

Middle Bay Light Regatta

September 17, 2022

Buccaneer Yacht Club

Mobile, Alabama



Sailing Instructions

PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Portsmouth Cruising Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker One Design with three (3) Entrants Multihull

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the Notice of Race, except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions.

2. Registration

Registration will be through Regatta Network linked by the Buccaneer website Bucyc.com. PHRF entrants must have a current GYA PHRF certificate. Portsmouth entrants must declare the type of boat for a proper Portsmouth handicap.

3. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located downstairs next to the elevator. Any questions concerning the Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing no later than 0800, Saturday, October 3rd. Answers, in writing, will be posted no later than 0900, October 3rd.

4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on September 17th, except that any change to the schedule of the race will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located in the front yard. If a postponement is signaled ashore, by code flag "AP" (Answering Pennant) the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

6. Schedule of Events

Friday September 16th:

Skippers Meeting 1930

Saturday September 17th:

Warning for the race 0955 hrs.

Trophy presentation will be announced on shore after 1700.

7. Start

The race will be started in accordance with Racing Rule 26. The starting line will be between the staff of an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the adjacent floating mark. There will be one start for all classes, except Fish.

8. Check-In

Each boat shall sail by the RC Starting Boat and hail their sail number and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee before the start. All crew must be above deck and wearing their PDFs for the check in and for the start of the race and for the following five (5) minutes. It is also “recommended” that the crew continue wearing PDF’s throughout the race.

9. Recalls

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2. Additionally, the race committee will endeavor to hail the sail numbers of boats over early, or that have broken Rule 30.1, and will also endeavor to hail when they have returned to the pre-start side of the line, except when Flag I has been displayed.

10. Time Limit

The time limit for the race is six (6) hours. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF.

11. Retirement

A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee Boat before leaving the race area. If that is not possible, a regatta official shall be notified at the first reasonable opportunity after reaching shore. The Buccaneer Yacht Club phone number is (251) 479-8190. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 72 (backup channel is 68). The Race Committee may also be reached on cell phone numbers posted on the Official Notice Board.

12. Protests

Rule 61.1 (a) is changed by adding the following: “A boat intending to file a protest shall additionally inform the race committee finishing line boat upon finishing, or if unable to finish, at the first reasonable opportunity, of the sail number(s) or otherwise identify the protested boat(s) and receive an acknowledgement from the Race Committee. Failure to do so will make the protest invalid.”

Protests shall be written on forms available at the Official Notice Board and delivered to the PRO within the protest time, which will end two (2) hours after the race committee signal boat docks at the end of the day’s racing. Protest notices will be posted within twenty (20) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as a witness. Such posting shall constitute notice of hearing as required by Rule 63.2.

Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.

13. Scoring

Each class will be scored separately. For overall prizes, all boats will be scored by Portsmouth handicap ratings.

14. Safety and Responsibility

It shall be the sole responsibility of each skipper and crew to decide whether or not to start or continue the race.

15. Courses

PHRF and Portsmouth

Start: RC Signal Boat and Orange tetrahedron in the vicinity of Dog River #5

Theodore Ship Channel #10 to Port

Middle Bay Light to Port

Theodore Ship Channel #10 to Starboard

Finish: RC Signal Boat and Orange tetrahedron in the vicinity of Dog River #5

Fish

Start: RC Signal Boat and yellow tetrahedron in the vicinity of Dog River #5

3 races minimum will be run. The first race will be a W/L of a single lap.

Subsequent races will be run as a W2 configuration. If the race committee is unable to get a minimum of three races on Saturday the remaining will be run on Sunday.