

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The O.L. Shultz - Alive Hospice

Regatta for Cruisers
April 13th and 14th, 2024

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Changes to the following RRS sections will be made for this race: 29.1 (Individual Recall), 35 (Time Limit and Scores), 42.3(h) (Propulsion-Exceptions), 61.1(a) (Informing the Protestee), 62.1(a) (Redress), A2 (Series Scores), A8 (Series Ties), A10 (Scoring Abbreviations), Race Signal AP (Postponement).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the windows of the clubhouse facing the deck at Harbor Island Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1. Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board.
- 3.2. The schedule for the first day's race(s) will not be changed.
- 3.3. Any change to the schedule for any subsequent or alternate day of racing will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.4. Any other change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 45 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race on the day the change will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee boat at the dock.
- 4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal "AP". This changes the meaning of Race Signal "AP".

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

The race schedule will be as stated in the Notice of Race and will be posted on the official notice board and/or announced at the skippers meeting.

6. CLASS FLAGS:

- 6.1. Classes will be as defined in the Notice of Race.
- 6.2. A class flag will be a unique color, pattern, shape or class logo. An image or description of each class flag will be posted on the official notice board and announced at the skippers meeting.
- 6.3. Reminder: as stated in the preamble to Race Signals: "When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies only to that class."

7. COURSES:

The approximate anticipated location of the marks and the order in which they are to be rounded will be posted on the notice board and/or reviewed at the skippers meeting. Marks of the courses are to be left to port unless otherwise instructed.

8. MARKS:

- 8.1. Marks of the course, including the start and the finish will be orange (fender type) buoys AND/OR yellow cylinders.
- 8.2. If stated at Skippers Meeting, channel navigation marks may be used at the discretion of the PRO.

9. THE START:

- 9.1. The starting order for the classes will be posted on the official notice board.
- 9.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 9.3. The race committee may, no later than the warning signal, trail a mark from the stern of the race committee boat stationed at the starboard end of the starting line. The trailing mark will be considered to be an extension of the race committee boat. No boat may pass between the trailing mark and the race committee boat.
- 9.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area after the first warning signal of a race and shall not interfere with boats that are in their starting sequence.

10. RECALLS:

When individual recalls are signaled, the race committee may (at its discretion) attempt to hail

the sail numbers of the recalled boats by VHF radio on channel 68. This changes RRS 29.1. Failure of the race committee to hail or failure of a boat to hear the hail of its sail number shall not relieve the boat of its obligation to start correctly. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11. **SHORTENING OF COURSE AFTER THE START:** When shortening the course, a race committee boat will be stationed within a leg of the course. The display of Code Flag "S" with two sound signals indicates competitors should finish between the race committee boat displaying code flag S and the nearby mark(s) as described in RRS 32.2.
12. **THE FINISH:** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a BLUE flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
13. **TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for a race is 1600 (4:00 pm) on Saturday, and 144 (2:00 pm) on Sunday. If a boat in a class sails the course and finishes within the time limit, only those boats in the same class finishing within the time limit or within one hour of the first finisher in the class, whichever is later, will be counted as finishing. All other boats will be scored in accordance with the RRS or as changed in the Notice of Race. This changes RRS 35.
14. **PROTESTS**
 - 14.1. A boat intending to protest shall attempt to notify the finish line race committee boat of its intent to protest and identify the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
 - 14.2. Protests will be written and delivered to the Protest Committee Chairperson before the end of "Protest Filing Time," which will begin when the committee boat docks and end 45 minutes later. These times will be posted on the official notice board.
 - 14.3. Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the end of "Protest Filing Time" to inform competitors of the place and time of hearings.
 - 14.4. Protests will then be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt.
15. **SCORING:**
 - 15.1. Wind dependent HIYC PHRF handicaps and Time-on-Time adjustment factors will be used.
 - 15.2. Time Correction Formula (TCF) = $700/(f+PHRF)$ where $f = 650$ for light air, 550 for moderate air, and 450 for heavy air as assessed by the Race Committee.
 - 15.3. Ties will be broken in favor of the boat with the lowest sum of corrected times for all races.
 - 15.4. Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded. This modifies A2 (Series Score)
16. **SAFETY REGULATIONS**
 - 16.1. For all competitors' safety, VHF Radios are mandatory.
 - 16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
 - 16.3. Channel 68 is the official HIYC-RC communications channel and appropriate for communicating with fellow competitors. The Intership Navigation Safety Channel 13 is the appropriate channel to communicate with barge traffic.
 - 16.4. The course, set on Old Hickory Lake, may intersect the navigational channel. Commercial traffic (barges) and deep-draft craft in the channel have right-of-way over sailboats and must be treated with utmost respect. Competitors are encouraged to monitor their VHF radio for warnings and communication with other vessels as it relates to these "right of way" vessels.
 - 16.5. When a boat is becalmed or otherwise unable to sail out of the channel before an approaching barge is half a mile distant, she may use her engine or any other method to clear the channel provided the boat does not thereby gain a significant advantage in the race. This changes RRS 42.3(h).
 - 16.6. When a boat sailing under these *rules* meets a vessel that is not, the *rules* of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) are replaced by the Inland Navigation Rules. Any boat impeding the passage of a right-of-way vessel is subject to protest by the race committee or the protest committee.