



BAY YACHT CLUB

M/V Bay Star, Corpus Christi, Texas



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2023 BYC Pursuit Series

1. RULES

1.1. These races will be governed by the rules as defined in the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 including US Sailing Prescriptions, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2. RRS changes.

1.2.1. Rule 26 STARTING RACES is modified per section 6 of these Instructions to allow for pursuit starts for all classes.

1.2.2. Rule A9 pertaining to SERIES SCORING is changed per section 8 of these Instructions.

1.2.3. The intent of this series is fun, informal racing. Formal provision for processing protests has not been established. Skippers are requested to self-police any infractions and resolve them in the best Corinthian fashion. The Two-Turns Penalty (Rule 44) is in effect for infractions of RRS Part 2 WHEN BOATS MEET and a One-Turn penalty for infractions of RRS Rule 31 TOUCHING A MARK.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS - Notices to competitors will be provided at the skippers meeting or by e-mail in advance of the race to all registered boat skippers. Notices will also be posted on Regatta Network. <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26431>

3. SCHEDULE

3.1. Dates of Racing (one race per day):

May 20 Race #1

June 17 Race #2

July 22 Race #3

August 19 Race #4

September 16 Race #5

October 21 Race #6

3.2. Race Day Schedule of Events

3.2.1. 1015 hours: Registered boats must check in with the Race Committee not later than 1015 hours on the day of each race to advise their intent to compete.

- 3.2.2. 1015 to 1030 hours: Skippers meeting aboard the BYC's *Bay Star* berthed at Corpus Christi Marina E Dock, or the Corpus Christi Marina Peoples Street Boaters Facility.
 - 3.2.3. 1130 hours: Unless modified by announcement at skippers meeting, the start time for the first boat in each class.
 - 3.2.4. Awards aboard *Bay Star* approximately 30 minutes after the last boat finishes.
4. CLASSES
- 4.1. Classes for this series shall consist of All Sails and 150 (Non-Spinnaker). Classes may be combined or eliminated at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer depending on participation.
 - 4.1.1. All-Sails Class – Any boat that carries a spinnaker with or without a sprit or spinnaker pole.
 - 4.1.2. 150 (Non-Spinnaker) Class – Boats may not fly a spinnaker but may pole the jib or genoa out using a whisker or spinnaker pole.
 - 4.2. For the formation of a class, a minimum of two (2) boats will be required.
5. RACING AREA, RACE MARKS and COURSE TO BE SAILED
- 5.1. The racing area will be Corpus Christi Bay.
 - 5.2. Course marks will be fixed well heads and aids to navigation shown on the 2010 Corpus Christi Bay Race Course Map.
 - 5.3. The two green buoys “1A” and “3” located at the breakwater entrance are considered marks and shall be taken on the channel side.
 - 5.4. Starting and Finishing Marks: Starting and finishing marks will be the vertical orange stripe on the MORF gear box on the Lawrence Street T head and the PVC pipe on the breakwater directly across from the gear box.
 - 5.5. The course(s) to be sailed will be announced at the skippers meeting.
6. THE START
- 6.1. The starting line will be between the vertical orange stripe on the port end of the line and the starboard-end starting mark.
 - 6.2. In each class, the boat with the highest handicap starts first followed by the boat with the next highest handicap, and so on. The boat with the lowest handicap starts last. Time differentials between the start for the first boat and all pursuing boats are based on each boat's handicap and the length of the course. The start time for each boat will be announced at the Skippers meeting.
 - 6.3. As regards the RRS definition of RACING and Rule 42 PROPULSION, a boat's preparatory signal is considered to be four (4) minutes before her designated start time. A boat may not use her engine for propulsion during this four minute preparatory period. Boats under power shall remain clear of the start area and yield right-of-way to boats under sail.

7. THE FINISH

- 7.1. The finishing line will be between the vertical orange stripe on the starboard end of the line and the port-end finishing mark.
- 7.2. The first boat to finish in each class is the class winner. In the absence of a race committee observer at the finish line, the first finisher in each class shall note their own finish time and the finisher in their class next behind them. Second place and subsequent finishers shall note their own finishing time and the boats in their class finishing immediately **AHEAD** and **BEHIND**. Please convey this information to the PRO by texting to 361-500-2886 or verbally after the race.

8. SERIES SCORING

- 8.1. The series consists of six scheduled races, five of which are required to be completed to constitute the series. A race not completed may be rescheduled.
- 8.2. To qualify for inclusion in the series results, a boat must compete (i.e., come to the starting area) in five races.
- 8.3. A boat that does not come to the starting area shall be scored finishing points equal to the total number of boats in her class that came to the starting area plus two (2). A boat that comes to the starting area but does not start, does not finish, retires or is disqualified shall be scored finishing points equal to the total number of boats in her class that came to the starting area plus one (1).
- 8.4. When a boat has competed in five or fewer races, her series score will be the sum of her race scores. When a boat has competed in six races, her series score will be the sum of her race scores excluding her worst score. If a boat has two or more equal worst scores, the score for the race sailed earliest in the series shall be excluded. An excluded race counts as a race to qualify a boat for inclusion in the series results but not as one of her scored races.
- 8.5. The boat with the lowest series score is the winner of her class and others in the class are ranked accordingly.

9. SAFETY and COMMUNICATIONS

- 9.1. The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 68.
- 9.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first opportunity.
- 9.3. Each boat shall be equipped with safety and life-saving equipment conforming to federal and state regulations. Every crew member must be made aware of the locations and methods for use. This is a responsibility of the skipper.
- 9.4. A scheduled race will be postponed if winds are forecast to exceed 25 knots or if foul weather, such as thunderstorms or lightening, is predicted. Postponement will be announced at the skippers meeting or by e-mail to known competitors in advance of a race.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. After each race, prizes will be awarded for 1st place in class.
- 10.2. For the series, prizes will be awarded for 1st through 3rd place in class for boats that qualify for inclusion in the series results.

11. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4 "*Decision to Race*". The race organizers (Bay Yacht Club, its officers, directors, trustees, committee members, measurers, judges, agents and representatives) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. Every skipper and crewperson of boats participating in races of this series agrees, as consideration for being allowed to participate, to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event.
12. Principal Race Officer (PRO) – Jim Zelnik; email zelnik@mygrande.net Cell phone 361-500-2886.