



CORPUS CHRISTI YACHT CLUB

## PORT ARANSAS AND LADIES RACE REGATTA

April 9, 2022

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

#### **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1** 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.
- 2.2** Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by VHF radio communication **channel 69** and/or displaying it on the stern of the signal boat.

#### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club (CCYC) on the entrance to the Jr. Sailing Center.
- 3.2** The race office is located at CCYC and on the water on the Race Committee (RC) signal boat Rhumb Runner.
- 3.3** On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 69.
- 3.4** [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### **4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**4.1** [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

## **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed using the flag mast located by the pool at CCYC.

**5.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

### **6.1** Dates of Racing:

Saturday April 9, 2022 – All classes - Port Aransas Regatta and  
– All classes – Ladies' Regatta

### Number of Races:

Saturday April 9, 2022 – All Classes – 2 Races

**6.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Port Aransas Regatta on Saturday is 1000. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Ladies Race on Saturday 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the Port A Race. Race Committee intends to provide time for any boats needing to unload or pick up crew in Port Aransas between races to do so in an expedient manner.

**6.3** To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

**7.1** The class flags will be the following:

Due to the small number of boats, RC anticipates one start for each race. Class Flag will be pink unless changed at the morning skipper's meeting.

## **8 RACING AREA**

**8.1** The racing area will include Corpus Christi Bay Racing Marks from the Marina to an area in the Ship Channel and on the easterly side of the Island Moorings Marina channel. Starting areas will be determined and announced at the skippers meeting.

## **9 COURSES**

- 9.1** The courses will be around the fixed marks on the CC Bay Chart, the actual marks to be rounded and the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left will be displayed on a White Board on the back of the committee boat.
- 9.2** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.3** Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.
- 9.4** Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1** Marks are described in Corpus Christi Bay Racing Marks.
- 10.2** The following marks are required marks of the course: 42 / 43 and all channel markers from that point to the finish line.
- 10.3** The starting marks will be an orange hippity-hop and the Committee Boat in Corpus Christi Bay outside the marina.
- 10.4** The finishing mark will be an orange hippity-hop in the ship channel east of the Island Moorings Channel.

## **11 OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 11.1** This race traverses a section of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel, **all commercial traffic has right of way and must be avoided. Any failure of a competitor to give right of way to commercial traffic will be grounds for disqualification without redress.**

## **12 THE START**

- 12.1** Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

- 12.2** The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4** If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 69. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.5** If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.6** A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 13 THE FINISH**
- 13.1** The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.
- 13.2** If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 14 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 14.1** The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies. The penalty is in 2 places.
- 14.2** For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.3** RRS Appendix P applies.
- 14.4** RRS Appendix P applies with the Two-Turns penalty replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**14.5** RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

**15 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**

**15.1** The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
60 minutes	7 hours	5 hours

**15.2** If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

**15.3** The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

**15.4** Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**16 HEARING REQUESTS**

**16.1** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

**16.2** Hearing request forms are available from the race office at CCYC.

**16.3** 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at CCYC beginning at the time posted.

**16.4** A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

**16.5** RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.

**16.6** The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.5[(a)][(b)][(c)].

**17 SCORING**

**17.1** The scoring system is according to RRS Appendix A.

**17.2** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**17.3** Rule A5.3 applies.

**18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**18.1** Boats are required to sail by the committee boat on Starboard and hail their sail number or boat name for check in.

**18.2** [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**19 TRASH DISPOSAL**

**19.1** Trash may be placed aboard official [or support person] vessels.

**20 PRIZES**

**20.1** Prizes will be given as follows: Trophies will be given for both the Port Aransas Race and Ladies Day Race at the awards banquet and party at CCYC upstairs Lanai after the conclusion of racing and protest hearings Saturday April 9.

**21 RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**