

**Wayward Winds Regatta**  
**Texas City Dike Yacht Club - Division VI**  
**July 8-9, 2023**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

The regatta shall be governed by the "Rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2021-2024); the individual class rules of the classes sailing (except as any are altered by these sailing instructions); the Notice of Race published for this event; and by these Sailing Instructions.

**2. SAFETY**

- 2.1. GENERAL: Notwithstanding anything in these Sailing Instructions, it is the personal responsibility of each competitor to sail safely and to wear a life jacket, or Personal Flotation Device (PFD), or other personal buoyancy device approved by the National Authority having jurisdiction and adequate protective clothing as conditions warrant. If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, retire from the race, see RRS 3.
- 2.2. ELECTRICAL POWER LINES - AVOID!!! Before raising the mast, and ALWAYS while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. When launching from shore, docking, or landing, check for and avoid low overhead power lines. If you see a power line, AVOID IT! A MAST COMING IN CONTACT OR EVEN NEAR AN ELECTRICAL POWER LINE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO PEOPLE ON OR TOUCHING THE BOAT!

**3. RATINGS:**

- 3.1.1. The ratings will be taken from the [SCHRS](#) Ratings tables.
- 3.1.2. When any modification to a boat has been made, the boat owner shall submit all required documentation to the race committee for a provisional rating. All documentation must be provided prior to the day of the regatta start. The SCHRS ratings calculator will be used to determine a provision rating for the regatta. A boat that starts without an assigned rating will not be scored for any races
- 3.1.3. If a boat does not have a published rating, the owner shall advise the Registration/Race Committee in writing. The Race Committee shall assign a rating based on the information supplied by the owner of said boat to be entered into the SCHRS rating calculator. It is the responsibility of the owner to secure a rating from the Race Committee. A boat that starts without an assigned rating will not be scored for any races.
- 3.1.4. Any appeal to the posted rating shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee prior to the start of racing on Sunday. The Race Committee shall review

and approve/disapprove any rating change request prior to the first posted race results. NO revisions to the rating will be made after this time.

#### **4. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTION / NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

4.1. The [Official Notice Board](#) will be the link within the Regatta Website.

4.2. Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) one hour before the first race on the day the change takes effect. Schedule changes will be posted by 8:00 p.m. the previous day.

#### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

5.1.1. Signals are made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole at Regatta Headquarters.

5.1.2. "Postponement" (Answering Pennant "AP") with 2 sound signals (one when lowered) means the race is postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

#### **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS**

6.1. The planned time of the Warning Signal for the first race of each day is noted in the Notice of Race. No Warning Signal shall be made after 2:00 PM on the last day of racing.

#### **7. DESCRIPTION OF MARKS**

7.1. The description of the marks to be used is as follows:

<b>Mark</b>	<b>Size/Color/Type</b>
Starting	2' Green Tetrahedron
Windward	4' Orange Tetrahedron
Reach	4' Yellow Ball
Leeward & Finish	4' Orange Tetrahedron

7.2. A barging buoy may be set behind the Race Committee signal boat as an extension of the signal boat.

#### **8. RACE STARTS AND STARTING SEQUENCE**

8.1. CLASSES: Classes, Class Flags and starting sequences will be as follows:

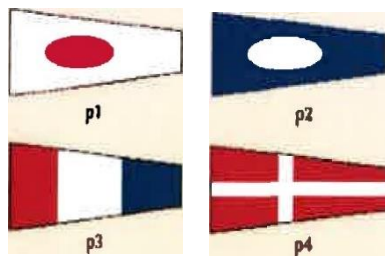
<b>1<sup>st</sup> start of day order</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>
1	Non-Spinnaker A	Light Blue
1	Hobie 18	Pink
2	Spinnaker	Yellow
3	Non-Spinnaker B	Green

8.2. Catamarans whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all catamarans whose preparatory signal has been made.

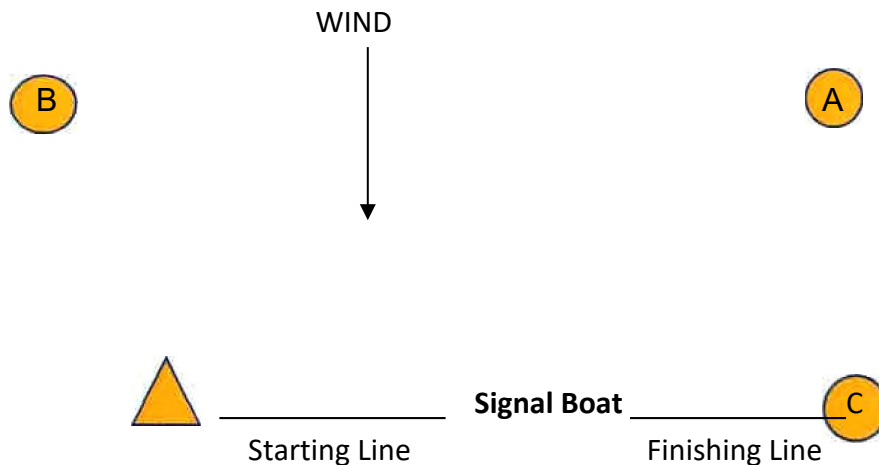
8.3. A catamaran shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

## COURSES

### 8.4. Course Diagram



- p 1 (s) A-C-A (f)
- p 2 (s) A-B-C-A (f)
- p 3 (s) A-C-A-C-A (f)
- p 4 (s) A-B-C-A-C-A (f)



**Angles between marks and distances are schematic only.**

8.5. The course to be sailed shall be the display of a numeral pennant on the Race Committee signal boat before for each fleet.

8.6. The RC may tweak the course during a race, to maintain a fair racecourse, no more than 0.1nm or 10 degrees without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.

8.7. All marks shall be rounded to port.

## 9. THE START

9.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.

9.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.

## 10. RETIRING FROM A RACE

10.1. NOTIFY THE RACE COMMITTEE: A boat, which retires from a race, shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or upon arriving at shore. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification from the regatta.

## 11. THE FINISH

11.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

## 12. SHORTENING COURSE

12.1. Race Committee may elect to shorten the course for a particular class while flying "S" flag over the class flag. If multiple class flags are flown under "S", those classes shall finish at that point.

### **13. PROTESTS**

- 13.1. PROTEST TIME LIMIT: Protests shall be written on regatta supplied protest forms or reasonable equivalent. Protests shall be filed with the Race Committee or with the Protest Committee within one-half hour (0.5 hr.) after the Race Committee boat arrives in the harbor or dock as signaled by an audible blast following the last race of the day. The protest committee may extend the protest time at their discretion. This modifies RRS 61.3.
- 13.2. SIGNALING A PROTEST: A boat protesting another boat shall follow RRS 61.1 (a) with the following provisions and modifications:
  - 13.2.1. All boats, regardless of hull length shall hail "Protest" and but are not required to display a red flag even if longer than 6 meters. This modifies RRS 61.1 (a)(2)
  - 13.2.2. The definition of the "first reasonable opportunity" for hailing "Protest" is IMMEDIATELY following the incident.
  - 13.2.3. Notify the Race Committee signal boat of intent to protest when finishing is recommended so they will know to a protest may be filed after racing is concluded. If unable to finish, notify the Race Committee upon reaching shore that you did not finish and of your intent to protest.

### **14. ALTERNATE PENALTIES**

- 14.1. One-Turn RULE: (This modifies RRS rules 44.1 and 44.2.) A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident. Her penalty shall be one-Turn Penalty in either direction, including a tack and gybe in the same direction.

### **15. SCORING**

- 15.1. Low Point Scoring System as written in RRS Appendix A.
- 15.2. Provided there are four or more races in a regatta, there will be one throw out race allowed in the scoring.
- 15.3. PENALTIES AND SCORING PENALTIES: As described in RRS Appendix A except that DNF shall be scored the number of finishers plus one (1). This changes RRS rule A4.2.
- 15.4. One race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 15.5. All scoring penalties may be thrown out if a throw out race is allowed except DNE. This penalty may be awarded by the protest committee for equipment violations, unsportsmanlike conduct, abusive profanity, fouls causing injury, material prejudice, or serious damage. Awarding a DNE does not preclude the protest committee taking action under RRS Section C - Misconduct, Rule 69.

### **16. SPECIAL NOTES**

- 16.1. QUESTIONS: No questions will be answered by the Race Committee on the water.
- 16.2. OBSTRUCTIONS: Mark boats, rescue/chase boats, control boats, and line sighting boats shall rank as obstructions.
- 16.3. ASSISTANCE: Any boat receiving "hands on" assistance from rescue/chase boats will be scored DSQ. The Race Committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.
- 16.4. EQUIPMENT: Trapezes are permitted. Modifies RRS 49.1

## 17.COMMUNICATIONS

17.1. The RC will monitor VHF Channel 68 while on the water.

16.2 Boats shall use RaceQs, YoNav or equivalent tracking software for post-race analysis only