

**WINDMILL MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP
CLEARWATER COMMUNITY SAILING CENTER
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA
March 19-21, 2021**

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined RRS 2021-2024, the prescriptions of the US Sailing or the rules of the Windmill Class Association.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on official notice board located at Clearwater Community Sailing Center.

2.2 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate on VHF #63

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change 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 on the flag pole at Clearwater Community Sailing Center.

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 OF RACES

5.1 Friday	March 19	1030 Competitor’s Briefing 1200 First Warning Signal
Saturday	March 20	1100 Warning Signal
Sunday	March 21	1100 Warning Signal
Sunday	No Warning Signal will be made after 1430	

5.2 As many races as possible are scheduled. One race will constitute a regatta.

5.3 Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means no more racing today.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class Flags will be: Windmill Class Flag or Numeral 1 pennant.

7. RACING AREA

The Regatta will take place in either the Clearwater Harbor SE of the Sailing Center or Gulf of Mexico SW of the Clearwater Pass.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course.

8.3 Course A will be signaled with a yellow flag on the Signal Boat. Course B will be signaled with a green flag on the Signal Boat.

8.4 Courses will not be shortened. This changes rule 32.

8.5 Legs of the course will not be changed. This changes rule 33.

8.6 A 5-degree allowable mark adjustment during a race without any change signal or mark change

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 will be green tetrahedrons.

9.2 The start/finish pin will share the leeward mark - green tetrahedron

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26, with a warning signal made one minute before the start of the sequence.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and a green tetrahedron port side of the Signal boat.

10.3 A boat starting later than two minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1

11. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and a green tetrahedron port side of the Signal boat.

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 15 minutes the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress this changes rule 62.1(a).

12.2 Boats failing to finished within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finished will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1 and A5.1.

12.3 A competitor's scores will be the total of her race scores except that when more than five (5) races are completed there will be one throw-out

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available in the Clearwater Community Sailing Center. Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.2 The protest time limit will be 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The location, date and time of the hearings will be posted on the notice board.

14. SCORING

14.1 Appendix "A" will apply except boats not finishing will be scored as follows:

DNS: Number of Starters plus one

DNF: Number of Finishers plus one

DNC & DSQ: Number of registered boats plus one

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 Check In: Prior to the first start of each day of racing all competitors must sail past the Signal Boat on Star Board tack and announce their sail number.

15.2 Check Out: If a competitor leaves the racing area before racing is completed they must notify the race committee.

15.3[DP] All competitors shall always wear personal flotation devices while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed.

16. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard race committee boats, no trash is placed in the water.

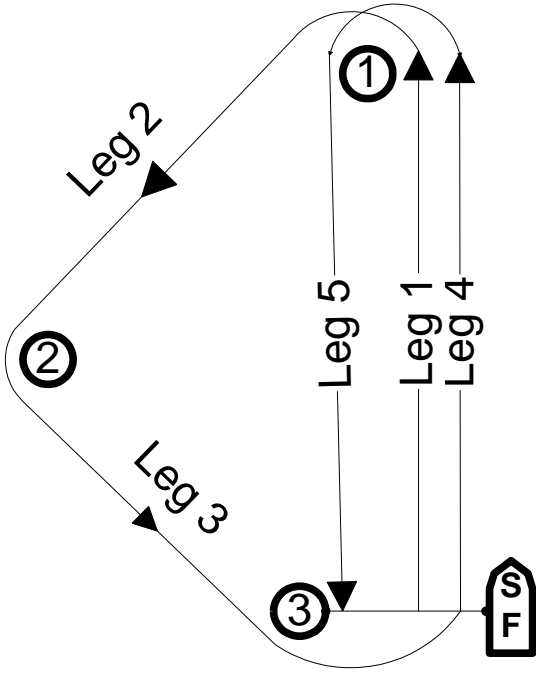
17. PRIZES

Prizes be awarded at the conclusion of race day on Sunday.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Appendix A Courses



Yellow Flag Course A
Start – 1P-2P-3P-1P-3S/Finish.

Green Flag Course B
Start – 1P-3P-1P-3S/Finish.