



THE 2021 ANNUAL PORT ARTHUR TWO-STEP REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: The Houston Yacht Club and Port Arthur Yacht Club
To be sailed 28 May and 30 May 2021

1. RULES - Racing will be governed by:

- 1.1. The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as may be modified herein and/or by the Sailing Instructions. If there is one-design racing and there is a conflict between Class Rules and the RRS, Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.2. Boats equipped and rated with power winches may use same. This modifies RRS 51.
- 1.3. Boats sailing Single or Double-handed may use autopilots. This modifies RRS 51. Use of autopilots is permitted when more than 500 yards from the start line and up to 500 yards from the finish line. This changes Rule 52.
- 1.4. RRS 41 is hereby modified to allow Single or Double-handed entrants to communicate amongst themselves by VHF Radio.
- 1.5. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the rules of Part 2 are replaced with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).
- 1.6. The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS will apply.
- 1.7. Current multihull regulations as administered by TOMA of Galveston Bay.
- 1.8. The current Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER). These requirements are available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>. A copy of these requirements should be kept aboard while racing. In the event of a conflict between these requirements and applicable class rules the class rules shall apply.
- 1.9. Each boat shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 13, 14, 16, 68, 72 and a cell phone, the number of which shall be on file with the Race Committee (via your registration).
- 1.10. The Friday race will feature a Pursuit start with pre-defined start times. This changes Rule 26.
- 1.11. The Sunday race will feature a Pursuit start with pre-defined start times. This changes Rule 26.
- 1.12. Appendix T1 will apply.
- 1.13. Appendix T1.b is modified to read: "A Post-Race Penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) if taken before the protest time limit expires. Otherwise, a Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies."
- 1.14. US SAILING Prescription to the RRS Appendix V Rules V1 and V2 will apply.
- 1.15. US SAILING Prescription to the RRS Appendix V Rule V3 is modified to read: "After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that contains the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 20% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) if taken before the protest time limit expires. Otherwise a 30% Scoring Penalty shall apply, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun."

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 1.2. Notices to competitors will be sent to all competitors e-mail address as entered at registration on RegattaNetwork.
- 1.3. Notices to competitors will be broadcast via VHF at the start line, finish line, or announced at the official regatta party in Port Arthur as appropriate.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.2. Any written changes to these sailing instructions will be distributed by e-mail no later than 9:00 a.m. Thursday 27 May.
- 2.3. Verbal changes may be made on the water and shall be communicated to each boat by VHF before her warning signal.

