

**Sailing Instructions**  
**AUGUSTA SAILING CLUB**  
**Halloween Regatta**  
**October 8 – 10, 2021**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing specific class rules of the participating yacht class (except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions), and by these sailing instructions.

**2. ENTRIES**

- 2.1 Boats must have completed registration and paid all fees with the regatta organizing authority before becoming official competitors.

**3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Official notices to competitors will be communicated in the following ways:  
3.1.1. The Augusta Sailing Club “Official Notice Board” located on the Clubhouse, west-side porch.

**4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 hrs on the day it will take effect, except  
4.2 Changes in the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 hrs on October 9<sup>th</sup> for races to be sailed on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located by the Augusta Sailing Clubhouse.  
5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, one (1) minute is replaced with not less than 30 minutes in the race signal AP.  
5.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:  
Saturday      October 9, 2021  
1200 hrs Warning signal for first race. Subsequent races to follow.  
Sunday        October 10, 2021  
1000 hrs Warning signal  
6.2 No warning signal will be made after 1300 hrs on October 10, 2021.  
6.3 Class flags will be identified at the Competitors Meeting to be held at 1030 hrs October 9, 2021.

**7. COURSE**

- 7.1 Course will be posted on the Race Committee boat. The letter code designating the course shall be displayed from the stern of the RC boat:

Course A: Twice around a windward-leeward course. The leeward mark may have a GATE with two marks. A yacht must pass between the marks and can round either mark to go upwind. After rounding the weather mark there may be an offset mark that must be rounded to port before sailing to the leeward mark. The finish line will be between a mark on the starboard side of the RC boat and a staff displaying the orange flag on the RC boat.

Course B: Twice around a windward-leeward course with an extra fifth leg to the finish. The leeward mark may have a gate. A yacht must pass between the marks and can round either mark to go up wind. After rounding the weather mark there may be an offset mark that must be rounded to port before sailing to the leeward mark.

Course C: Posted on the RC boat “official notice board”

7.2. Courses may be shortened in accordance with the racing Rule 32.

7.3. The courses will always be sailed counter-clockwise leaving the marks to port (except when rounding the leeward gate).

7.4 Failure for the offset mark or either of the gate marks to be in place is not grounds for redress or protest.

## 8. MARKS

8.1 Marks of the course will be large yellow inflatable tetrahedron marks on Division I, large orange inflatable marks on Division II, and small orange inflatable tetrahedron marks on Division III and small yellow tetrahedron marks on Division IV, unless otherwise defined by the race committee at the Competitors’ Meeting or posted on the signal boat. Note: Government marks may be used.

8.2 New marks will be a large orange inflatable tetrahedron mark on Division I and a large yellow inflatable tetrahedron mark on Division II, small yellow inflatable tetrahedron mark on Division III.

## 9. THE START

9.1 Once the race committee is on station all competitors will check in with the race committee prior to the warning signal for the first start each day. Failure to check in may cause disqualification.

9.2 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

9.3 The starting line will be between the starting mark and a staff displaying the orange flag on the Signal boat.

9.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.

## 10. RECALLS

10.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1. After the starting signal the RC may attempt to announce any boats in violation of Rule 30 on VHF channel 69 (Division I), 72 (Division II), channel 73 (Division III), and channel 74 (Division IV) Failure to hear or receive such transmissions will not be grounds for redress.

10.2 General recall will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2

## **11. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding *mark* or at a gate by changing the position of the next *mark* (or the finishing line) and signaling all boats before they begin the leg. The next *mark* need not be in position at that time.
  - (a) If the direction of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and a green triangle for a change to starboard or a red rectangle for a change to port.
- 11.2 If the length of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and a '-' if the length will be decreased or a '+' if it will be increased.
- 11.3 When, in a subsequent change of course, a mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.
- 11.4 Minor adjustments in a mark's location will not be signaled. This changed Rule 33.

## **12. MARK MISSING**

- 12.1 If a *mark* is missing or out of position, the race committee shall, if possible, replace it in its correct position or substitute a new one of similar appearance, or substitute an object displaying flag M and make repetitive sound signals.

## **13. FINISH LINE**

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and a mark of the course (or the finishing mark).

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 14.2 Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat that sailed the course and finishes, will be scored one more than the number of boats that finished the race within the time limit. This changes racing RULE 35.

## **15. REGATTA**

- 15.1 A race will be deemed to have started by the 1300 hrs deadline if the original start is within the 1300 hrs deadline, regardless of subsequent recalls or postponements.
- 15.2 One race will constitute a regatta. All races completed will be scored.

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the ASC Clubhouse race headquarters. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit and lodged with the jury's representative there.
- 16.2 For each class the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC boat has docked for the day of racing.
- 16.3 The jury will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1 The low point scoring system, Appendix A4 of the racing rules will be used. If 5 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of all her race scores. If 6 or more races are completed, each boat's worst score will be discarded.

- 17.2 A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS A 5.1
- 17.3 For the PHRF and Portsmouth Handicap fleets, scoring will be based on corrected times. Corrected times will be calculated by the time-on-time method. PHRF boats must have a current Augusta Sailing Club PHRF certificate, and must sail in compliance with that certificate.

## **18. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

- 18.1 The 720 degree turns penalty as provided in Rule 44.2 of the racing rules will apply with the additional provision that when an infringing boat has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, she drops it completely while taking her penalty and resets it and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one full turn or 360 degrees instead of two turns (one full turn including one tack and one jibe).

## **19. LITTER**

- 19.1 Anyone seen willfully discharging litter into the lake shall be scored "DSQ" for that race or the previous race.

## **20. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1 Race Committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under Rule 62.1(a).

## **21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Augusta Sailing Club, its officers and members 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.

## **22. NOTICE – ALL PARTICIPANTS:**

*It is your responsibility to leave the dock in time to make it to the race course.*