



**TAMPA BAY TO FORT MYERS RACE**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After a Race.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the official notice board on the lower level on the western wall.
- 2.2 After the race notices will be posted at Bonita Bills.
- 2.3 The race committee will use VHF channel 69 to communicate with boats on the water.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before the competitor's meeting.

**4 SCHEDULE**

Thursday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1700-1745	Registration and check-in
	1745	Competitors meeting
Friday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	1200	First warning signal
Saturday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	1800	Awards ceremony at Bonita Bills

**5 COURSE**

Course and marks are described in Attachment A.

**6 CLASS FLAGS (Starting sequence will be determined by flags. Stay aware!)**

<u>Divisions</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>
Multihull	Purple flag with white "P"
Spinnaker	Red flag with white "S"
Racer-Cruiser	Green flag with white "G"
Cruising, Non-Spinnaker	Blue flag with white "N"

## **7 THE START**

- 7.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark "Big J".
- 7.2 Should the wind conditions necessitate a postponement prior to the start, the race committee may move the starting area farther up the course by displaying code flag "L" and motoring towards the next mark. In this case, the starting mark will be either a mark of the course, a nearby government aid, or a drop-mark. Should the race committee pass a mark of the course, that mark is then eliminated from the course.
- 7.3 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of the boats that are OCS. See also SI 13.2.
- 7.4 Boats may not start more than 10 minutes after their starting signal.
- 7.5 Divisions may be combined for starts.

## **8 THE FINISH**

- 8.1 The finishing line will be at San Carlos Mo(a) – "SC".
- 8.2 Boat shall attempt to hail the race committee over VHF 69 when approximately 3-5 miles from the finish or call Susan's cell phone 239-430-3643 or Sherry's 239-595-8326
- 8.3 If the race committee is not on station at the finish, the US Sailing prescription to RRS 34 applies. Take your GPS time when finish mark bears 0 degrees magnetic within 100 feet of SC mark (port). Skippers taking their own time, please take a picture of your GPS with time and Lat/Long position and deliver to RC upon docking or via text to Brent Bacon at 813.363.6935.

## **9 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for finishing will be 1500 on Saturday May 25, 2019. Boats failing to finish by the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

## **10 SCORING AND PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1 Races will be scored using the WFPHRF RLC ratings.
- 10.2 Only the Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, and the optional RRS V2, will apply.
- 10.3 The penalties as calculated and rounded in RRS 44.3(c) shall be increased by ½-point. This changes RRS 44.3(c).
- 10.4 One race is scheduled. The course distance is 104 nautical miles, unless the course is shortened.

## **11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 11.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress shall inform the race committee upon finishing or retiring.
- 11.2 The protest time limit will be 1430 on Saturday, May 25.
- 11.3 For boats finishing or retiring after that time the protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the boat finishes or retires.
- 11.4 Protests and requests for redress will be heard at Bonita Bills as soon as practical after the race.

## 12 SAFETY

- 12.1 A boat that retires from the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP] Call or text Brent Bacon at 813-363-6935.
- 12.2 The COLREGs always apply between boats racing and vessels not racing. A boat shall not obstruct a commercial vessel. [DP]
- 12.3 Boats shall monitor VHF 16 except while starting or finishing.

## 13 COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall neither make voice or data transmissions nor receive voice or data communications not available to all boats. [DP]
- 13.2 Race committee broadcasts concerning its intention, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, recalls, 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 will not be considered an improper action or omission under RRS 62.1(a).

## Attachment A – Course and Marks

Mark	Chart Description	Rounding / Passing	Approx. Location
Start @ Cut "J", Tall Range - Big "J"	Iso 6s 50ft Fl 4s 5M "A" Fl 4s 5M "B"	<b>Start</b>	N27° 45.050' / W82° 34.328'
Sunshine Skyway Bridge	Really Big Bridge	<b>Pass through</b> Center 3 Spans	N27° 37.220' / W82° 39.350'
SW 1	G "1" Fl G 2.5s Bell	<b>Round</b> to port	N27° 32.329' / W82° 48.597'
Venice Inlet	Fl G 6s 20ft 5M "1"	<b>Pass</b> to port	N27° 06.773' / W82° 28.215'
Boca Grande G "1"	G "1" Fl G 2.5s	<b>Pass</b> to port	N26° 40.323' / W82° 18.899'
Finish @ San Carlos Mo (A) – "SC"	Mo (A) 16ft 7M "SC"	<b>Finish</b>	N26° 25.131' / W81° 57.550'

- From SW 1, pass to west of all government/navigation buoys. "Private" buoys or buoys marking obstructions such as fish havens ARE NOT marks of the course and DO NOT need to be honored.
- All coordinates provided as a reference. Any reliance on such coordinates shall not be grounds for redress.