



2016 West Florida Ocean Racing Circuit Sailing Instructions

October 14, 15, and 16, 2016

Sponsored by the Gulf Yachting Association
And Hosted by the Pensacola Yacht Club

1. Rules

This regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (as amended by USSAILING) and the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Official Notices and Amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the porch of the Watson Sailing Center.
- 2.2 Any questions regarding the Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing to the judges by placing such questions in the protest box located at the PYC office upstairs no later than 0900 of the day following the briefing for the competitor's fleet. Responses, if any will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 0945 of that day.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 1000 on the day it is to take effect, EXCEPT;
- 3.2 Any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 2100 on the day before it takes effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the south lawn of Pensacola Yacht Club.
- 4.2 Code Flag "AP" with two (2) sound signals (one (1) when lowered) means: "Racing Is Postponed. The first warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the "AP" is lowered."

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1

Day and Date	Time of the First Warning Signal
Friday, Oct. 14	1055
Saturday, Oct. 15	1055
Sunday, Oct. 16	1055
- 5.2 Six (6) races will be attempted for the Spinnaker Fleet. Four (4) races will be attempted for the Non-Spinnaker Fleet. Two races (2) must be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.3 The Race Committee will signal its intent to run another race for PHRF Division that day by displaying Code Flag "F" while the in-progress race is finishing. Code Flag "F" will be lowered with an attention sound signal one (1) minute prior to the next race's warning signal. This modifies Race Signal "F".
- 5.4 On Sunday, there will be no warning signal after 1400 for all Divisions.

6. Class Flags

FLAG Color	Spinnaker	Non-Spinnaker
Pink	Class A	
Light Blue	Class B	
Purple	Class C	
Dark Green	Class D	
Light Green	Class E	
White		Class F

7. Racing Area

The racing area is Pensacola Bay and Pensacola Pass. Refer to Attachment B and/or NOAA chart 11383.

8. Courses: Refer to Attachment A.

9. Marks: Refer to Attachments A, B, and C.

10. The Start

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat on the starboard end of the line and the course side of the adjacent ball.
- 10.2 An inflatable mark may be tethered to the stern of the Race Committee boat(s). Any boat touching this mark will have broken Rule 31.1 and shall act in accordance with Rule 31.2.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS). This changes Rules 63.1 and A4.1.
- 10.5 Recalls: The Race Committee will attempt to notify "On Course Side" (OCS) boats by hail via loudhailer and/or broadcast over the designated VHF channel. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification and the timing and order of such hails, and/or broadcasts, shall not be grounds for Redress. This changes Rules 29.1 and 62.1(a).

11. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

Rule 33 is amended to additionally provide that when in a subsequent change of the next leg of the course, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. Finishing

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the course side of the Orange tetrahedron. The Race Committee may attempt at least one upwind finish per day. The finish line will then be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the course side of Mark 2.

13. Penalty Systems

- 13.1 The Two Turns penalty, Rule 44.2 will apply with the added requirement that any boat that avails itself of this penalty must report this action, as well as the identity of the other boat involved, to the race committee immediately upon finishing. Failure to do so will invalidate the penalty afforded by Rule 44.2. This changes Rule 44.2.
- 13.2 Appendix T of the RRS will be available to competitors for the purpose of resolving disputes.

14. Time Limits all Divisions

Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class that sails the course and finishes may be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF). This changes Rules 35 and A4.1.

15. Protests and Request for Redress

- 15.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee of its intentions and the identity of the Protested boat(s) and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee as soon as practical after finishing. This changes Rule 61. Failure to do so will make the protest invalid.
- 15.2 If the protesting boat does not finish, she shall inform the Race Committee of her intent at the first reasonable opportunity and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee. This changes Rule 61.
- 15.2 Protests shall be written on US SAILING forms and delivered no later than one (1) hour after her division's Race Committee Signal Boat docks.
- 15.2.1 The Race Committee Signal Boat's docking time for each division will be indicated by one (1) sound signal and posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.2.2 Protest forms are available on the second floor of the PYC Clubhouse.
- 15.2.3 Protests are to be filed in the Protest Box located near the office upstairs at the Pensacola Yacht Club. The protesting boat shall be responsible for having a witness legibly sign and note the date and time of the filing of the protest.
- 15.3 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after the Protest Time Limit expires to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing to which they are party. Protest hearings will be scheduled to start as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The Protest Committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Pensacola Yacht Club bar.
- 15.4 It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the Official Notice Board at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any boat to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Protest Committee as grounds for proceeding under RRS 63.3(b).
- 15.5 RRS 63.5 is changed by adding: "A protest involving damage may be heard by the Protest Committee even though the requirements of RRS 61.1 (a) and 61.3 and SI 15.1 have not been fulfilled."

16. Scoring

- 16.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of RRS will apply.
- 16.2 PHRF classes will be scored using the handicaps on their currently valid Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) PHRF Certificate.
- 16.3 For PHRF Spinnaker Fleet, a boat's series score will be the total of all her scores; less her worst score after six (6) races have been completed. No races will be discarded if five (5) or fewer races are completed. This changes RRS A2.
- 16.4 For PHRF Non-Spinnaker Fleet, a boat's series score will be the total of all her scores; less her worst score after four (4) races have been completed. No races will be discarded if three (3) or fewer races are completed. This changes RRS A2.

17. Trophies

- 17.1 Daily trophies will be awarded for each class to the First Place winner of the Day 1 race(s) and the First Place Winner of the Day 2 race(s).
- 17.2 Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third places in each class for the overall series.

- 17.3 The Dr. Lindsay Riddle Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the PHRF Monohull class with the closest and most competitive racing during the regatta. This will be determined by adding the corrected time differential between first and third place in each class per race excluding any throw-out and dividing that total time by the total nautical miles raced. The class winner, after throw-outs (if any), competing in the class with the lowest average time differential (in seconds per nautical mile) will be awarded the Riddle Cup.
- 17.4 The winner of PHRF Spinnaker Class "A" will be awarded the GYA Commodore Ronald F. Richards Perpetual Trophy and Keeper trophy.

18. Safety

- 18.1 USCG Safety Regulations and ISAF Offshore Special Regulation B for inshore racing are in effect for this regatta. Boats are subject to inspection and may be disqualified if these USCG and ISAF regulations are not met.
- 18.2 Prior to the first warning signal each day, all boats shall Check-In with the Race Committee by passing astern of the Race Committee signal boat on starboard tack and by hailing and displaying her sail number. At this Check-in, the boat's entire crew must be on deck visible to the Race Committee and wearing their PFD.
- 18.3 It is the responsibility of the skipper and crew to determine whether PFD's will be worn while racing. The Pensacola Yacht Club does not assume this responsibility, and no signals governing the wearing of life jackets, or other such devices, will be made.
- 18.4 Each competitor is solely responsible for his/her own safety. It is the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.
- 18.5 Any boat abandoning any race shall immediately notify the Division's Race Committee via VHF radio, or the Pensacola Yacht Club 850-433-8804.
- 18.6 Crew limits recommended on each boat's GYA PHRF Certificate are invoked for each boat sailing in PHRF classes.

19. Haul Out

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta; except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the Race Committee.

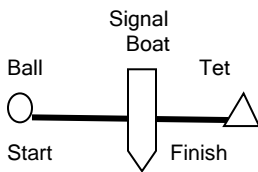
20. Radio Communications

- 20.1 The Race Committee will not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirements, protests, penalties reported, or requests for emergency assistance. The Race Committee will use the following VHF Channels for communication: **Channel 72**
- 20.2 Race Committee broadcasts concerning its intentions; the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

ATTACHMENT A - Courses and Marks



(Mark 1 will be set approximately 1.25 to 1.75 times the distance to mark 2 from mark 3.)



COURSES:

For the Distance Race:

The course for the Distance Race will make use of fixed, government marks within Pensacola Bay and Pensacola Pass as indicated in **Attachment C**.

For the Buoy Races:

As indicated in the diagram on this **Attachment A**, the courses for the Buoy Races will be 4 leg Windward-Leeward courses with NO offset mark. All marks shall be rounded to port. Spinnaker Classes A and B will sail: Start – 1 – 3 – 2 – Finish. Classes C, D and E will sail: Start – 2 – 3 – 2 – Finish.

The initial windward mark (1) for classes A and B will be located approximately 125 to 175 percent of the distance to the initial windward mark (2) for Classes C, D and E.

The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the windward mark will be displayed from the race committee signal boat before or with the warning signal.

The approximate distance in nautical miles from the starting line to the initial windward mark for each class will be displayed from the race committee signal boat before or with the **preparatory** signal.

The course shall not be shortened to less than three legs.

MARKS:

For the Distance Race:

The course for the Distance Race will make use of fixed, government marks within Pensacola Bay and Pensacola Pass as indicated in **Attachments B and C**. Turning marks for the course to be sailed, consistent with the list of Government Marks listed in Attachment C, will be displayed on the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat prior to the Preparatory Signal. Course marks will be left to Port unless displayed with a subscript "S" to indicate that mark is to be left to Starboard.

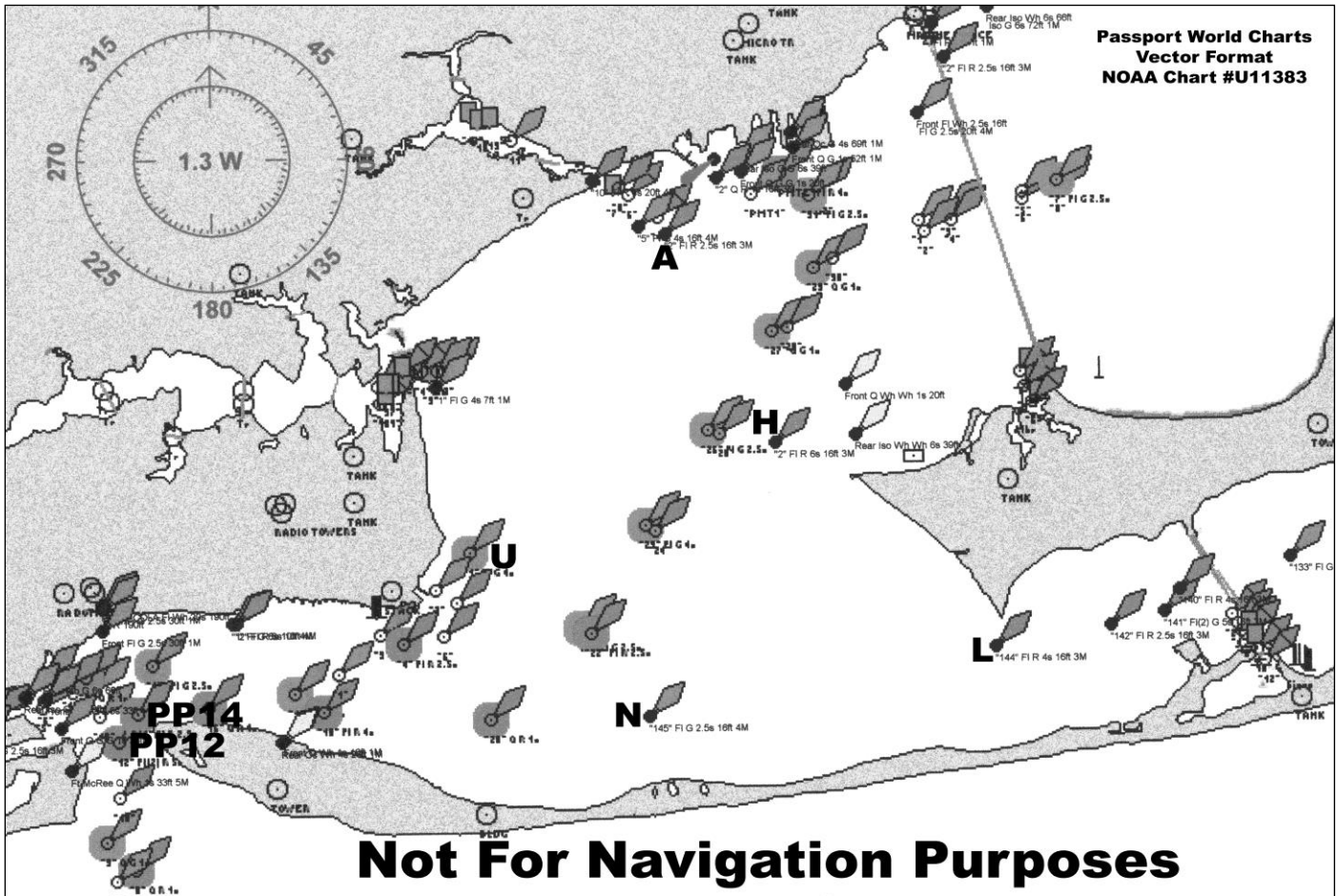
For the Buoy Races:

Mark 1 will be a **yellow** tetrahedron. Marks 2 and 3 will be **orange** tetrahedrons.

New marks, as provided in instruction 18, CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE, will be **yellow** tetrahedrons. (Note: Mark 1 cannot be changed.)

NOTE: The Race Committee may attempt to have one upwind finish per day for PHRF Classes. In such case, the finish line will be the course side of Mark 2 and an Orange flag displayed on the Signal Boat.

ATTACHMENT B – Pensacola Bay Racing Area



Copy of Pensacola Bay Chart showing Government Marks and their corresponding Race Mark Symbol

ATTACHMENT C: Description and Location of Government Marks in Pensacola Bay and Pensacola Pass

<u>Letter</u>	<u>Chart Label</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Latitude (N)</u>	<u>Longitude (W)</u>
A	FI R 2.5s 17ft 3M	"2" Beginning of Bayou Chico Channel	30 · 23.531 ´	87 · 13.729 ´
B	G"31" FI G 2.5s	Close to the Port of Pensacola	30 · 23.759 ´	87 · 12.574 ´
C	G C "1"	Three Mile Bridge Channel Marker	30 · 23.557 ´	87 · 11.658 ´
D	G "29" Q G	Bay Channel "29"	30 · 23.211 ´	87 · 12.551 ´
E	G "27" Q G	Bay Channel "27"	30 · 22.726 ´	87 · 12.878 ´
F	Q 30ft	Forward Range Marker for East Channel	30 · 22.383 ´	87 · 12.233 ´
H	FI R 6s 17ft 3M	"2" Fair Point	30 · 21.952 ´	87 · 12.819 ´
I	G "25" FI G 2.5s	Bay Channel "25"	30 · 21.989 ´	87 · 13.456 ´
J	G "23" FI G 4s	Bay Channel "23"	30 · 21.282 ´	87 · 13.979 ´
K	G "21" FI G 2.5s	Bay Channel "21"	30 · 20.509 ´	87 · 14.537 ´
L	FI R 4s 17 ft 3M "144"	Deer Point	30 · 20.397 ´	87 · 10.947 ´
M	FI R 2.5s 17ft 3M "142"	Between Deer Point and Pensacola Beach Bridge	30 · 20.549 ´	87 · 10.013 ´
N	FI G 2.5s 17ft 4M "145"	Pensacola Bay off Santa Rosa Island	30 · 19.893 ´	87 · 13.891 ´
P	R "20" FI R 4s BELL	Pensacola Bay off Santa Rosa Island	30 · 19.821 ´	87 · 15.305 ´
R	R "18"FI R 4s	Pensacola Bay off Santa Rosa Island	30 · 19.888 ´	87 · 16.692 ´
S	R N "6"	Turning Basin East of Naval Air Station Dock	30 · 20.450 ´	87 · 15.719 ´
U	FI G 4s "1"	Approx. 0.6 nm northeast of Naval Air Station Docks	30 · 21.075 ´	87 · 15.460 ´
V	R "8" Q R BELL	Caucus Channel (gulf entry channel) Buoy #8	30 · 18.715 ´	87 · 18.300 ´
X	G "1" FI G 2.5 s GONG	Pensacola Sea Buoy (Caucus Channel Buoy #1)	30 · 16.262 ´	87 · 17.546 ´
PP12	R "12" FI (2) R 5s	Pensacola Pass "12"	30 · 19.685 ´	87 · 18.417 ´
PP14	R "14" FI R 2.5s	Pensacola Pass "14"	30 · 19.891 ´	87 · 18.280 ´

The above positions are approximate. While every care has been taken in the preparation of the above list, no Request for Redress and/or liability can be accepted for any loss or damage arising from any error or inaccuracy. Lat/Long data source NOAA ENC#11383, 07AUG03 update. These marks and characteristics contained herein were current 2/06/03. "The Notice to Mariners" should be referred to as any of these marks could be subject to change in approximate position and characteristics. The individual Race Committees shall endeavor to note and post any changes that may affect this table. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the competitors to navigate the given course properly.