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2023 Redfish Reach
9-10 October, 2023

Texas City Dike Yacht Club
Texas City, Texas

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 This event is governed by the "Rules" defined in *Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-2024 (RRS)*.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Competitors enter the Regatta by registering and must have completed registration and paid all fees with the Organizing Authority before becoming official competitors.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board on Regatta Network

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it takes effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals Made Ashore shall be displayed near the regatta tent,

5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes.'

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 The schedule on the NOR shall be followed. Available on Regatta Network

6.2 The intent is to conduct one (1) distance race on Saturday and a Conundrum on Sunday.

6.3 The distance race may be rescheduled for Sunday if the RC is forced to abandon racing on Saturday.

6.4 Race Committee may choose to alter the schedule of races, if it is apparent weather conditions are not favorable for the original schedule.

7 RACING AREA

7.1 All races will be sailed in the vicinity of Galveston Bay bordered by the Redfish Island to the north, Houston Ship Channel to the east, and the Texas City shoreline to the south and west.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 All boats will launch from the Texas City Dike, round Redfish and return.

8.2 Boats shall not enter the Houston Ship Channel. Any boat entering the Houston Ship Channel will be subject to protest and disqualification.

8.3 Red Fish Island to be rounded to port

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks of the course will consist of Redfish Island and one finishing Tetrahedron located near the RC Tent.

10. THE START

10.1 Before the race, each boat shall check-in with the RC. Race Committee will be based on land

10.2 A White flag will designate a 10 minute preparatory warning (short sound).

10.3 A "P" flag will be raised at the 9 minute till start (short sound) and lowered at 1 minute till start (long sound).

10.4 The lowering of the white flag will designate the start (short sound)

10.5 Distance Race: The starting line will be a Le Mans style start, boats are required to have part of the hull at the water's edge on the beach.

10.6 Any boat that leaves the beach prior to the start signal will be penalized 30 minutes on their total sailing time. There will be no recall flag flown.

10.7 A boat shall start a race no later than 30 minutes after her designated start time

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finish line will be defined by a single pole with an orange flag on the beach and an orange floating tetrahedron perpendicular to shore.

11.2 The finish line may be crossed in either direction.

12. TIME LIMIT

12.1 The time Limit for the distance race is 17:00 or two hours after the 1st boat in their class that finishes before 17:00. The Race Committee may choose to finish a yacht "in place" if it is obvious a yacht's corrected time will not be less than the last official finisher.

12.2 Abandonment of a race shall be signaled according to the rules.

13. PENALTIES AND PROTESTS

13.1 Scoring Penalties and Protest Procedures shall apply as outlined in Appendix T, sections A, B and D apply. T1, "Penalties at the Time of the Incident" applies. The first two sentences of Rule 44.1 are changed to read: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 when racing. However, when she

may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.”

13.2 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Tent. Protests shall be delivered there as soon as possible and within the protest time limit.

13.3 The protest time limit will be thirty (30) minutes after the last boat finishes.

14. **SCORING**

14.1 The Low-Point Scoring system of Appendix A shall apply. One race shall be completed to constitute an event. No scores shall be excluded. This changes Rule A2.

14.2 Competitors will be scored per class using SCHRS.

15. **SAFETY**

15.1 Any boat that has checked in and withdraws before finishing a race, shall notify the RC by telephone: 409-770-4026, VHF channel 68 or in person at the regatta tent directly with the PRO. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification from the event.

15.2 Boats shall not interfere with commercial vessels operating in the Houston Ship Channel (HSC). Boats doing so will be subject to protest and disqualification .

15.3 Race Committee highly recommends each competitor to carry their own safety gear; comprising at a minimum the following: a cell phone (in a waterproof container and fully charged), VHF radio, multi tool with knife, flashlight and mirror.

16. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

16.1 A yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. This does not apply to situations that threaten safety of life and/or property.

16.2 The RC will monitor VHF Channel 68.

17. **PRIZES**

17.1 Trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

18. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

18.1 Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organization will not accept liability for property damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with the event.

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This addendum replaces rule **7** and **8** in the Division VI Sailing Instructions and adds Rule **15.1.1** and **16 Communication**.

7.0 RACE STARTS AND STARTING SEQUENCE

7.1 CLASSES: Classes, Class Flags and starting sequences.

- (a) All Catamarans will be scored as one fleet.

7.2 STARTING SIGNALS:

- (a) Class flag will be flown from the beach area at their warning signal. Exact location to be described at Competitor's Briefing.

7.3 RACE SEQUENCE: The race will continue until each boat rounds the "pivot" mark 3 times completing 3 separate laps. Race Committee may shorten the course at the "pivot" mark. Further detail will be given at Competitor's Briefing.

7.4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- (a) When signals are made ashore, they shall conform to RRS "Race Signals" and their location ashore will be on the TCDYC flag pole near the regatta HQ.
- (b) "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.

7.5 Does not apply on Lemans start.

8.0 THE COURSE

8.1 RACE COURSE:

- (a) Courses are replaced by Attachment 'A'.
- (b) The starting line shall be a Le Mans Style start.
- (c) Sail to any of the three marks; 1, 2, or 3 and round to port.
- (d) Sail to "pivot" mark located approximately 200' off beach and round to port
- (e) Sail to either or the two remaining marks not yet rounded. Round to port.
- (f) Sail to "pivot" mark located approximately 200' off beach and round to port
- (g) Sail to remaining mark not yet rounded. Round to port.
- (h) Sail to "pivot" mark located approximately 200' off beach and finish between "pivot" mark and blue flag on beach.

8.2 COURSES CALLED: Course to be sailed shall be defined in Attachment 'A'.

8.3 GATE COURSES: There are no gates to be used.

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15.0 SPECIAL NOTES

15.2.1 The Houston Ship Channel is to be considered an obstruction and boats racing or not shall avoid entry into the Houston Ship Channel.

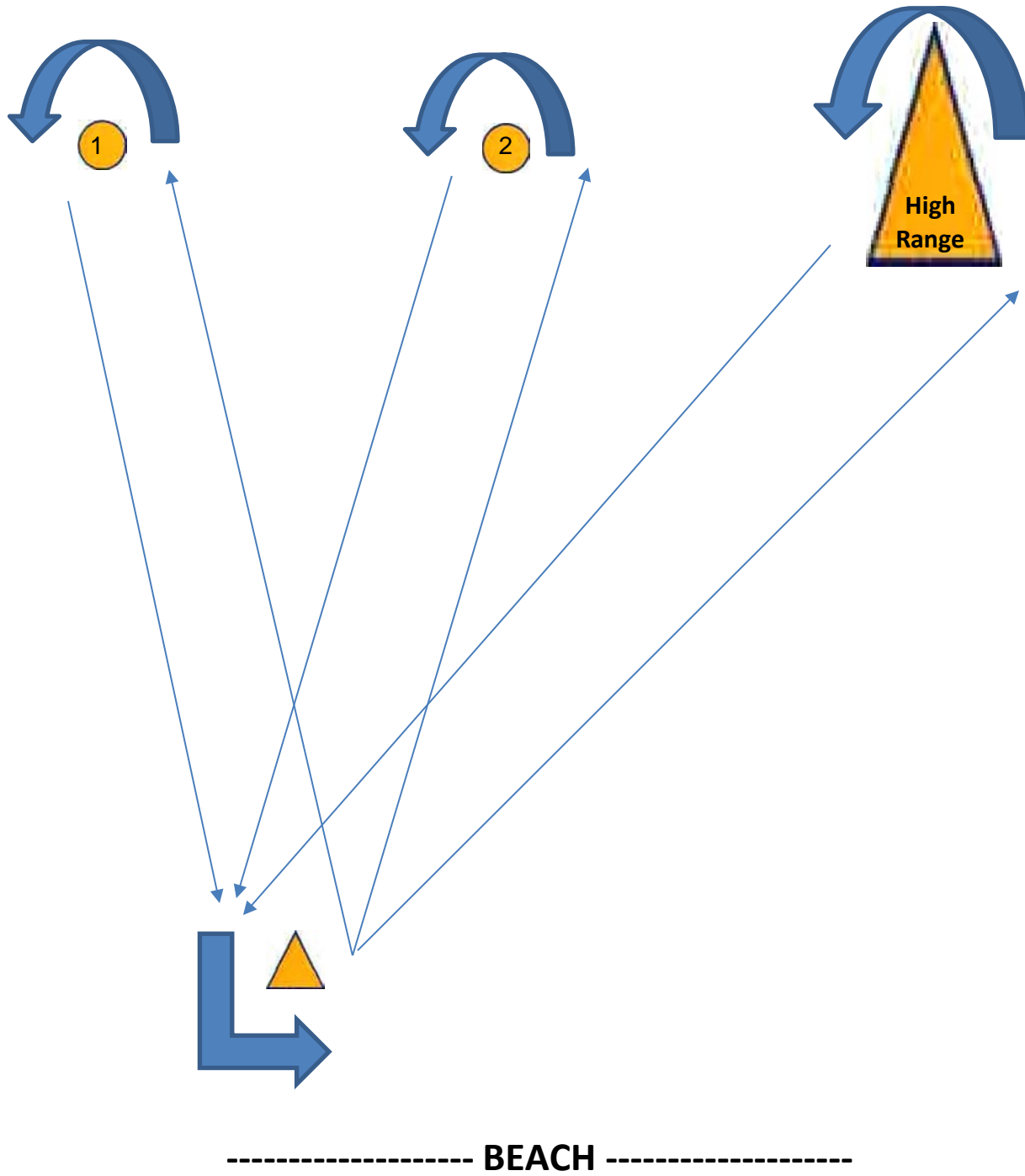
16.0 COMMUNICATION

16.1 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.

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ATTACHMENT 'A'



Angles and distances between marks are schematic only.