

John G. Curren Trophy

GYA Fish Class Championship

Pensacola Yacht Club, FL

Oct. 15 - 16

2022



Race Documents

Notice of Race & Sailing

Including changes October, 7th 2022

1 RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and:
 - a) The Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) Regulations for Sanctioned Events (Regulation 24) available at: <https://www.gya.org/documents/GYA2022Directory.pdf>
- 1.2. In any rule governing the Regatta: the notation **[NP]** means that any infraction to the *rule* will not be grounds for protest by a boat (*Changes rule RRS 60.1 (a)*) and the notation **[SP]** Denotes a rule which a penalty may be applied by the RC without a hearing (*Changes rule RRS 63.1, A4 and A5*).

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board Online (ONBO), which can be found at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_event_documents.php?regatta_id=25179.
- 2.2 Competitors will be informed by text or email (indicated in the registration form) when a Notice to competitors is posted on the ONBO.
- 2.3 Changes to the *rules* will be posted on the ONBO before 0830am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.4 For an on the water change to the sailing instructions: "L" flag shall be displayed. The change will be announced on the designated VHF channel. (*This changes RRS Race Signals*)

3 GREEN REGATTA

- 3.1 This is a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta" which means that any document used by the Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Measurement Committee and Competitors as a way of communication between them will be online.
- 3.2 There will be no paper format, except for Protest Committee decisions on a protest or request for redress if a party asks for a writer decision.
- 3.3 All communications will be received by each boat in the way established in the Registration Form (email).
- 3.4 A boat may request a communication in paper format only if she is a party in the Protest or Request for redress.
- 3.5 **[NP] [DP]** Rule RRS 47 applies at all times on the water and ashore. Trash may be placed aboard support and RC Vessels while on the water and trash cans. The penalty for breaching rule RRS 47 will be decided by the Protest Committee and could be different than a disqualification. (*This change Preamble of part 4 RRS and rule RRS 47*)
- 3.6 All competitors are encouraged to use refillable water bottles and recycle all appropriate items.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to Fish Class boats and Teams from any GYA Clubs.
- 4.2 Applications to compete shall be sent by filing the form in Attachment C no later than October 5th, 2022.
- 4.3 Applicant Teams shall be selected to compete, and for boat assignments, by a drawing for position, which determines the order in which selected clubs draw for each race boats.
- 4.4 The drawing for position may not be for all available boats if (c) below applies from the previous year.
 - (a) If the previous year winning club applies, the club's application shall be accepted as an entry. That club shall not be excluded from competing by the drawing for position.
 - (b) If the number of clubs applying does not exceed the number of available boats, each applicant club shall draw for its position.
 - (c) If the number of clubs applying does exceed the number of available boats, the host club shall perform the drawing for position with these results:
 - (i) The first clubs drawn (up to the number of boats available) shall compete.
 - (ii) The remaining clubs, if they apply the next year, shall be placed at the top of that position list.
 - (iii) **The OA will notify to applicant teams of the result of the drawing no later than October 7th, 2022.**
 - (d) If a club decides not to sail after being notified that its application has been accepted, it shall so notify the regatta chair no later than seven days prior to the event. Failure to do so will forfeit the club's privilege to compete the following year.
- 4.5 A minimum of 5 Teams registered by October 10th, 2022 is required to constitute a class.
- 4.6 The OA will acknowledge accepted entries upon receipt via email and post on the official event web site at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registrant_list.php?regatta_id=25179&custom_report_id=33

- 4.7 Each participating team shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 (USD) per event or the equivalent.
- 4.8 Liability Waiver Form - As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crewmember shall sign a liability waiver/media release. The fully executed Liability Waiver Form shall be submitted at registration prior to racing. The Liability Waiver Form will be posted on the regatta website and will be available at registration.

5 TEAMS AND BOATS

- 5.1 Each team member shall be a member of the GYA club he or she represents.
- 5.2 The racing crew shall number three (3) (the skipper and two crewmembers).
- 5.3 A different team member shall skipper each race.
- 5.4 Each race boat shall be drawn for in the order determined by the drawing for position except that a club shall not sail the same boat more than once.
- 5.5 Boats will be provided by Pensacola Yacht Club Fish Class Fleet.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Advertising will conform to World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.
- 6.2 Boats may be required to display sponsors' advertising for the duration of the event chosen and supplied by the OA.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The program is as follows:

| DAY | DATE | TIME(s) | EVENT |
|----------|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Saturday | Oct. 15 th , 2022 | 0800-1000 | Check – in at Race Office |
| | | 1055 | First Warning Signal |
| | | 1800 | Party and Awards |

| SPARE DAY | | | |
|-----------|------------------------------|------------------|---|
| DAY | DATE | TIME(s) | EVENT |
| Sunday | Oct. 16 th , 2022 | 0955 | First Warning Signal |
| | | 1500 | No Warning Signal after this time, except as a result of a General Recall |
| | | ASAP after races | Awards and Party |

- 7.2 Three (3) races are scheduled for the regatta. **No more than 3 races shall be completed per day.**
- 7.3 **If less than 3 races are completed on Saturday Oct. 15th 2022, the RC may attempt to complete the scheduled races for the regatta on Sunday Oct. 16th 2022 according to the times shown above in 7.1.**
- 7.4 The OA reserves the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other causes.

8 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 8.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole on the Pensacola Yacht Club lawn.
- 8.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. *(This changes RRS Race Signals)*

9 CLASS FLAG

- 9.1 The Class Flag will be their Fish Class emblem on a white background.

10 VENUE – RACING AREA

- 10.1 The venue host address: Pensacola Yacht Club, 1897 Cypress St., Pensacola, FL 32502.
- 10.2 The Talbot Wilson Race Area is located on Pensacola Bay, Southeast of the entrance to Bayou Chico, as showed in Attachment A.



11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 The illustrations in Attachment B show example course diagrams.

- 11.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal vessel will display the designated course by flying the corresponding signal described in Attachment B. The approximate compass bearing and distance from the RC signal vessel to Mark 1 may be broadcasted on the designated VHF channel.
- 11.3 Mark 1 and offset for shall be rounded to port.
- 11.4 If only one gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port. Except when there is a change of course, the gate will be positioned approximately 0.05 nm to windward of the RC signal vessel.

12 MARKS

12.1

| FISH CLASS | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Mark | Shape and colour | |
| 1 & Gate | ORANGE inflatable tetrahedron |  |
| New Mark according to SI 15 | YELLOW inflatable tetrahedron |  |

- 12.2 The starting marks will be RC Signal Vessels with an orange flag and an orange round buoy.
- 12.3 The finishing marks will be RC vessel with a blue flag and an orange round buoy.
- 12.4 An RC vessel signalling a change of course, according to SI 15.1, shall be treated per RRS 31. (*This Changes rule RRS 31*)

13 COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 **[DP]** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72. Channels 68, 69, and 71 may be used.
- 13.2 On the water, the RC will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.
- 13.3 **[DP]** From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or as required by a rule, a boat shall not make voice nor data transmissions and shall not receive voice nor data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 13.4 The RC may broadcast:
- The course, bearing and distance information before the warning signal, start times, starting infractions, and information important to racing; and
 - Individual recalls and boats penalized under RRS 30.2 or RRS 30.3 using bow/sail numbers. (*This changes RRS 29.1, 30.2 and 30.3*); and
 - Course changes, if any.
- 13.5 The following failures will not be grounds for granting redress (*This changes RRS 62.1(a)*):
- Action, omission or error from the RC acting under 13.4, or
 - The transmission, or
 - To time it accurately, or
 - Any boat to receive or properly interpret this information

14 THE START

- 14.1 The starting line will be between the RC Signal Vessel displaying orange flag on the starboard end and an orange round buoy on the port end.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an **ORANGE** starting line flag will be displayed at least **1 minute** before a warning signal is displayed. This flag will be removed approximately 4 minutes after a valid start of the last class in that sequence with no sound signal.
- 14.3 **[SP]** A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

15 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 15.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

16 THE FINISH, TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing line vessel on the starboard end and an orange round buoy on the port end.
- 16.2 The time limit for the first boat, after her start, to round Mark 1 for the first time is 30 minute. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish after her start is 90 minutes.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring). *(This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10)*
- 16.4 The target time for races is 45 to 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. *(This changes RRS 62.1(a))*

17 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 17.1 Rule 44.1 is change as follows:
A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.”
- 17.2 Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. *(This changes RRS 44.2.)*

18 HEARING REQUESTS

- 18.1 Hearing requests shall be filed by filling the form online than can be found here: [Protest Form](#) within the appropriate Time Limit. The email address to be used for filing a hearing request will be: sdpyc@outlook.com
- 18.2 The Protest Time Limit (PTL) shall be **sixty (60) minutes** after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The resulting time will be posted at the Official Notice Board Online. *(This changes RRS 61.3)*
- 18.3 RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 18.4 Notices of scheduled hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board Online to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or may be parties affected by a request for redress.
- 18.5 RRS 66 is changed as follows:
On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- 18.6 Notices will be posted on the ONBO **not 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, beginning at the posted time.
- 18.7 Within the protest time limit, the RC shall post on the ONBO the boats that are disqualified or penalized under A5. A boat so notified may only request for redress within 30 minutes after that posting.
- 18.8 Notices of protests by the RC or the Protest Committee will be posted on the ONBO to inform boats under rule 61.1 b).
- 18.9 In RRS 90.3(e) 24 hours is changed to 30 minutes.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 One (1) race shall be completed to constitute the regatta.
- 19.2 **[SP]** A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for her finishing place 2 more than the points scored by the last boat that finished according to S16.4. This score shall not be more than DSQ.
- 19.3 A Team's series score will be the total of its race scores. No score shall be excluded.

20 SAFETY AND SUPPORT PERSON / SUPPORT VESSEL REGULATIONS

- 20.1 **[DP] [NP]** Before the first warning signal of each day, all boats shall sail past the stern of the RC Signal Vessel on starboard tack and check in by hailing their sail/bow number. They shall continue to do so until their sail number is verbally acknowledged by the RC.
- 20.2 All boats shall proceed to the racing area under their own power.
- 20.3 **[DP] [NP] [SP]** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore via radio contact from PYC (Regatta Director or PYC staff).

- 20.4 **[DP] [NP]** All competitors shall wear, while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing, an approved US Coast Guard PFD that depends 100% on foam for flotation that is the appropriate size for the sailor with no modification. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing, except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging. *(This Changes the preamble to Part 4, rule RRS 40 and Race Signals).*
- 20.5 Each Support Vessel shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, a basic first aid kit and **a kill-cord attached to the driver at all times while on the water.**
- 20.6 **[SP]** No drones are allowed closer than 500 meters from racing areas from the Warning Signal for a race and after the last boat has finished the race. As a penalty for breaching this rule the Protest Committee may impose a discretionary penalty to all boats associated with the owner / operator of the drone. This *rule* does not apply to the OA drones.
- 20.7 Support person and Support Vessels shall register with the race office during registration times. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to. Support person and support vessels shall declare proof of insurance and provide photo ID of the driver. Vessels shall comply with local laws and regulations regarding their operation.
- 20.8 Under all circumstances, coaches and other support vessels are expected to assist any boat in danger.
- 20.9 Coach and support boats shall display a flag, or other identification symbol, as may be required by the Race Committee.
- 20.10 **[DP] [NP]** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall be outside of the racing area described in SI 20.13 and 20.14 from the Preparatory Signal until the last boat finishes the race or the RC displays a postponement, general recall or abandonment signal, unless they are helping a boat in danger.
- 20.11 **[DP]** Any penalty points given by the Protest Committee is at their discretion but shall be applied to the overall score and therefore not excluded. *(This changes Appendix A)*
- 20.12 The **racing area** is defined as a surface which borders are over 100 meters from the laylines.
- 20.13 The **starting area** is a rectangle with its borders 100 meters to windward and leeward and 100 meters to pin ends of the starting line.
- 20.14 A boat and its crew shall at all times keep clear of all commercial vessels and shall not maneuver in any manner which would cause a commercial vessel to be unable to sail their proper course or carry out their commercial functions in a normal manner.
- 20.14.1 A boat whose actions or maneuvers result in a Danger Signal (5 Horns or Sounds) from a commercial vessel, shall be protested.
- 20.14.2 **[NP]** A boat in violation of SI 20.15 can only be protested by the RC. *(This Changes RRS 60.1 and 60.3)*
- 20.14.3 The penalty for breaking this SI 20.15 shall be disqualification from the entire regatta in which case rule RRS 36 will not apply. *(This changes RRS 36)*

21 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Competitors desiring to substitute crew shall have crew members weighed-in prior to 0830 on that race day at the Race Office, unless otherwise extended by the Race Committee.
- 21.2 Substitution of equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 21.3 Any substitution granted via 21.1 or 21.2 will be posted on the Official Notice Board Online.

22 LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 22.1 The Pensacola YC hoist and launch ramp will be available on demand. Please coordinate with fellow competitors.
- 22.2 **[DP]** Except when sailing, all boats shall be kept in their assigned docks in the PYC harbour. Fenders and mooring lines will be required.

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 The overall Team winner will be awarded the John G. Curren Memorial Trophy and the Fish Class Championship Banner.
- 23.2 The host club shall present trophies to the winning helmsman and crewmembers in each race and for each helmsman representing the winning club.
- 23.3 The GYA shall present trophies to the first, second and third place clubs.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA 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.
- 24.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledges that:
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

25 MEDIA RIGHTS AND MEDIA VESSELS REGULATIONS

- 25.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 25.2 All Press and official spectator boats shall be registered by the race organizing authority during registration.
- 25.3 Press and spectator vessels shall display any flag, or other identification symbol as may be required by the Race Committee.
- 25.4 The race organizers may appoint one or more photo vessels, which will be allowed within the race course. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress. *(This changes rule RRS 62.1)*
- 25.5 Press and spectator vessels shall not interfere with boats racing or the Regatta Direction in any way.

28 KEY CONTACTS

REGATTA CHAIR

Name: Tom Pace

E-mail:

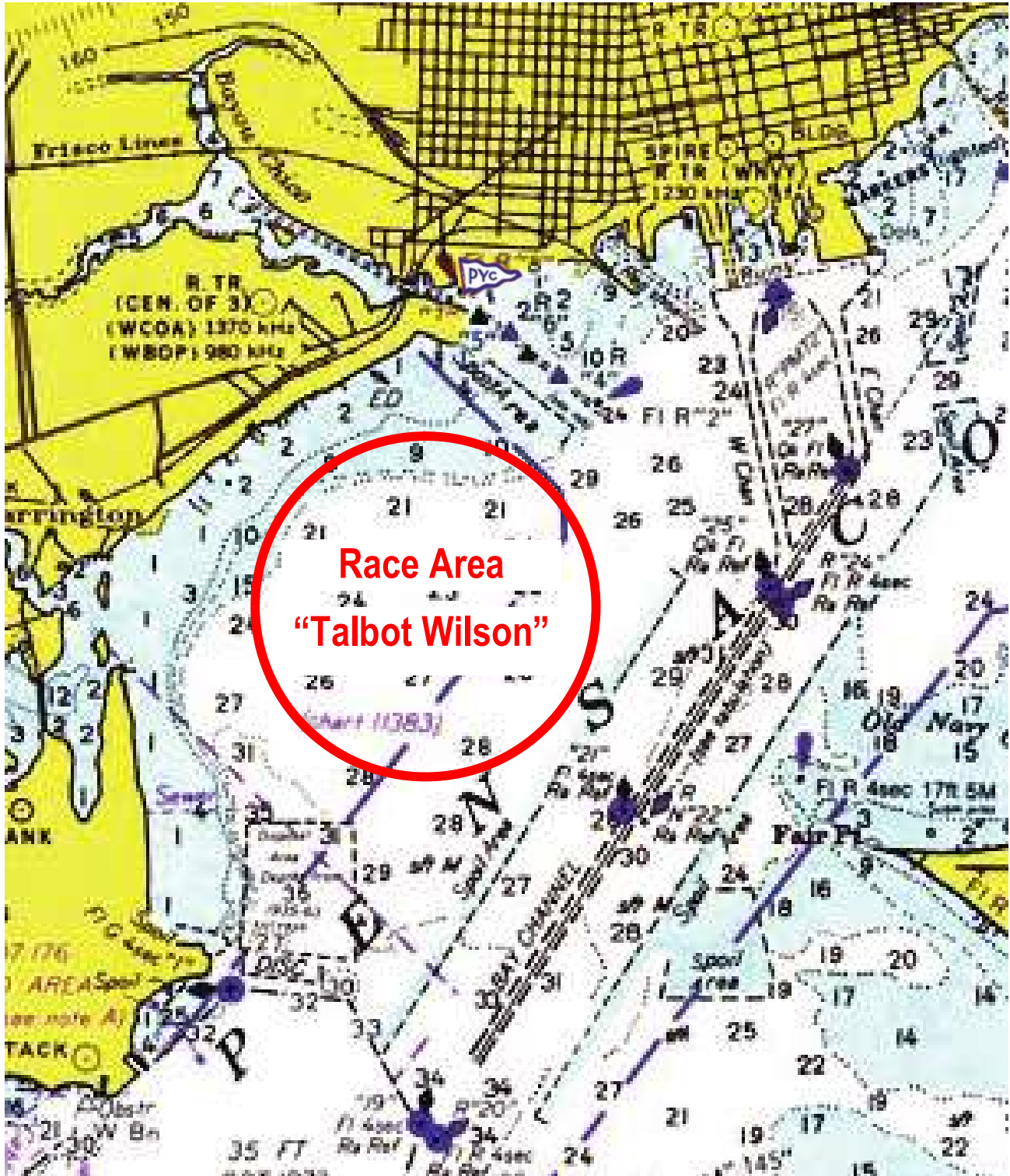
PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER (PRO)

Name: Hal Smith

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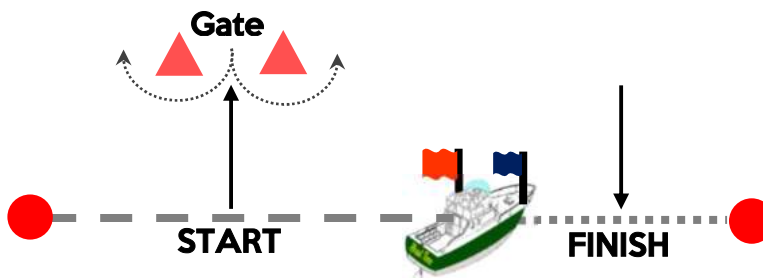


Attachment A RACE AREA





Attachment B COURSE DIAGRAM



| SIGNAL | COURSE TO BE SAILED |
|------------|---|
| CLASS FLAG | START – 1 – Offset – Gate – 1 – Offset – Finish |



Attachment C APPLICATION TO COMPETE

Yacht Club: _____

Team Captain: _____

I hereby certify that I have read the Notice of Regatta for this event, that the safety of our Team shall be my /our exclusive responsibility and that we will abide by the Sailing Instructions issued for this event.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

In order to be eligible for the Competing Clubs Selection, your Application to Compete must be completed and returned via email not later than October 5th, 2022 to the Regatta Chairman at the following address:

Hal Smith: hal_smith@mindspring.com

Specific regulations for this event, including the Competing Clubs Selection process, are contained in the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events, Part 3, Section I, 24.

Results of the Competing Clubs Selection will be e-mailed to all Clubs returning Applications not later than October 7th, 2022.

Please provide the contact name and e-mail to which you wish all communications to be sent:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

TEAM MEMBERS *(Please provide names of the sailors of your Team)*

Crew 1 _____

Crew 2 _____

Crew 3 _____