Lauderdale Yacht Club

2018 Ron Payne Memorial Snipe Regatta May 19, 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta is organized under the authority of the Lauderdale Yacht Club and will be sailed under the management of the Lauderdale Yacht Club Race Committee. The regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the prescriptions of US Sailing except those of rules 63.2 and 63.4, the rules of the classes competing as they apply to that class, except as any of these are changed by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions, and properly posted amendments thereto. The US Sailing Prescriptions are available at www.ussailing.org
- 1.2 These Sailing Instructions, including amendments, will take precedence in the case of conflict with the Notice of Race.
- 1.3 Each owner/charterer is solely responsible for the safety of his/her boat and the decision whether or not to proceed to the race area, or start or continue to race is the owner's/charterer's responsibility and not that of Lauderdale Yacht Club.

2.0 ENTRIES

2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing an entry form and registering with the Lauderdale Yacht Club Race Committee.

3.0 EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION

- 3.1 Equipment must conform to the regulations of the Snipe class, including carrying a minimum 15 meter (49'3") tow line, thickness the minimum of 8 mm (5/16").
- 3.2 Conformance to these equipment standards or inspection of a boat in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of a boat's skipper for the safety of a boat. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect entries for eligibility and requirements at any time prior to the awards. Boats which fail to comply with these equipment standards are subject to protest by the Race Committee. If such a protest is sustained, the boat may be disqualified or assessed an appropriate penalty at the discretion of the protest committee.

4.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at the official regatta notice board at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Center.

5.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

6.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Center.
- 6.2 Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant, displayed with two accompanying sound signals means "The racing is postponed." When "AP" is lowered with one accompanying sound signal, the time of the warning signal for the next race is posted on the regatta notice board. This changes RRS Race Signals.

7.0 ORAL INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Oral instructions may be given by the Race Committee with the following procedure: **DISPLAY OF CODE FLAG "L."** The Race Committee boat will display code flag "L" and all competitors will pass astern of the Race Committee boat on starboard tack to receive oral instructions.

8.0 RESPONSIBILITY

8.1 Before the warning signal for the start of the first race of each day, each boat shall sail on **starboard tack** past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat to check in. The Race Committee may acknowledge each boat by hailing her sail number.

9.0 SCHEDULE

Saturday

0800 - 0900	Registration, LYC Sailing Center
0900	Skippers' meeting
0930	Harbor Start
1100	Warning gun, 1 st race of the day (Additional races to follow)
1600 (approximately) Cookout, keg and trophy presentation	

10.0 RACING AREA

10.1 The racing area is the Atlantic Ocean, approximately 1 mile South of Port Everglades inlet and approximately 1/2 mile offshore.

11.0 COURSES

11.1 Courses are as follows and as shown on the attached courses diagram: **Course Signal (written on Course Board)**

"1" "2" "3"	W,L, Finish Upwind W,L,W, Finish to Leeward W,L,W,L, Finish Upwind
"4"	W,R,L,Finish Upwind
"5"	W,R,L,W,R, Finish to Leeward
"6"	W,R,L,W,R,L Finish Upwind

See attached course guide.

11.2 The approximate magnetic compass bearing from the leeward mark (Mark L) to the windward mark (Mark W) may be posted on the Race Committee boat prior to the preparatory signal.

Course Description

11.3 Course Numbers designating the course will be displayed at or before the warning signal on a White Display Board.

12.0 MARKS

12.1 Marks W, L and R will be large orange inflatable Race Committee marks. Start Mark S will be a yellow mark. Finish Mark "F" will be a red round (hoppity-hop) mark.

13.0 THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 with the Warning Signal made three **minutes** before the starting signal. Multiple horns may be sounded prior to the warning signal.
- 13.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end, and a mark S at the port end.
- 13.3 Boats starting later than five minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.
- 13.4 The Warning flag will be the Snipe Class Flag.
- 13.5 RRS 30.3 ("Black Flag Rule") shall not be used. This changes RRS 30.3. The Snipe Class "Z" Flag rule may be used at the discretion of the Race Committee and in accord with The International Snipe Class Rules.
- 13.6 The Race Committee signal boat may post a list of OCS and/or ZFP boats. The failure to post the list or posting an incomplete or wrong list will not be grounds for a redress.

The Race Committee will not individually provide the information, if the information is not posted.

14.0 SAFETY

- 14.1 Boats not leaving the harbor for the day's race shall inform the Race Committee prior to the harbor start.
- 14.2 A skipper or crew requesting assistance will attempt to signal by waving one arm over his or her head.
- 14.3 A boat that decides not to compete in the race or retires after starting shall notify the Race Committee or report to a designated Safety Boat as soon as possible. No boat should leave the racing area without communicating with the Race Committee. Any boat failing to comply with this requirement may be disqualified for the entire event or may be assessed an alternate penalty at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 14.4 Special safety instructions concerning care of our coral reefs, seagrass, seabed, and manatees, and safety instructions regarding towing will be given at the Competitors' Meeting and/or are appended hereto. Failure to follow any of them by competitors or their coach/support boats shall be grounds for disqualification from the race, the regatta or other sanction.

15.0 CHANGE OF COURSE

15.1 A change of course will be signaled at the mark beginning the leg being changed by a Race Committee boat that will display code flag "C" and the appropriate compass bearing to the new mark position and sound a signal periodically. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, even though the mark may not yet be in position.

16.0 FINISH

16.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the appropriate mark as indicated in S.I. 11.1 and/or as may be shown on the course diagram for that course raced.

17.0 TIME LIMIT

17.1 The time limit to complete a race will be 75 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class has finished will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35.

18.0 PROTESTS

- 18.1 Protests shall be written on Protest Forms available at the Official Notice Board and delivered within 30 minutes of the docking of the Race Committee Signal Boat.
- 18.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Center.
- 18.3 Only the Race Committee or Protest Committee may protest a boat for violation of Sailing Instructions 3.0, 8.1, 13.3, 14.3, 14.4, 20, 21 and 22. The Protest Committee may assess an alternate penalty for violations of those specified Sailing Instructions. This modifies RRS 60.1 (a).
- 18.4 Protest notices may be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

19.0 SCORING

19.1

Low Point Scoring System will apply. A six race regatta is planned. After five races are completed, a competitor's worst score will be discarded. This modifies RRS A2. No races will be started after 1500 hours.

20.0 SUPPORT AND SPECTATOR BOATS

20.1

Support and spectator boats must register with the Race Committee prior to the Skippers' Meeting. All support and spectator boats are required to monitor channel 69 for requests from the Race Committee to assist with fleet safety and must have onboard a working VHF capable of receiving and transmitting on channels 69, 16 and 14.

20.2

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The racing area is defined as fifty yards away from the outside of the exterior lay lines of the race course. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be disqualification of all boats associated with the support personnel who do so. An alternate penalty may be assessed at the discretion of the protest committee. Support and spectator boats may only enter the race area at the request of the Race Committee or in an emergency when necessary to assist a boat in distress. Support and Spectator boats may not anchor in the vicinity of the Race Area.

21.1 Competitors may <u>not</u> drop off or retrieve gear from Race Committee boats. Competitors may drop off trash on Race Committee boats.

22.0 UPON COMPLETION OF REGATTA

22.1 Any boat, trailer, or gear left past Saturday night without prior permission will be removed from the club premises at owner's expense.

Tom Lihan Principal Race Officer

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