

Middle Bay Light Regatta
October 3, 2020
Buccaneer Yacht Club
Mobile, Alabama



Sailing Instructions
PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker
Portsmouth Cruising Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker
One Design with three (3) Entrants
Multihull

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the Notice of Race, except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions.

2. Registration

Registration will be through Regatta Network linked by the Buccaneer website Bucyc.com. PHRF entrants must have a current GYA PHRF certificate. Portsmouth entrants must declare the type of boat for a proper Portsmouth handicap.

3. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located downstairs next to the elevator. Any questions concerning the Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing no later than 0800, Saturday, October 3rd. Answers, in writing, will be posted no later than 0900, October 3rd.

4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on October 3rd, except that any change to the schedule of the race will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located in the front yard. If a postponement is signaled ashore, by code flag "AP" (Answering Pennant) the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

6. Schedule of Events

Saturday October 3rd:

Warning for the race 1055 hrs.

Trophy presentation ASAP after racing

7. Start

The race will be started in accordance with Racing Rule 26. The starting line will be between the staff of an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the adjacent floating mark. There will be one start for all classes.

8. Check-In

Each boat shall sail by the RC Starting Boat and hail their sail number and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee before the start. All crew must be above deck and wearing their PDFs for the check in and for the start of the race and for the following five (5) minutes. It is also "recommended" that the crew continue wearing PDF's throughout the race.

9. Recalls

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2. Additionally, the race committee will endeavor to hail the sail numbers of boats over early, or that have broken Rule 30.1, and will also endeavor to hail when they have returned to the pre-start side of the line, except when Flag I has been displayed.

10. Time Limit

The time limit for the race is six (6) hours. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF.

11. Retirement

A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee Boat before leaving the race area. If that is not possible, a regatta official shall be notified at the first reasonable opportunity after reaching shore. The Buccaneer Yacht Club phone number is (251) 479-8190. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 68. The Race Committee may also be reached on cell phone numbers posted on the Official Notice Board.

12. Protests

Rule 61.1 (a) is changed by adding the following: “A boat intending to file a protest shall additionally inform the race committee finishing line boat upon finishing, or if unable to finish, at the first reasonable opportunity, of the sail number(s) or otherwise identify the protested boat(s) and receive an acknowledgement from the Race Committee. Failure to do so will make the protest invalid.”

Protests shall be written on forms available at the Official Notice Board and delivered to the PRO within the protest time, which will end two (2) hours after the race committee signal boat docks at the end of the day’s racing. Protest notices will be posted within twenty (20) 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 a witness. Such posting shall constitute notice of hearing as required by Rule 63.2.

Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.

13. Scoring

Each class will be scored separately. For overall prizes, all boats will be scored by Portsmouth handicap ratings.

14. Safety and Responsibility

It shall be the sole responsibility of each skipper and crew to decide whether or not to start or continue the race.

15. Courses

To be signaled by the RC Signal Boat before the Warning by placards showing A, B, or C.

Course A

Start: RC Signal Boat and Orange tetrahedron in the vicinity of Dog River #5
Theodore Ship Channel #10 to Port
Middle Bay Light to Port
Theodore Ship Channel #10 to Starboard
Finish: RC Signal Boat and Orange tetrahedron in the vicinity of Dog River #5

Course B

Start: RC Signal Boat and Orange tetrahedron within one (1) nautical mile of Dog River #5
Dog River #5 to port
Theodore Ship Channel #10 to Port
Middle Bay Light to Port
Theodore Ship Channel #10 to Starboard
Finish: RC Signal Boat and Orange tetrahedron in the vicinity of Dog River #5

Course C

Start: RC Signal Boat and Orange tetrahedron within one (1) nautical mile of Dog River #5
Dog River #5 to starboard
Theodore Ship Channel #10 to Port
Middle Bay Light to Port
Theodore Ship Channel #10 to Starboard
Finish: RC Signal Boat and Orange tetrahedron in the vicinity of Dog River #5