

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 National prescriptions will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the TYCC Sailing shed.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the club flag pole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The Gasparilla Green Fleet Regatta will take place on the 10th of March 2018.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1030.
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1500.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flag will be a Green flag with the optimist insignia.

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Appendix A shows the approximate location of the racing area.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, 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 left. We aim to race for approximately 30 minutes.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be yellow inflatables.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started using the Audible-Signal Racing System as described in the US Sailing National Prescriptions Appendix U. This changes RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

11.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between an orange mark and the race committee vessel.

12.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

13.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 20 minutes the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the marina office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signals returns to shore.

14.3 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

15 SCORING

15.1 Races will be scored using the low point scoring system.

15.2 One race will constitute a series.

15.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 Boats leaving the ramp must Check-out by taking a tally band from the tally board at the top of the club ramp. When returning Sailors shall immediately Check-in by returning their tally band.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17 SUPPORT BOATS

17.1 Coaches and other support persons shall be permitted to coach sailors in the rear half of the racing fleet.

17.2 Support boats shall be driven with caution with all necessary safety equipment used accordingly. Vessels failing to wear their Kill-switch lanyards will be asked to leave the racing area.

18 TRASH and REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. Please use Refillable water bottles. Water will be available between races at the race committee.

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the 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.

APPENDIX A

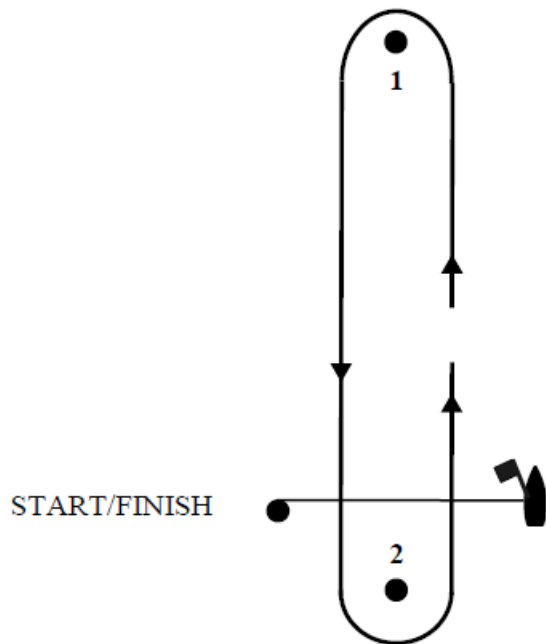
Location of racing area

The racing shall take place just to the East of Ballast point in Hillsborough bay. Marked A on the map.



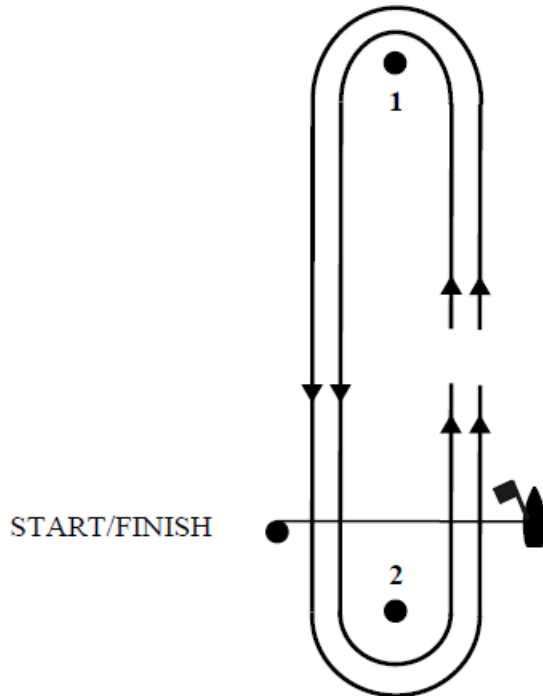
W1

Start – 1 – 2 – Finish



W2

Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish



Marks 1 and 2 will be yellow inflatables.

The start finish line will be between an orange flag displayed on the committee boat and an orange buoy at the port end of the line.