



Turkey Day Regatta

BYC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS November 18, 2017

1. RULES

1.1 This race will be part of the BYC 2017 Race Series and the MORF Competition Cup. The NOR applies unless otherwise amended by this document. The rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (“R.R.S.”) except as modified by the Notice of Race or by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 BYC is the Organizing Authority.

1.3 Any questions about the rules must be submitted to the Race Committee in writing, and answers will be posted via email.

2. ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES

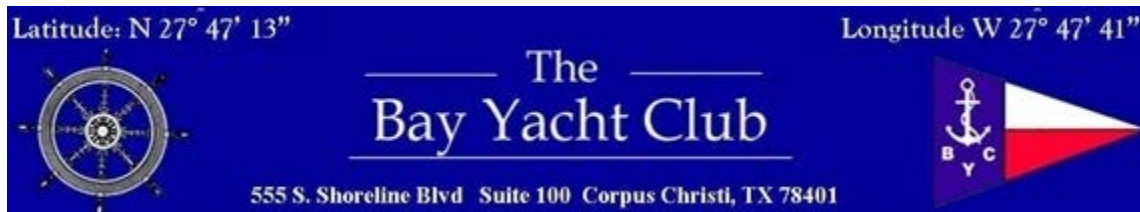
2.1 Rule 35 Time Limit: Boats not finishing within 20 minutes of the first finisher by class shall be scored “Did Not Finish” unless the RC extends the time limit.

2.2. No spinnakers may be used in the “Non-Spin” category.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 A yacht shall be considered entered if she registers/pays IAW the NOR and checks in at the start line to the RC. All yachts must hold a valid South Texas PHRF rating certificate or temporary certificate and will be scored according to that rating. Yachts without a current PHRF certificate shall apply with the South Texas PHRF Committee for a temporary certificate. Alternatively, the BYC Race Committee retains the right, at its sole discretion, to assign a temporary PHRF rating for the sole purpose of this Regatta. Intent to enter RSVP’s is encouraged and can be sent to richardebell@hotmail.com

3.2 Skippers meeting will be scheduled as per the NOR. Questions can be addressed by sending an email to richardebell@hotmail.com. Answers will be promulgated via the BYC members blast and individual entrants who RSVP ahead of time.



4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted two hours before the start on the BYC racing notice board and over Regatta Network or will be will be communicated orally over VHF Channel 68 to each yacht or by cell phone.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The first start sequence will commence at 1100. Three all sails and two non-spin races will be scheduled dependent upon weather. Skippers are advised to monitor Channel 68 for race status.

6. CLASSES and CLASS FLAGS

6.1 CLASSES: Non-Spin; Green Flag, All Sails; Pink Flag

7. RACING AREA and COURSE

7.1 The racing area will be the Corpus Christi Bay. Participants must abide by the applicable Inland or International Rules of the Road. **Any yacht interfering with commercial or non-racing traffic will be scored DSQ without a hearing and may be subject to Federal prosecution.**

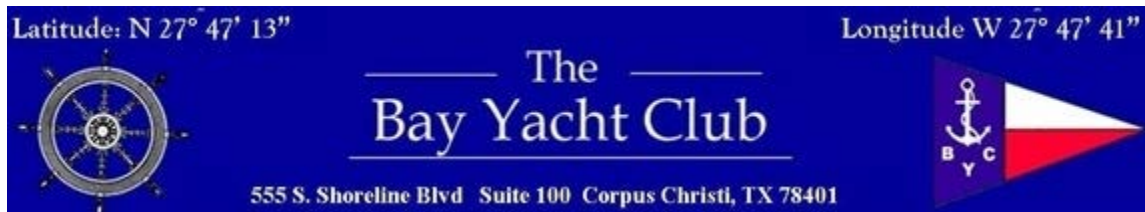
7.2 Courses will be posted at the start line for the Non-Spin category (2 races). Intent is to utilize Corpus Christi Bay Race marks and marker buoys to create a triangular course at a distance to keep each race at approx 45 - 60 minutes. Courses are subject to change for each race/class.

7.3 Courses will be posted at the start line for the Non-Spin category (2 races). Intent is to utilize Corpus Christi Bay Race marks and marker buoys to create a windward/leeward course at a distance to keep each race at approx 30 - 45 minutes. Courses are subject to change for each race/class.

8. THE START

8.1 The start/finish line will be a line between a hippity hop buoy and the RC boat. Notice of line change will be made via radio channel 68 no later than two hours prior to start. Intent is to be in the approx. area formally known as CC Marker #2.

8.2 Participants shall check in by passing in behind the RC boat on a STB tack and report boat name and sail number. Failure to do so will result in a 20% penalty.



8.3 The Starting Sequence for the Regatta will begin with the first class warning signal at 1059 with the start sequence commencing at 1100 am on Saturday, November 18th, 2017. Second start sequence will start approx. 1 minute after the previous start. Subsequent starts will commence as practicable.

8.4 A yacht may start within 10 minutes after her starting signal; however, it shall in no way hinder any yacht starting or preparing to start in another class.

9. RECALLS

9.1 General and individual recalls shall be signaled in accordance with Rule 29 unless modified by this document.

9.2 An individual recall will be signaled by display of code flag "X" followed by the vessel name or sail number over VHF channel 68.

9.3 When a general recall has been signaled by five short blasts, a new preparatory signal will be made approximately one minute after the lowering of the class flag. After a general recall the subsequent starts will be "India" starts (Rule 30). The first southern "no wake buoy" will be used as a rounding buoy in lieu of the line pin. The start for each succeeding class will be postponed accordingly.

10. THE FINISH

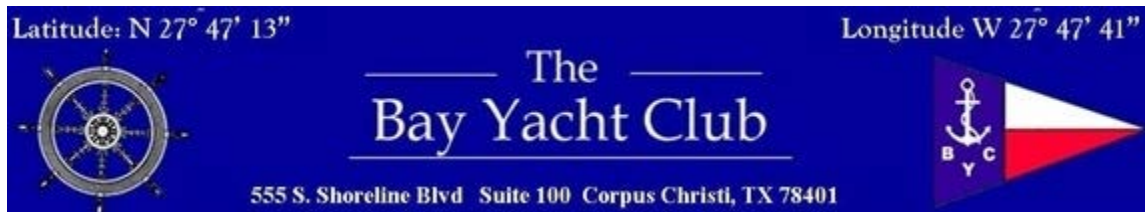
10.1 See section 8.

11. SAFETY

11.1 A yacht retiring from a race or the regatta shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity on Channel 68 VHF or cell # 361-815-3111. **Any yacht interfering with commercial traffic will be subject to federal prosecution and will be scored as DSQ.**

12 PROTESTS

12.1 Don't even think about it. Yachts compelled to file a protest shall notify the Race Committee at the finish line as soon as possible after she finishes. Deadline for filing protests shall be one hour after the yacht intending to protest finishes a race. Protests shall be written with Sharpe pen on the label of an unopened bottle of Pussers Rum and delivered to Race Committee. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible and forms shall not be returned!



13. SCORING

13.1 PHRF scoring will be used. Points awarded for place lowest point total wins. Ties will be resolved by number of 1st, then 2nds and so forth.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

14.1 Each yacht shall have a radio capable of monitoring 16, 68 and a weather channel. The Race Committee will monitor channel 68. Ch 72 will be the backup channel.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded on Saturday at approximately 7 PM.

16. EMERGENCIES

16.1 Skippers are reminded that they are bound by calls of assistance and shall render aid when able. Vessels requiring emergency assistance shall make every attempt to notify the proper authorities and advise RC.

17. DISCLAIMER of LIABILITY

No claim is made or implied that observance of these safety requirements will prevent injury, death, or loss of property. Neither the establishment of these rules and safety regulations, their use by race organizers, nor the inspection or absence of inspection of a boat for compliance with these safety regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge, per Rule 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and manned and operated by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather and to comply with the rules in force. S/he shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. S/he shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.”

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Each Skipper has acknowledged and agreed that the decision to start or to continue a race is solely their responsibility. 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.