



# Bird Key YC Nautical Gin Regatta

## PHRF Sailing Instructions

April 9, 2022

### 1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by these Sailing Instructions, West Florida PHRF rules, available at [westfloridaphrf.org](http://westfloridaphrf.org), and *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. A free PDF of these rules is available [here](#). If the event of a conflict between these sailing instructions and other sources, these PHRF Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

### 2. Eligibility

The regatta is open to all PHRF type boats. If no PHRF rating has been obtained, a rating will be assigned by regatta leadership based on the PHRF of comparable boats. However, trophies will not be awarded to non-rated boats. PHRF ratings made be obtained from West Florida PHRF at [www.westfloridaphrf.org](http://www.westfloridaphrf.org).

### 3. Notices to Competitors

Notices made prior to 09:00 on April 9 will be posted on Regatta Network and emailed and texted to registrants through Regatta Network. Subsequent announcements will be made on VHF radio channel 11.

### 4. Signals Made Ashore

No signals will be made ashore.

### 5. Schedule

The warning signal for the first race will be at 12:55 Saturday April 9. As a pursuit race, each boat will be assigned a separate starting time.

### 6. Racing Area

The racing area will be in Sarasota Bay from roughly New Pass Marker 19, north to ICW 17.

### 7. Courses and Marks

The course will be a random leg course utilizing ICW marks and Sarasota Sailing Squadron race marks. The course and a chart of the race course will be provided at the competitors' meeting. All marks will be left to port unless a starboard rounding is indicated.

### 8. Starting and Finishing Lines

8.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag flown on the Race Committee Flag boat and the course side of the Starting Mark.

- 8.2 If a boat is OCS at the start, the boat must circle either the Starting Mark or the Race Committee Flag boat to restart. Such restarting boats shall have no rights over non-OCS starting boats.
- 8.3 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag flown on a Race Committee Flag boat and the course side of the finishing mark. In the event of a shortened course the blue flag will be replaced on the Committee Flag boat by code flag "S".
- 8.4 In the event of a postponement, the start time for each boat will be adjusted. The time of removal of the postponement flag (accompanied by horn and announcement on VHF channel 69) would be treated on the Pursuit Start Sheet as 12:55. Thus a boat assigned a starting time of 13:20 per the Pursuit Start Sheet would begin 20 minutes after the completion of the starting sequence. So, if the postponement flag were removed at 13:30, in this example, the boat would start at 13:55. (Removal of Postponement Flag of 13:30 plus 5 minutes for the starting sequence plus the original 20-minute start adjustment.) In the event of postponement, the Race Committee will use VHF channel 69 to conduct a countdown to the postponement flag removal and assist competitors recalculate their individual starting times.

## 9. Time Limit

- 9.1 The time limit for the first boat in each PHRF class to finish is 3.5 hours.
- 9.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat of each class will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes RRS Rules 35 and A4 and A5.

## 10. RRS Rule 44 penalty turns (2 turns) are required for Part 2 violations (right of way). One penalty turns are required for Rule 31 violations (touching a mark).

## 11. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee at the Bird Key Yacht Club within one hour after the Race Committee boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable after racing in Bird Key Yacht Club.

## 12. Scoring

The PHRF course will have one race only which constitutes the regatta.

## 13. Safety Regulations

A boat that retires from the race shall attempt to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on VHF channel 69.

## 14. Radio Communications

- 14.1 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 cell telephones. VHF channel 69 should be monitored for instructions/directions from the Race Committee.
- 14.2 VHF Channel 63 will be used for communications among Race Committee boats and for urgent communications.