SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2021 Dick Hitchcock Memorial Charity Regatta
Benefiting The Magic Yarn Project
March 12-14, 2021

Hosted by Gulfport Yacht Club, Gulfport, FL
The organizing authority will be the Weta Class North America

1. RULES

    The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 - 2014 and the Weta Class Rules North American (WCNA) rules. The class standard and square main sail are legal for this event and used in accordance with the Weta North American Class Rules.

2. Notice to Competitors

    Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the GYC clubhouse.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

    Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

    4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the finger dock next to the boat ramp.
    4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule

    5.1 Six (6 to 7) races will be attempted (3 - 4 on Saturday, 3 on Sunday)
    5.2 Schedule events:
    Friday, March 12th   1200-1700 Registration & Check-in for the regatta and GYC open for boats
                            1700-1830 Welcome Reception, refreshments
    Saturday, March 13th   1000 Check-in and registration
                            1030 Competitors Meeting on clubhouse porch
                            1130 Warning signal for all divisions. 3 - 4 races to be attempted.
                            1700 (or after racing) Post Race refreshments and cookout.
                            A Weta Class, Florida District meeting will follow dinner
    Sunday, March 14th   1100 First Warning signal for all divisions. Three races will be attempted
                            1400 No warning signal after this time.
                            Awards to be presented as soon as possible after racing. Refreshments & snacks available

6. Class Flags

    6.1 Unless otherwise specified at the Competitors meeting, the class flag will be a WETA flag.

7. The Courses

    7.1 The racing area will be South and West of the GYC beach launch on the waters of the Boca Ceiga Bay.
    7.2 The courses are diagrammed in Attachment A

8. Marks

    8.1 The starting/finishing mark will be an orange buoy. The windward and leeward marks will be yellow cylinders. The windward offset mark will be an orange buoy.
    8.2 The orange flag on the committee boat is one end of the start/finish line. This changes RRS 2021 -2024, Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, rules S9.2, The Start, and S11.1, The Finish).

9. The Start
   9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.
   9.2 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
   9.3 In the event of individual recalls, the race committee will endeavor to hail offending boats. Failure to broadcast, broadcast in a timely manner, or be heard by the offending boats will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

10. Change of the next leg of the course
   10.1   In the event of a Change of Course, the new mark will be a orange buoy. If in a subsequent change of course is required, it will be replaced by the original mark.

11. The Finish
   11.1   The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat the finishing mark. This changes the RRS 2021 – 2024, Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, S11.1, The Finish.
   11.2   Boats that have finished shall keep well clear of all boats still racing.

12. Penalty System
   12.1   Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13. Protests and Requests for Redress
   13.1   Protests forms will be available on the official notice board.
   13.2   Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered within one (1) hour after the Race Committee Signal boats docks.
   13.3   Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Notices will specify the hearing time(s) and location(s).

14. Scoring
   14.1   The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
   14.2   Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

15. Safety Regulations
   15.1   Check-In: Prior to the warning signal of the first race of the day, each boat shall sail pass the stern of the signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.
   15.2   Each competitor must wear a personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Failure to wear one will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification. The Y Flag will not be displayed. This changes Rules 27.1 and 40.1.
   15.3   A competitor retiring from a race shall notify a race committee boat or safety boat before leaving the course, or notify the race committee immediately upon returning to shore.

16. Radio communications
   16.1   Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
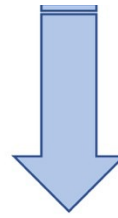
17. Prizes
   17.1   Event prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boats overall and the top boat in the double-handed division
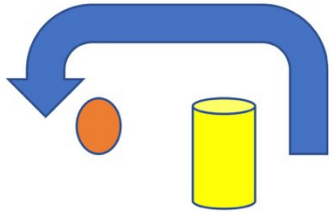   17.2   The first place boat overall shall be awarded the Dick Hitchcock Memorial Regatta perpetual trophy to hold until the next running of this regatta.

17.   Disclaimer of Liability. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 2021 – 2024 Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Weta Class North American and Gulfport Yacht Club will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Attachment A

Wind Direction

Course details:
a. Start & Finish is the same
b. Round the windward & offset marks twice
c. All marks left to port

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