



**2023 Rhodes 19 National Championship**  
**October 4–8, 2023**  
**Organizing Authority: Southern Yacht Club**  
**Hosted by Rhodes 19 Fleet 7**  
**New Orleans, LA**



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 61.1 (a)(2) is deleted. A protesting boat shall display a red flag.
- 1.3 RRS 35, 61.1(a)(2), 62.1(a), 63.1, A5.1, A5.2, A10, and Racing Signals are changed herein.
- 1.4 The Rhodes 19 Class Rule RE 32.03 is changed as follows:  
One USCG Approved PFD of Type I, II, or III per crew member  
One USCG Approved PFD of Type 4 (Throwable)
- 1.5 The Rhodes 19 Class Rule RC 27.00 is changed as follows:  
[DP] Each boat shall carry an operable VHF radio.
- 1.6 In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions take precedence over the Notice of Race.

### **2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted two (2) hours before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

### **3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Grill on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the clubhouse.
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 72.
- 3.3 Oral instructions may be given on the water at the discretion of the Race Committee. Competitors may be hailed by voice, VHF or loud hailer.

- 3.4 Any questions regarding the Sailing Instructions shall be submitted in writing, via text or email, to the Principal Race Officer. Written answers shall be posted on the official notice board as soon as practicable.
- 3.5 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.6 [DP] From the time a boat leaves the dock until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, all forms of wireless device usage is prohibited.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the A-frame halyard located in the west harbor front near the hoists.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes". This changes RRS Racing Signals AP.

#### **5. SCHEDULE**

##### **Wednesday, October 4**

0900-1600 Measurement and inspection; other times by appointment only  
1300-1700 Registration

##### **Thursday, October 5**

0900-1200 Registration  
1400 Practice race first warning signal  
1600-1800 Registration  
1700 Rhodes 19 Class Association Annual Meeting  
1800 Skippers' Meeting

##### **Friday, October 6**

1000 First warning signal  
After racing Debrief and beer keg  
Evening Unscheduled

##### **Saturday, October 7**

1000 First warning signal  
After racing Debrief and beer keg  
1900 Regatta dinner at SYC

##### **Sunday, October 8**

1000 First warning signal  
1400 No warning signal after this time  
After racing Awards ceremony

- Eleven races are scheduled
- Up to four (4) races may be sailed on each day

## **6. CLASS FLAG**

- 6.1 The class flag will be a yellow flag.

## **7. RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The racing area will be on Lake Pontchartrain, north of the SYC club house.

## **8. COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal the RC will post the course to be sailed, the approximate compass bearing of the first leg and the distance to the first mark.
- 8.3 If an offset mark is missing, boats shall leave the remaining mark to port.
- 8.4 If a gate mark is missing, boats shall leave the remaining mark to port.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks 1 and 2g (leeward gate) will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 Offset mark 1a will be an orange sphere.
- 9.3 New marks per SI 11 will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.4 The start/finish mark will be an orange sphere.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end of the line and an orange sphere at the port end of the line.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1, and A5.2.
- 10.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail number on VHF radio. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, the order of the hail, or the failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **11. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on an RC boat and the course side of a nearby mark.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 RRS V1 of Appendix V applies.

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 If no boat has reached and passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes, or if the first boat to sail the course does not finish within 120 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

## **15. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 15.1 The protest time limit is one hour after the Race Committee boat docks. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2 Hearing request forms will be available at the registration desk.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 Per Class Rule B 10.00, the regatta will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A using the Low Point Scoring System.
- 16.2 One score shall be excluded if five or more races are completed.

## 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Each competitor is responsible for his/her personal safety. It shall be the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race. A boat which retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 before leaving the racing area, or if that is not practical, at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

18.1 [DP] substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the judges.

## 19. BERTHING

19.1 [DP] Boats shall be launched by 1700 hours on Thursday, Oct. 5.

19.2 Boats shall be docked in the areas noted on the diagram provided at registration and on the official notice board.

## 20. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

20.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the judges.

## 21. PRIZES

The following perpetual trophies will be awarded:

**National Championship Trophy** – awarded to the overall winner

**Cressy Trophy** – awarded to the overall 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher

**President's Trophy** – awarded each year by the Class President to the class member who has made significant contributions to the Rhodes 19 class

**Don Quixote Trophy** – awarded to the highest finishing competitor who has never finished in the top five in any previous National Regatta

**Novice Trophy** – awarded to the highest finishing competitor who has never competed in the event previously

**Robert Jensen Masters Trophy** – awarded to the highest finishing skipper over sixty (60) years of age

**Corinthian Trophy** – awarded to the highest finishing amateur skipper under the age of 25

**Travel Trophy** – awarded to the competitor who has traveled the farthest with the greatest effort to attend the regatta

**Wet Bottom Trophy** – awarded to the top finisher who is sailing with bottom paint

**Fleet Trophy** – presented to the fleet with the best record for its top finishers

## **22. INSURANCE**

22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury or death.

## **23. CONTACTS**

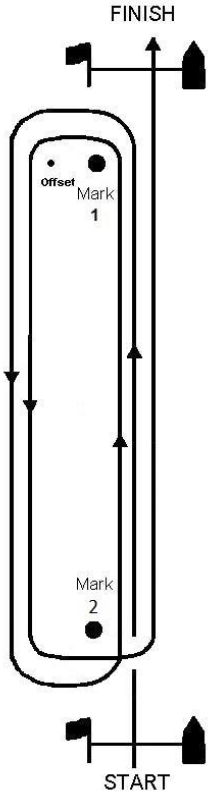
**Regatta Chair** – Rocky Sanchez – [rocfinaol@aol.com](mailto:rocfinaol@aol.com) – 504-722-4199

**Principal Race Officer** – Mamsie Manard – [mamsie@bellsouth.net](mailto:mamsie@bellsouth.net)  
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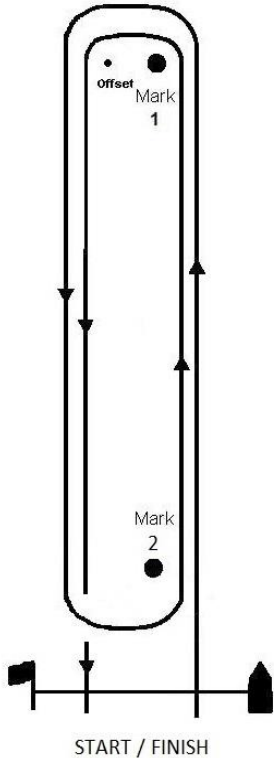
**ATTACHMENT A**

**Course “W 2.5”**

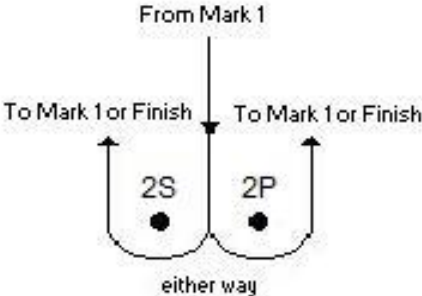


Start – 1 – (2S or 2P) – 1 – (2S or 2P) – Finish

**Course “W 2”**



Start – 1- (2S or 2P) – 1 – Finish



Detail of Leeward Gate