

2021 SHARK'S TOOTH REGATTA

Sailing Instructions

1 EVENT

- 1.1 Name: Shark's Tooth Regatta
- 1.2 Date: March, 27, 2021
- 1.3 Organizing Authorities: Venice Yacht Club and Venice Sailing Squadron
- 1.4 Location: Outside of the Venice Inlet; Venice, FL

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta shall be governed by the 2021-2024 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF), the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 In the event of a conflict, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be sent to each participant via email no later than 1900 Hours on Friday, March 26, 2021.
- 3.2 Notices after 1900 Hours on Friday, March 26, 2021 shall be announced on VHF Channel 69 at 0930 Hours on Saturday, March 27, 2021, and, unless otherwise specified, shall be in effect for the duration of the series.
- 3.3 Changes to these Sailing Instructions shall be made in accordance with 3.1 and 3.2 above.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 The Race Committee may signal AP over H at 0930 Hours at Venice Yacht Club (VYC) should weather conditions exist that the race committee boat is unable to be on station.
- 4.2 A single gun may be made at VYC to notify competitors that the race committee boat is departing to the starting area.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 There are a maximum of five races scheduled.
- 5.2 All races run shall constitute a series.
- 5.3 The first Warning Signal shall be made no earlier than 1000 Hours.
- 5.4 Prior to the first start, boats shall check in by passing the Race Committee to starboard and announcing their sail number. The race committee will not distribute race documents on the water.
- 5.5 The Warning Signal for any succeeding race(s) shall be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.6 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the Race Committee shall signal five (5) short horn blasts.

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The Racing Area shall be in the Gulf of Mexico within 2.5nm of the Venice Inlet.
- 6.2 On any given race, the combination of wind, water and tide may mitigate against yachts of certain size and/or draft and it is the obligation of each yacht to decide when participating is both safe and prudent.

7 MARKS AND COURSES

- 7.1 The marks and courses shall be as shown on Appendix A.
- 7.2 The Start/Finish Mark (S/F) shall be approximately 200 feet off the port side of the Race Committee Boat.
- 7.3 The W Mark shall be 1-2nm to windward of the Race Committee Boat.
- 7.4 The L Mark shall be approximately 100 yards to windward of the Race Committee Boat.
- 7.5 The T Mark shall be approximately 45 degrees of windward from the Race Committee Boat and approximately equal distance from the W and L Marks so that W, L and T form a triangle.
- 7.6 The Race Committee Boat may have a yellow mark tied behind her stern. The boat itself, that mark, and the space between that mark and the boat shall collectively be the Race Committee Boat.
- 7.7 All marks shall be rounded to port except S/F when finishing.
- 7.8 Courses shall be announced for each division on VHF Channel 69 prior to the first Warning signal for each race.
- 7.9 The approximate bearing and distance to the first mark (W) shall be announced on VHF Channel 69 prior to the first Warning signal for each race.
- 7.10 Courses, first-mark bearing, and first-mark distance shall also be displayed on a course board on the line-side of the Race Committee boat in the following format:

DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2	BEARING
E	A	272
		DISTANCE
		1.5

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26 (See Appendix B).
- 8.2 The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the Starting Mark (Mark "S/F" on Appendix A).
- 8.3 Although not obligated to do so, the Race Committee may roll the starting sequence.
- 8.4 The starting sequence for the first race shall be in the order of Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, etc.
- 8.5 The Race Committee may start an individual division's next race soon after that division has finished its prior race.
- 8.6 Boats whose Warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 8.7 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

9 THE FINISH

- 9.1 The finishing line shall be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the Finishing mark (Mark S/F on Appendix A.)
- 9.2 All boats shall hail the Race Committee with their boat name and sail number when finishing.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS Rule 44.3, shall not apply.

- 10.2 As provided in RRS Rule 67, the Race Committee may, without hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS Rule 42.

11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 The first boat from each division started must Finish within 3 hours of that division's Start time in order for that division's race to be counted as part of the series.
- 11.2 After the first boat in a division has finished, all succeeding boats must Finish within one hour of the first boat's Finish time or be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

12 PROTESTS

- 12.1 Intent to file a protest shall be broadcast by the protesting boat to the Race Committee, with receipt acknowledged, on VHF Channel 69 within the period of time between the incident and 20 minutes after the protesting boat finishes the race.
- 12.2 Protests shall be completed and filed with the Race Committee within 2 hours of the last boat's finish time for the last race.
- 12.3 Protest hearings shall be heard at, or in the vicinity of, Venice Yacht Club as soon as reasonably possible for the competitors and the Protest Committee.
- 12.4 The Race Committee may establish themselves as members of the Protest Committee.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 For all races, the WFPHRF rating used shall be the BUOY rating.
- 13.2 Races will be scored using time-on-time based on a factor (F) derived from a yacht's PHRF certificate rating, using the formula $F = 600 / (550 + \text{PHRF})$.
- 13.3 Corrected time shall be calculated as follows: $\text{Corrected Time} = \text{Elapsed Time} * F$
- 13.4 Series scoring will be done using the Low-Point scoring system.
- 13.5 Ties shall be broken in favor of the boat that beat the other boat more times and then who has the most Firsts.

14 SAFETY

- 14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 69, with receipt acknowledged, as soon as possible.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes for first place will be awarded to all divisions.
- 15.2 Prizes for second place shall be awarded to divisions of four or more.
- 15.3 Prizes for third place shall be awarded to divisions of five or more.
- 15.4 Prize for the boat that raises the most funds for the charity – The Venice Youth Boating Association.
- 15.5 Awards will be distributed by mail.

16 SPONSORS

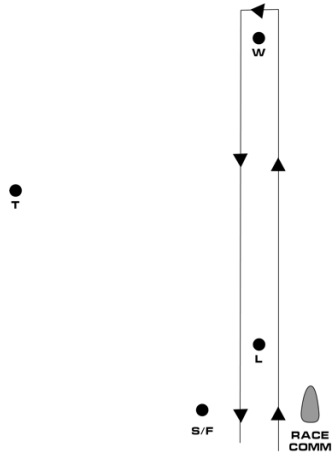
- 16.1 Marine Max of Venice, FL (<https://www.marinemax.com/stores/venice>)
- 16.2 Matthews Currie Ford (<https://www.matthewscurrie.com>)

17 AFTER-RACE EVENTS

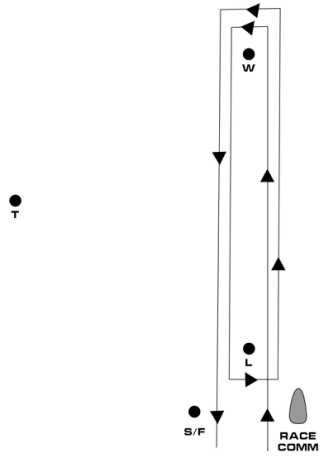
- 17.1 Due to Covid-19, there shall be no after-race events at Venice Yacht Club.
- 17.2 Guests at Venice Yacht Club are reminded that they are subject to the club's rules and regulations regarding conduct and the use of facilities.

APPENDIX A (Courses)

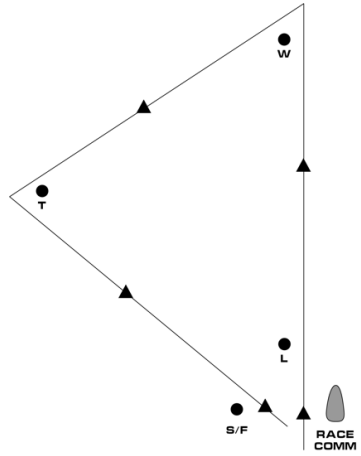
COURSE A
S/F to W to S/F



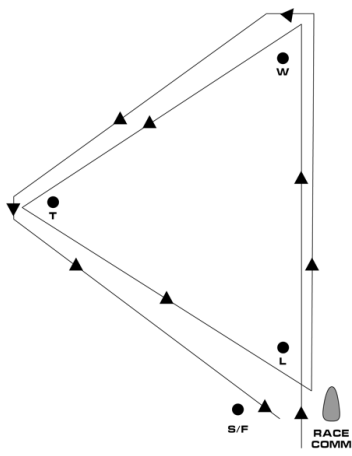
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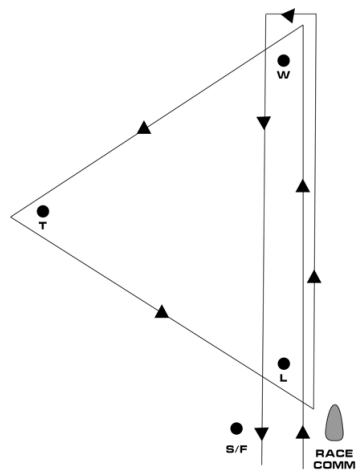
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S/F to W to T to S/F



COURSE D
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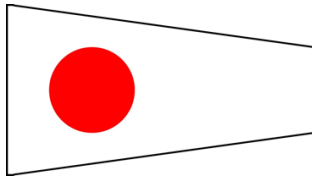
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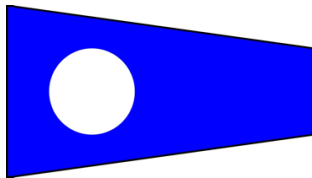
APPENDIX B (Starting Sequence)

Minutes Before Start	Visual Signal	Horn Blast	Means
5:00	Division Flag	Yes	Warning Signal
4:00	P Flag	Yes	Preparatory Signal
1:00	P Flag Down	Yes	One Minute to Start
0:00	Division Flag Down*	Yes	Start

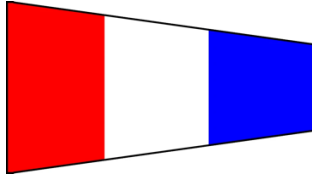
* The Race Committee may also raise the division flag for the next division at the same time, signaling the Warning Signal for that next division (rolling start sequence.)



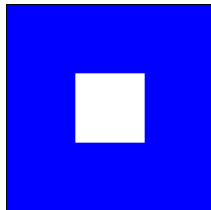
Division 1 Flag



Division 2 Flag



Division 3 Flag



Preparatory (P) Flag