



2023 BUCKET HAT REGATTA
Hosted by the Corpus Christi Yacht Club
April 29, 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, rules of the South Texas PHRF, the Notice of Regatta, and these Sailing Instructions. If said rules are contradicted in any way by these Sailing Instructions, then these Sailing Instructions are controlling.
- 1.2 Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will either be posted on Sailing Center window facing east towards the pool at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club (CCYC) and/or posted on Regatta Network.
- 1.3 The Race Committee (RC) reserves the right to also amend the Sailing Instructions orally and on the water if necessary.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 This event is open to Z420 classes. Any sailor or team who files an entry form by 1000 hours April 29, 2023 is eligible to race. Sailors may enter as individuals or as a team consisting of 2 sailors for the Z420s. Experience on a 420 is NOT required. Further, it is not required that a sailor be a member of a team. Individual entrants will be assigned to a team at Skippers meeting. There is also no requirement for club affiliation.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 All written Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Sailing Center window facing east towards the pool at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club (CCYC) and/or posted on Regatta Network.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be posted on the Sailing Center window as soon as practical. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, changes in Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be communicated orally to each Team.

5. SIGNALS

- 5.1 Signals for races will be made from the pier or signal boat to be announced at the skipper's meeting. The starting sequence will be 3 minutes signaled with the use of a whistle or horn. See Appendix U attached here for reference.

6. BOATS

- 6.1 Boats will be randomly assigned by the RC to each Team at the Skippers Meeting. Once a boat has been assigned, there will be no changes of boats between Teams unless directed to by the RC.

6.2 Boats will be sailed only with equipment made available by CCYC. Team members may not make any alterations to the boat without prior approval of the RC. No outside equipment or material may be used on the boat for purposes of gaining a competitive advantage.

7. **SCHEDULE**

7.1 Close of registration will be 1000 hours on Saturday, April 29, 2023.

7.2 The Skipper's Meeting will be at 1000 hours on Saturday, April 29, 2023.

7.3 First signal for the first race will be 1100 hours on Saturday, April 29, 2023.

7.4 Start times may be changed upon proper notification.

8. **RACING AREA**

8.1 The racing area will be the Corpus Christi Marina.

9. **THE COURSE**

9.1 The Course for each race will be discussed at the skippers' meeting.

10. **MARKS**

10.1 The Marks of the Course shall consist of hippity hops. The white "no wake" marks located in the Corpus Christi Marina may also be used at the discretion of the RC.

11. **THE START**

11.1 The start of each race will be at a line between a staff bearing an orange flag on the pier or signal boat and an orange hippity hop. The line will be open at all times.

11.2 The Audible-Signal Racing System, pursuant to The Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix U shall be used. See attached for reference.

12. **THE FINISH**

12.1 The finish of each race will be at a line between a staff bearing an orange flag on the Pier or signal boat and a nearby orange mark (the same line as the starting line).

13. **SAFETY**

13.1 A team retiring from a race, or the Regatta shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

13.2 All sailors ***must*** wear a coast guard approved personal floatation device.

14. **PROTESTS**

14.1 RC will hear all protests, but strongly advises against protesting as the fee for filing a protest is to pay the bar tab for all committee members at the club.

15. **SCORING & FLEETS**

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System will apply in the Regatta. In the event of a Championship Race, participants' previous scores are excluded.

15.2 If there are enough boats for all teams, then there will be 1 Fleet. 3 or more races are planned. 1 race will constitute a regatta.

15.3 If there are more teams than boats, 2 Fleets will be created, with teams randomly assigned to each Fleet. Each Fleet will have a *maximum* of 3 races. The top teams from each Fleet, determined by the Low Point System, will then race against each other in the Championship Race to determine the winner of the Regatta. Boats will be randomly re-assigned for the Championship Race.

16. **AWARDS**

16.1 Awards will be given out at the conclusion of the regatta to the top three teams.

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