

THE SANTA ELENA REGATTA **COMBINING THE JEAN RIBAUT CUP AND THE** **PEDRO MENENDEZ CUP** **April 1 & 2, 2023**

Hosted by the Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club (Organizing Authority)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES.

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Each boat shall have a minimum of two persons on board.
- 1.3 If code flag V is flown (red cross on white field) all boats shall monitor Channel 78 for safety communication.
- 1.4 All boats participating shall have VHF radio communication capabilities.
- 1.5 Catboats may decide at the Competitor's Meeting to race in the river. If so, catboats shall use their Spring Series Sailing Instructions, except that times shown on these SI's shall prevail.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the BYSC waterside porch and on Regatta Network.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official bulletin board and Regatta Network by 0900 on the day of the race.
- 3.2 Oral changes on the water will be permitted and communicated by VHF radio, Ch. 78. Code flag L will be raised with one sound.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

- 4.1 Note that all keelboat racing will take place in Port Royal Sound (PRS). Location for the start will be confirmed upon arrival of the RC in PRS by VHF. All times shown are for both keelboats and catboats.

4.2 Friday, March 31st.

6:00pm: Competitor's Meeting on BYSC deck to discuss anticipated race- course. Meeting will be followed by BYSC Flag Raising and Final Friday festivities. All are welcome.

4.3 Saturday, April 1st.

11:00 am: Jean Ribaut Cup warning. Two races are scheduled. One race completed will constitute a regatta.

6:00pm awards for Jean Ribaut Cup on the BYSC deck. If time does not permit the awards will be made on Sunday.

4.2 Sunday, April 2nd.

8:30am: brief Competitors Meeting on the BYSC deck.

11:00am: Pedro Menendez Cup warning. One race is scheduled. Awards for the Pedro Mendendez Cup, possibly the Jean Ribaut Cup, and the Santa Elena Regatta, will be presented when racing is over, but approximately by 6:00pm.

5. SPINNAKER VS NON-SPINNKAER. Use of the spinnaker without prior notice and acknowledgement will result in DSQ without a hearing. This changes rule A5.1. Decision on use of spinnaker shall be made at Check-in for the first or only race of the day and shall be in effect for the entire day.

6. CLASS FLAGS. Catboats will use the catboat class flag, white with logo; and the Keelboat class flag is GREEN.

7. RACING AREA:

- 7.1 Both the Jean Ribaut Cup and the Pedro Menendez Cup, if conditions permit, will be started and finished in Port royal Sound, except for the Catboats, which may race in the river.
7.2 Be aware that PRS is approximately 9NM from BYSC.

8. COURSE AND MARKS:

- 8.1 For both events, the sequence of marks used in the course, and which side the mark is to be rounded, will be posted on the signal boat prior to the warning and communicated by VHF on channel 78.
8.2 Government aids to navigation will be used as marks of the course as well as possible dropped marks. Government aids could be the ICW markers or Baypoint Reach marks (Port Royal ship channel coming from the Atlantic Ocean).
8.3 Only marks that are listed on the course board are marks of the course that are to be honored, but keep in mind that it is the responsibility of each skipper to understand the hazards of deviating from the aids to navigation not required to be honored.
8.4 Chart #11516 is being used by the RC.

9. CHECK-IN AND THE START:

- 9.1 For both days: boats are requested to check-in with the race committee signal boat before the first warning of the day.
9.2 Those planning on using their spinnakers shall notify the race committee of their intentions at Check-in.
9.3 There will be two classes: Catboats and Keelboats. Catboats, if present, shall start first followed by Keelboats. Starts will not be rolled.
9.4 Any boat withdrawing from the race shall notify the race committee on Ch. 78.
9.5 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal.
9.6 A series of short sound signals will precede a warning signal. The starting line will be between two orange balls or an orange flag on the RC signal boat and one orange ball.
9.7 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of another start.
9.8 As a courtesy, the race committee may attempt to hail premature starters on VHF Ch. 78. Failure of the premature starter to hear the hail, the timing of the hail or the order of hail, if more than one hail, will not be grounds for redress.

10. FINISH: The finish line for the Jean Ribaut Cup may be in the same vicinity as the starting line except for a shortened course and shall be between two orange balls or a blue flag on the RC signal boat and one orange ball.

11. SHORTENED COURSE:

- 11.1 The race committee may shorten the course at any time. This changes RRS Rule 32.2.
11.2 A shortened course will be announced on VHF Ch. 78 as well as indicated by the S flag and two sound signals, with the finish line between a blue flag on the RC boat and an orange ball or a mark of the course.

12. TIME LIMIT:

- 12.1 The time limit for the leading boat of each class is three and one-half (3-1/2) hours from her start.
12.2 Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course in her class and finishes will be scored DNF (Did not finish) and awarded points one more than the number of boats finishing. This changes Rules 35 and A4.

13. PENALTIES. A one-turn Penalty shall be used in all incidents. This changes Rule 44.1 and 44.2.

14. PROTESTS:

- 14.1 Expedited Hearings will be in effect for any protests. This changes RRS 60-63.

14.2 The PRO with two experienced sailors will conduct the hearing. Requests for redress against the race committee shall be heard by three experienced sailors not affected by the incident and appointed by the Regatta Chairman.

15. SCORING:

15.1 The corrected finishing time for the boats in a class will be determined by the use of the Time-on-Time formula using PHRF handicaps.

15.2 The finishing position of each boat in each class will be awarded finish points based on Rule A4, Low Point System and A8, Series Ties, for both the Jean Ribaut Cup and the Pedro Menendez Cup.

15.3 A boat's regatta score is the total of her race scores. There are no throw outs. This changes Rule A2.1.

15.4 The winner of the Santa Elena Regatta in each class is the boat with the lowest corrected time for all races sailed.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

16.1 Communication with the racers will be on Ch. 78.

16.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to other boats.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race.

17.2 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. 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.

18. AWARDS:

18.1 Perpetual Trophies. The overall winners in both the Catboat Class and Keelboat Class will be engraved on the following perpetual trophies, which will remain at BYSC.

JEAN RIBAUT CUP

PEDRO MENENDEZ CUP

SANTA ELENA TROPHY. The Santa Elena Trophy will be awarded to each class winner based on the lowest overall total corrected time of both the Jean Ribaut Cup and the Pedro Menendez Cup

18.2 Keeper trophies. Keeper trophies based on attendance will be awarded in both the Catboat and Keelboat Classes in each event plus one trophy each for the winners of the Santa Elena Regatta.

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