



# 2023 RS Aero Florida State Championship & MidWinters

February 6-12, 2023

Tampa, Florida

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority:

Davis Island Yacht Club

1315 Severn Ave, Tampa, Florida, 33606

<http://www.diyc.org>

*Endorsed by the RS Aero North American Class Association*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. RRS 40.1 applies.
- 1.3. No US Sailing Prescriptions will apply except the prescription to RRS 67, listed in the Notice of Race.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Regatta Network event site <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25455>. As a courtesy, notices may also be posted on the lower-level West wall of the Clubhouse.

### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. The signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the West end of the property.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

<b>Monday, February 6</b>	1100	First warning signal
<b>Tuesday, February 7</b>	1100	First warning signal
<b>Wednesday, February 8</b>	1000	Warning signal for Race Aeround The Bay (separate SI)
Thursday, February 9		No racing
<b>Friday, February 10</b>	1100	First warning signal
<b>Saturday, February 11</b>	1100	First warning signal
<b>Sunday, February 12</b>	1100	First warning signal

**6. CLASS FLAG**

- 6.1. The class flag for RS Aero-9 will be a white flag with the RS Aero logo.
- 6.2. The class flag for all other Divisions, who will start together, will be a yellow flag with the RS Aero logo.

**7. THE COURSES**

- 7.1. The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2. The course identifier will be displayed from the signal vessel before the warning signal.

**8. MARKS**

- 8.1. Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 8.2. A new mark, as described in SI 10, will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 8.3. The starting marks will be a race committee vessel displaying an orange flag and a green tetrahedron.
- 8.4. The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel displaying a blue flag and a small orange ball.

**9. THE START**

- 9.1. The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 9.2. To alert competitors that a race will start soon, the orange line flag will be displayed, with one sound signal, at least five minutes before the warning signal.
- 9.3. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 9.4. The race committee will not hail the sail numbers of boats that are OCS.
- 9.5. For unofficial information only, the race committee will attempt to post the sail numbers of boats being given a starting/finishing penalty (from the then-current race) on a board on the side of the finish boat opposite the finishing line. An error or omission in these postings will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

**10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 10.1. The race committee may, without signals, make minor adjustments to the original marks to change the direction of a leg provided no boat is on that leg. This changes RRS 33.
- 10.2. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

**11. THE FINISH**

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 11.2. Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

**12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

**13. TIME LIMIT AND FINISHING WINDOW**

- 13.1. The race time limit is 90 minutes.
- 13.2. Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A10.

**14. SCORING**

- 14.1. The events will be scored separately: Florida State Championship Monday-Tuesday, Aerond The Bay Race Wednesday, and MidWinters Friday-Saturday-Sunday.
- 14.2. Divisions will be scored separately.
- 14.3. TLE score will be the number of finishers plus two.

**15. HEARING REQUESTS**

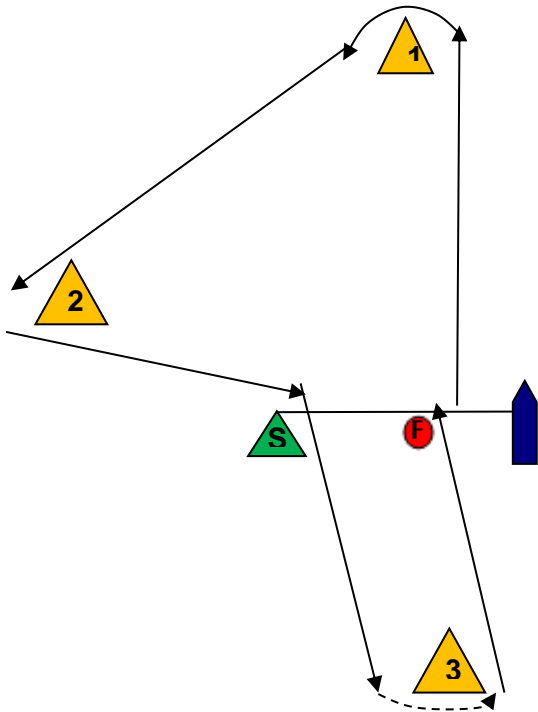
- 15.1. Protest forms are available from the Jury Secretary, located in or in the vicinity of the Regatta Room on the lower level of DIYC.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the RC signal vessel docks after the last race of the day or when RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3. 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.
- 15.4. Hearings will be held in the Regatta Room (lower level of DIYC) or outside the Regatta Room on the lower level of the Clubhouse.
- 15.5. Scoring Inquiries shall be submitted online at the Regatta Network Notice Board (far right tab):  
[https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25455#\\_newsroom](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25455#_newsroom)

**16. SUPPORT VESSELS**

- 16.1. Attention is called to NoR 12.3 requiring verification of kill-switch operation.
- 16.2. The race committee will use VHF channel 71.

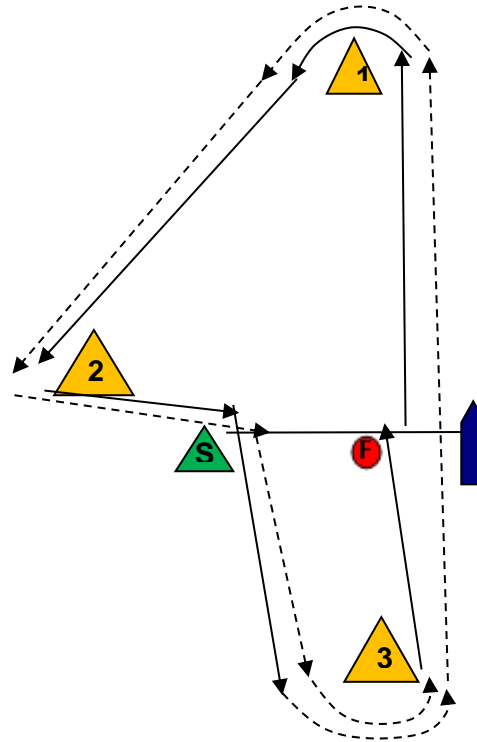
# Appendix A – COURSE DIAGRAMS

**Course H1**



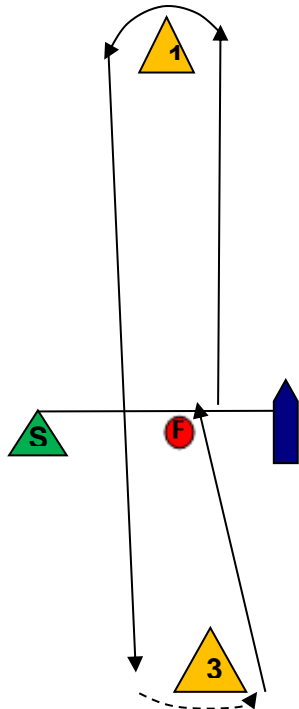
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**Course H2**



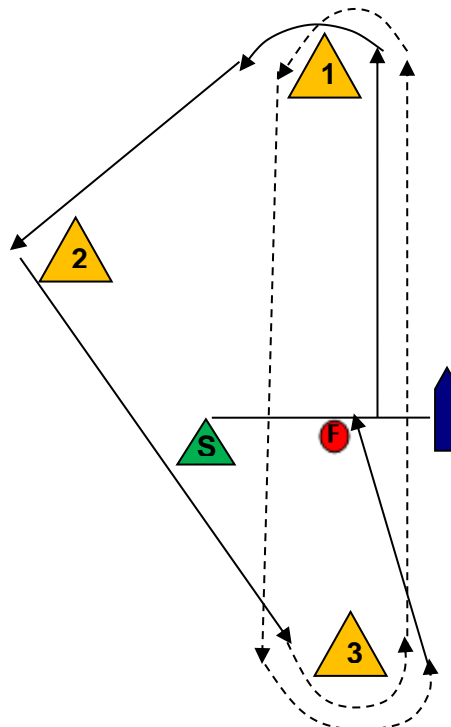
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**Course W**



W1 - Start, 1 (port), 3 (port), finish  
W2 – Start, 1 (port), 3 (port), 1 (port), 3 (port), finish

**Course TW**



Start, 1 (port), 2 (port), 3 (port), 1 (port), 3 (port), finish