

# Corinthian Sailing Association of Lake Pontchartrain

## General Sailing Instructions

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### **1 CORINTHIANS SAILING ASSOCIATION (CSA) RULES**

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020 edition, hereinafter referred to as the "Rules", the U.S. Sailing Prescriptions and addendum, and the GYA PHRF rules.
- 1.2 If a conflict exists between any of the above and the CSA Sailing Instructions, the CSA instructions will prevail.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official CSA Notice Board located at the NOYC, PYC,  
[www.corinthians.org](http://www.corinthians.org).
- 2.2 Any changes to these instructions will be posted on the official CSA Notice Board not later than one and a half (1.5) hours prior to the first start.

### **3 ENTRIES**

- 3.1 Entries must be files not later than the Skippers meeting prior to the start of a race or series of races.
- 3.2 Skippers may enter in one of the following defined classes:
  - Spinnaker Class
  - Non-Spinnaker Class
  - Cruising Class
- 3.3 Sail Numbers. Boats shall carry sail identification numbers on the mainsail.
- 3.4 The skippers meeting shall be held one and a half (1.5) hours prior to the first start of a race at a designated location or as posted on the official CSA Notice Board. A representative of each boat must attend the Skippers' meeting before a race or series.
- 3.5 Entry fee for non-Corinthian members is \$10.00 per race event, \$25.00 per 3 race series or \$40.00 per 5 race series (US Sailing members discount \$5.00). Payment is required in advance for all races to be eligible for series awards.

- 3.6 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, allow additional entries for a series prior to the start of the second race.
- 3.7 PHRF Rating. A copy of a boat's current GYA PHRF Certificate must be on file with the GYA and be posted on the GYA website prior to the start of the first race of a series. Boats with multiple-sized headsails must have their rating be reflective of their largest headsail and they will use that rating throughout a series/regatta regardless of which sail is used in racing. A boat without a current PHRF certificate on file will, upon request, be assigned a temporary rating by the Race Committee equal to the GYA rating for similar boats, less six (6) seconds per mile. This rating is not subject to protest and is **valid for one race or series**. Rating changes and/or alterations to a boat are not permitted during a series.
- 3.8 Boats should not change classes during a series or regatta. If a boat changes class during a series, then he has to sail in the same class for two races to qualify for a series trophy. Any race sailed out of class will not be counted in BOTY standings. Any race sailed out of class for a series will be scored DNC for tie breaker.

#### 4 CLASSES

- 4.1 Spinnaker Class.
- 4.1.1 Spinnaker Class boats may carry a spinnaker as defined by the rules. Spinnakers and equipment shall be as state on the boat's PHRF certificate.
- 4.2 Non-Spinnaker Class
- 4.2.1 Headsails. A single headsail, of the maximum size specified by the PHRF rating, or smaller, may be carried and tacked at the usual tack point with its luff attached to the forestay either continuously as with luff tape or in interrupted fashion with hanks that are separated by no more than four (4) feet. During headsail changes, if two headsails are carried, their clews must both lie on the same side of the boat.
- 4.2.2 Whisker Poles. The length of the whisker pole is unrestricted. Whisker Poles must be attached to the mast and at or adjacent to the clew of the headsail. Only one whisker pole may be carried at a time.
- 4.2.3 Spinnakers, Bloopers or Pole less Spinnakers are not allowed.
- 4.2.4 Staysails are allowed, if tacked on centerline a minimum of 1/3 of the "J" dimension behind the jib tack point, and shall not exceed the rated overlap distance for which the boat is rated.
- 4.2.5 Cutter Rigs boats rated as such by PHRF may set staysails to the tack point provided by the manufacturer.

4.2.6 Yawl and Ketch Rigs. Mizzen staysails must be carried.

4.3 Cruising Class.

4.3.1 All restrictions listed above for a Non-Spinnaker boat will apply.

4.3.2 In addition, the valid GYA PHRF Certificate for the boat shall indicate the "Cruising Credit".

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The CSA race schedule shall be posted on the CSA website and the official CSA Notice Board.

The time of the starting signal for the first race shall be the time listed on the CSA race schedule or announced at the skippers meeting. The race committee shall use CPS time as a time standard.

The Race Committee may combine classes or divisions.

The Race Committee may divide each class into two or more divisions. Class breaks based upon PHRF ratings may be posted at the skippers meeting.

5.1 The Boat of the Year Races shall use fixed rating bands as determined by the two fleets captains.

5.2 BOTY races and numbers will be determined by same.

6 Rating Bands and number of classes will depend on the number and ratings of boats participating by the fleet captains and will be posted following the Winter Series.

## 7 Class Flags

Class flags will be:

Spinnaker	White flag with "S"
Non Spinnaker	Green flag with "N"
Cruising	Pink flag with "C"

## 8 RACING AREA

Attachment "A" shows the location of the racing area and fixed marks.

9 The race committee will display the course to be sailed according to Rule 27. Fixed mark letters will designate the course with the first letter indicating the first mark after the start followed by subsequent marks in order of rounding. Number of rounds will follow mark letters if more than a single round is desired. Pass marks in the order displayed, on the side such that course to next mark does not cross course from previous mark. If the previous mark and next mark are the same, round marks to port. If temporary marks are used, course and distance will be displayed by committee. For

staggered starts, a race committee boat may be used only to time the start and finish or not at all.

## **10 MARKS**

Marks shall be fixed marks as described in Attachment "A". Attachment "A" describes the locations of the marks, the distance to and from each other, and bearings.

10.1 Temporary marks may be used by Race Committee if needed.

## **11 THE START**

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 If a class is broken into separate divisions, the race committee boat will display the division at the warning signal along with the class flag.

11.3 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and the nearby mark.

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area. The Starting Area will extend 200 feet perpendicularly (to windward & leeward) from the starting line and within a radius of 200 feet from its ends. Boats that fail to abide by these restrictions may be subject to protest by the Race Committee only.

11.5 For staggered starts, 11.1, 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4 do not apply, instead 11.6 and 11.7 are in effect.

11.6 For staggered starts, GPS time as found on a fixed station or hand-held unit only will be used. The individual start time is based on GYA PHRF and length of course. Individual start times will be assigned by the race officer meeting prior to the race, regatta or series.

11.7 For staggered starts, the line shall be 1) within 3 boat lengths of the mark and when the boat's bow crosses an imaginary line between the starting mark perpendicular to the compass course to the first mark of the course or 2) between a starting mark and committee boat or 3) between two starting marks on a line perpendicular to the first mark of the course. Boats not in their 5 minute starting sequence will stay clear of the starting area (starting mark) for a radius of 200 feet. Boats within their 5 minute start, should keep clear of outer boats starting.

## **12 RECALL**

Individual recall will be as described in rule 29. The Race Committee will attempt to notify each premature starter by hailing her sail number. Failure to hear or respond to a hail is not grounds for redress.

General recall will be as described in rule 29.

**13 THE FINISH**

The Finish Line for staggered start races is the same as the starting line as described in 11.7.

For staggered starts, all boats shall report within two hours of finishing the race their GPS Time and position by indicating the boat(s) directly in front and the boat(s) directly behind to the race officer, either by phone, email or in person.

The Finish line for timed starts will be between the Committee boat and the adjacent mark

**14 TIME LIMITS**

Series	Time Limit	Mark
Wednesday Night races	(3) Three Hours	Finish
Regular triangle races	(4) Four Hours	Finish

If no boat in a class has finished within the time limit, the race for that class will be abandoned. The Race Committee Boat will signal abandonment and announce the abandonment over the VHF radio.

Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat in the same class finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rules 35 and A4, and A11.

**15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

A boat intending to file a protest shall inform the race officer of the protested boat's sail number and name upon finishing or at the first reasonable opportunity. Protests shall be submitted to the race officer on protest forms listed in the "rules" book. Copies of the protest form are available on the CSA website.

The time limit to file a protest is 75 minutes after the last boat finishes or 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat has docked.

The protest chairman shall schedule protest hearings. A representative of each boat involved in the protest must be available for the protest hearing.

For Staggered start races, a skipper must notify a member of the Race Committee by phone or E-mail within two hours of last boat finishing of her intention of protesting. A protest hearing will be scheduled as soon as all parties are available to meet.

**16 SCORING**

Scoring will be done in accordance with Appendix A.

Ties will be broken in accordance with Appendix Rules A7 & A8.

A boat entering in a series, that did not sail a race or races in the series because the skipper or a designated (by skipper) crew member served on the race committee,

shall be scored an average of her scores in that series for those races.

Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, provided that three or more races (or a minimum of 2 races in a 3 race series) in the series have been completed.

**17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to determine if his boat and crew are capable of participating in the race. Each skipper is reminded to comply with all applicable State and Federal safety regulations.

It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to determine if PFD's shall be worn. Radio.

The race committee shall operate on and monitor VHF channel 68.

Competitors shall monitor VHF Channel 68 during the race.

Running lights must be displayed between sunset and sunrise regardless of boat length.

Violators are subject to protest and disqualification.

**18 MISCELLANEOUS**

Trash and Debris. No trash or debris will be thrown overboard at any time. Violators are subject to protest and disqualification.

Trophies will be awarded as announced.