations

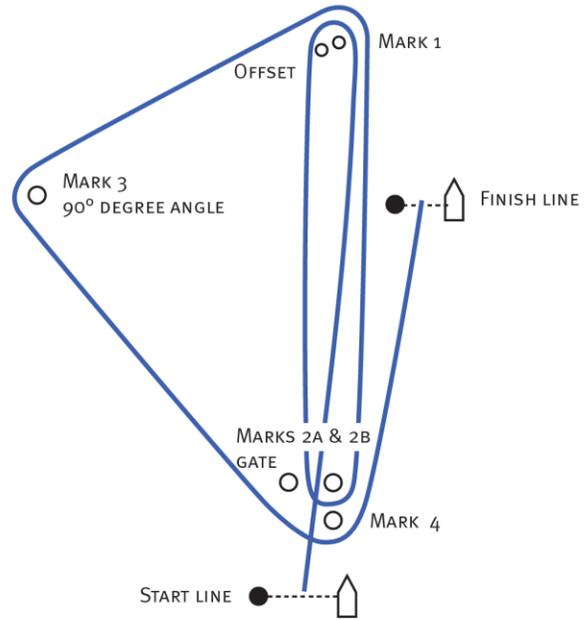
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS APPENDIX A

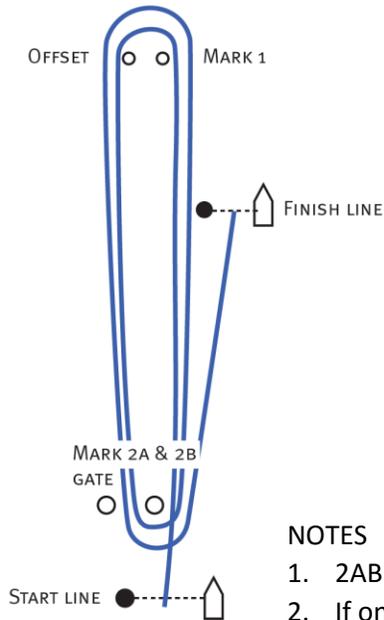
COURSE 3: EQUILATERAL TRIANGLE
 START, 1, OFFSET, 2AB, 1, 3, 4, FINISH



COURSE 4: RIGHT TRIANGLE
 START, 1, OFFSET, 2AB, 1, 3, 4, FINISH



ALTERNATE COURSE W
 START, 1, OFFSET, 2AB, 1, OFFSET, 2AB, FINISH



NOTES

1. 2AB is gate
2. If only one gate mark is present, it shall be rounded to port

