

SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB
2023 Grady Foster Memorial Regatta
June 25th, 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

This regatta is organized by the Savannah Yacht Club

2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration online at
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26600>

3. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current “Racing Rules of Sailing”.

Any competitor observed discharging trash into the waters of the racing area will, after a hearing to confirm incident, be scored DSQ for that race.

Ratings will be assigned using US Sailing most recent PHRF reporting book.

4. CLASSES

Class A	Spinnaker Class
Class B	Non-spinnaker Class

The following colors are assigned to the class flags:

Class A	Yellow Flag
Class B	Green Flag

5. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board within 20 minutes following the end of the competitor’s meeting, or earlier.

6. NOTICE TO THE COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the SYC Dock House.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Shore signals will be made over VHF hailing channel one hour prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the day.

When AP is announced, “One minute” is replace with “not less than 60 minutes”. This changes Race Signal AP.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Sunday: 1030 Warning for first class to start, indicated by their class flag. Other classes will start thereafter, as indicated by their class flag.

Starts for all races will be announced on Channel 71. *This does not forego each competitor’s individual responsibility to check the course board, sequences, and flags.*

9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be the Wilmington River, Wassaw Sound, and the Atlantic Ocean.

10. COURSES

Courses may be selected from the course Appendix or using club or Government marks and will be appropriately displayed on a course board on Signal. Unless shortened or otherwise modified, all classes will use same start/finish line. The Race Committee intends to announce courses over VHF Channel 71 prior to the Start of each Class, NONE THE LESS, the course board is the rule. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE COURSE BOARD.

NOTE: Any and All Government Marks not being used as marks of the course, must be honored.

11. MARKS

Marks will be Government marks or SYC Club marks, as outlined on the course board, except at the start and finish line, which will be a start/finish “Pin” mark.

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12. THE START

Races for each class, or combined classes, will be started using Rule 26 (RRS).

Before the First Warning Signal of the day, all skippers intending to race shall check in by sailing past the stern of the signal boat and hailing their boat sail number. Any boat failing to do so may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) for that race.

All boats shall compete in the Class for which they are registered.

Approximately 1 minute prior to Warning Signals for each Class, as a courtesy, the Race Committee will make several short sound signals.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the start “Pin” mark. The start Pin may be replaced with another RC boat displaying an orange flag on a staff.

A boat shall not start later than 15 minutes after her starting signal.

Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area and clear of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

13. RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1 The Race Committee will endeavor to recall OCS boats on Channel 71. The lack of a hail; the failure to hear a hail; the timeliness of the hail, or the order of the hail SHALL NOT be grounds for redress. General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2

14. FINISHING LINE

Finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Signal boat or the SYC dock, and the start/finish “Pin” mark, or a vessel at anchor displaying a blue flag on a staff.

15. SHORTENING THE COURSE

The race committee may shorten course in accordance with RRS 32 at any government mark, or mark of the course. This modifies RRS 32.

16. TIME LIMITS

Each class/race will have an appropriate time limit. Boats finishing more than 90 minutes after 1st boat in her class will be scored “Did Not Finish”. This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A5.

17. RETIREMENT

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the race area if this is impossible, she shall report her retirement to the front office at SYC immediately upon arriving ashore. Radio contact with SYC to notify retirement is encouraged.

18. PROTESTS

A boat intending to protest shall do so in accordance with RRS 60, with these modifications:

Protests shall be written on forms available at the protest desk located in the Dock House and delivered there within the time limit. The protest time limit shall be 60 minutes, starting when the signal boat docks.

Protests will be heard in the order of receipt and as soon as possible.

Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are *parties* to a hearing or named as a witness. This posting shall constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2. Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "A party to the hearing may ask for a Reopening of a hearing no later than 30 minutes (one-half hour) after being informed of the decision."

19. SCORING

Abbreviations for scoring records shall be in accordance with Appendix A.

One race is scheduled and intended, which may constitute the series, however the RC may, at its discretion based on conditions, sail more than one race. Each boat's score will be the total of all her race scores. No race will be excluded. This changes Rule A2. The boat with the lowest score wins.

20. PENALTIES

RRS Appendix V Alternative Penalties shall apply.

A boat which runs aground may use her engine to help free her-self without improving her position as allowed by RRS 42.3(i)

21. RADIO COMMUNICATIO

While racing a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive special radio transmissions not available to all boats.

22. MAXIMUM CREW/MINIMUM CREW

There are no maximum crew limits for this Regatta.

The minimum crew for all Classes will be 2.

23. COURTESY BROADCASTS

The Race Committee may transmit the course designation and visual signals displayed by the Race Committee over VHF Channel 71. The transmitted information is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the course designation and the Race Committee's visual signals which govern the conduct of racing. This is a courtesy only and any errors or omissions in the information transmitted SHALL NOT be grounds for redress.

24. ACCEPTANCE AND INCORPORATION OF RULE 42.3(i)

The Race Committee has agreed that this Regatta will be sailed using rule 42.3(i) which states, "Sailing instructions may, in stated circumstances, permit propulsion using an engine or any other method, provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race." *Please note* ... honor in this is of utmost importance. The intent is to provide competitors with a reasonable opportunity to "break free" from a grounding, being able to re-join the race, having gained no advantage in the process.