



**Commodore Mike Rafferty**  
**Rafferty Race Series**  
**#1**  
**October 8, 2022**

**Pass Christian Yacht Club**  
**120 South Market St**  
**Pass Christian, MS**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1. RULES**

1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the 2021 – 2024 edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and by the GYA PHRF Regulations.
2. If there is a conflict between the notice of race and the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** – Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located inside the Pass Christian Yacht Club (PCYC) lounge.

#### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the South side of PCYC.
2. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Flag AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals “AP.”

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACE**

**Saturday October 1, 2022**

- 0900-1100 Breakfast and Registration
- 1100 Competitor briefing
- 1200 PHRF Class warning signal

#### **6. CLASS FLAG**

1. The PHRF Class flag shall be a dark green.

**7. RACING AREA** – The racing area will be on Mississippi Sound, South of Pass Christian harbor.

#### **8. COURSES**

1. The course for the PHRF Spinnaker class will be provided not later than the Competitor briefing on the day of the race.
2. Specific courses and marks are provided on a separate course sheets to be distributed during the Competitor's Briefing.

#### **9. MARKS**

1. Pin end of the starting line and finish line will be an orange ball.

#### **10. THE START**

1. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the PCYC Pier or Race Committee Boat and an orange ball approximately 50 yard South of the flag..
2. The race committee will, after the starting signal, attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats that have not complied with RRS 29.1 or 30.1 on VHF channel 68. The delay of such a hail, or failure of a competitor to hear such a hail, shall not be grounds for granting redress; this changes RRS 62.1(a).

#### **11. THE FINISH**

1. For the PHRF Class, the finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Yard Arm halyard on the South lawn PCYC flag pole and an orange ball approximately 50 yards to the South of the PCYC fishing pier.

#### **12. TIME LIMITS**

1. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5
2. For the PHRF Class the time limit is 4 hours for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1. Boats still racing more than three (3) hour after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE) and receive points for their finishing place one more than the last boat to finish within the finishing window (but not worse than DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

#### **13. PROTESTS**

1. Protests forms are available at the PCYC office. Yachts intending to protest must so advise the race committee immediately after finishing the race. Protests must be lodged within one hour of the finishing time of the last boat in the class to finish within the time limit.

#### **14. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee prior to leaving the racing area. If this is not possible, she shall notify the PCYC Admin Office upon arriving ashore- PCYC office at 228-452-2571.

#### **15. EMERGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATION –** Given distance of the race, the race committee

will not be monitoring VHF for competitor emergencies. It is advisable that each boat monitor Channel 68 and 16 for emergencies and to render assistance if necessary. Also, phone communications may be made with the PCYC office at 228-452-2571

**16. PRIZES** – Prizes will be awarded to competitors as follows:

**16.1.1.** Three (3) boats or less registered First Place

**16.1.2.** Four (4) – Seven (7) boats registered First and Second Places **16.1.3.**

Seven (7) or more boats registered First, Second and Third Places

**17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** – Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.