

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The O.L. Shultz - Alive Hospice

Open Class Regatta - April 20th & 21th, 2024

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). and the rules of the related class associations for registered participants.
- 1.2. Changes to the following RRS sections will be made for this regatta: 29.1 (Individual Recall), 33(a) (Changing the Next Leg of the Course), 35 (Time Limit and Scores), 44.2 (Two-Turns Penalty), 61.1 (Informing the Protestee), 62.1(a) (Redress), A2 (Series Scores), A5.1 and A5.2 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee), A8.2 (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 (6:00 pm) 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:

- 5.1. The race schedule will be as stated in the Notice of Race and will be posted on the official notice board.
- 5.2. It is the intention of the Race Committee to run a maximum of five races on any given day.
- 5.3. When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

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:

- 7.1. All courses will be windward/leeward in configuration. See Appendix A for course diagrams.
- 7.2. All courses may utilize an optional windward offset mark "O". If a course uses a windward offset mark, there will be two windward marks. Each boat must pass both marks by leaving them to port.
- 7.3. All courses may utilize an optional leeward gate "G". If a course uses a leeward gate, there will be two leeward marks comprising the gate. Each boat must pass between the two leeward marks (through the gate) from the direction of the previous mark and round either of the marks.

8. MARKS:

- 8.1. Marks of the course, including the start and the finish will be orange (fender type) buoys AND/OR yellow shapes.

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 an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end displayed with multiple sounds one minute prior to the Warning Signal, and the starting mark.
- 9.3. The race committee may 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.

- 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. This changes RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) 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. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:

- 11.1. If the moved mark (or the moved finishing line) is not visible from the previous mark of the course or if the change of position is more than 20°, the change will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33.

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:

- 13.1. The time limit for a race is two hours for the first boat in a class to finish.
- 13.2. If a boat in a class sails the course and finishes within the time limit, only those boats in the same class finishing within 20 minutes of the first finisher 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.
- 13.3. If the time limit in Sailing Instruction 13.2 has expired for a class, the race committee may notify the boats that have not finished. If a boat has been notified that the time limit has expired, she shall immediately return to the starting area to prepare for the start of the next race. If no more races will be sailed for the day, she shall immediately clear the course.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1. Competitors intending to protest about an incident that occurred in the racing area shall notify the RC Finish Boat, after finishing and while still in the immediate area of the RC Finish Boat of their intent to protest, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. 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. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. 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 any other method of propulsion to clear the channel provided the boat does not thereby gain a significant advantage in the race. This paragraph is supported by RRS 42.3(i).
- 15.4. 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.