

**2024 ANNUAL REGATTA** AND COWTOWN STAMPEDE

# APRIL 19 - 21, 2024 Eagle Mountain Lake, Fort Worth, Texas

# **Supplementary Sailing Instructions**

# PHRF FLEETS

Described below are the changes to the standard Sailing Instructions as laid out in US Sailing RRS2021-2024 in Appendix S and local instructions are required, further to the Notice of Race for the event.

Organizing Authority: Fort Worth Boat Club

# 1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 - 2024.

1.2 Class rules as defined for one design fleets are to be observed.

# 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

2.1 The Race Office is located in the Fort Worth Boat Club office area and will be signed accordingly.

2.2 The Official Notice Board will be on Regatta Network event website.

# **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 8:00 am on the day it will take effect.

3.2 Any changes to the racing schedule will be posted before 8:00 pm on the day before.

3.3 Notices will be placed on the Official Notice Board on Regatta Network and announced to the registered skipper by email and text message.

# 4. SIGNALS ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be on the flag pole on the water front to the south of the club office complex.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the approximate time of the next warning signal will be announced to all competitors before it is removed by

- 1. Public Announcement
- 2. Channel 68 announcement

This changes RRS Race Signals.

4.3 Code Y Flag All competitors are required to be wearing PFDs before leaving the harbor.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The target number of races to be completed from Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April is 6 5.2 The first race of the day warning signal will be at 10.45 am on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> and 09.30 am on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### 6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The Class or fleet designations will be posted on the official notice board prior to the skippers meeting on Saturday 22nd April.

### 7. COURSES

7.1 The courses will be identified by the Race Committee signal boat as per RRS appendix S Course Diagrams with an amendment for a separate start finish line. See Appendix 1.7.2 Genoa PHRF 1 Fleet, the course will be communicated by the Race Committee signal boat defining the marks, the order they will be rounded in, this possibly be a mixture of either event temporary marks and or FWBC permanent marks.

#### 8. MARKS

8.1 The marks of the course to be used will be as follows:

Mark Identification	Location	Description
1	Windward	Yellow Tetrahedron
1a	Windward Offset	Red /Orange Sphere
1	Windward Mark (INNER Course)	Orange Tetrahedron
2S	Leeward Gate - Starboard	Yellow Tetrahedron
2P	Leeward Gate - Port	Yellow Tetrahedron
A, B, E, J, M O S, T, W, Y	TBA on course board	Orange cylinder
Start	Pin	Red Tetrahedron
Leeward Finish	Pin	Sphere
Windward Finish	Pin	Red Small Tetrahedron

8.2 Change of course - In the event of a mark being moved, the new mark will have a black band to denote the revised mark. The windward mark will be positioned without an offset mark.

#### 9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

9.2 The start line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel and a red tetrahedron.

#### 10. RECALLS

10.1 Recalls will be run using RRS29.

10.2 The race committee will attempt to announce on Channel 68 the boats subject to the recall.

10.3 A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive the announcements, the timeliness of announcement, or the order in which boats are announced. This changes RRS62.1(a).

#### 11. THE FINISH

11.1 The leeward finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel and the red sphere on the non course side starboard of the RC boat.

11.2 The windward finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel and the red tetrahedron on the port side of the finishing vessel.

11.3 See Appendix 1 Course Diagrams for layout.

# **12. TIME LIMITS**

12.1 As per Section 12 of the standard sailing instructions time limits will be as follows:

Time Limit Name	Description	Time
Start Limit	Failing to cross the line within 10 minutes	10 minutes
Mark 1	Time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1	45 minutes
Race Time Limit	The time limit for the first boat to start, sail the course and finish.	150 minutes
Finishing Window	Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes.	changed from 20 minutes to <u>30 minutes</u>

12.2 A boat that does not start within ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12.3 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.

12.4 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish as per RRS 35.

## 13. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Filing Protests

13.1.1 Forms will be available in an envelope placed by the Official Notice Board.

13.1.2 Once completed the forms should be placed in the filing box next to the Official Notice Board.

13.1.3 Once the Protest Filing Time has expired, the Filing Box will be removed for review and option for arbitration.

13.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signals on returning to the dock. The time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

#### **14. ARBITRATION**

14.1 RRS Appendix T, arbitration, will apply.

14.3 This modifies RRS T1(a) and T2

#### **15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

15.1 RRS Appendix V1A Alternative Penalties will apply.

15.2 If Rule 44.3 has been used, and a scoring penalty has been requested, a Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form must be completed within the time limit posted for protests as in 13.2 and filed as per 13.1.2 and 13.1.3.

15.3 Competitors are reminded that they must follow the process as defined in RRS 44.3(b) and contact the Race Committee on finishing that race on VHF Channel 68 and fly a Yellow Flag.

# **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1 Before the Warning Signal of the first race of the day, each boat will sail past the stern of the RC boat, on starboard tack, and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or race office at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16.3 When the Yankee (Y) flag is displayed on the committee signal boat or in the harbor 4.3 Signals Ashore , all boats crews are required to wear PFDs. Failing to do so will result in a DSQ score with no request for redress.

16.4 Boats with crews of 3 or less, regardless of the Code Y flag are required to wear PFDs at all times unless changing or adjusting gear.

16.4 In the event the RC boat pulls anchor to assist in a safety situation, the then current race shall be considered abandoned and signal flag "N" will be displayed on the RC boat at the earliest opportunity after the safety situation is resolved.

#### **17. OBSTRUCTIONS**

17.1 The pumping station on the West shore of Eagle Mountain Lake and the Do Not Enter Marks (White cylinders) are out of bounds and considered an obstruction. Do not sail into this area. Entering this area will result in a DSQ score for that race.

#### **18. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT OR CREW**

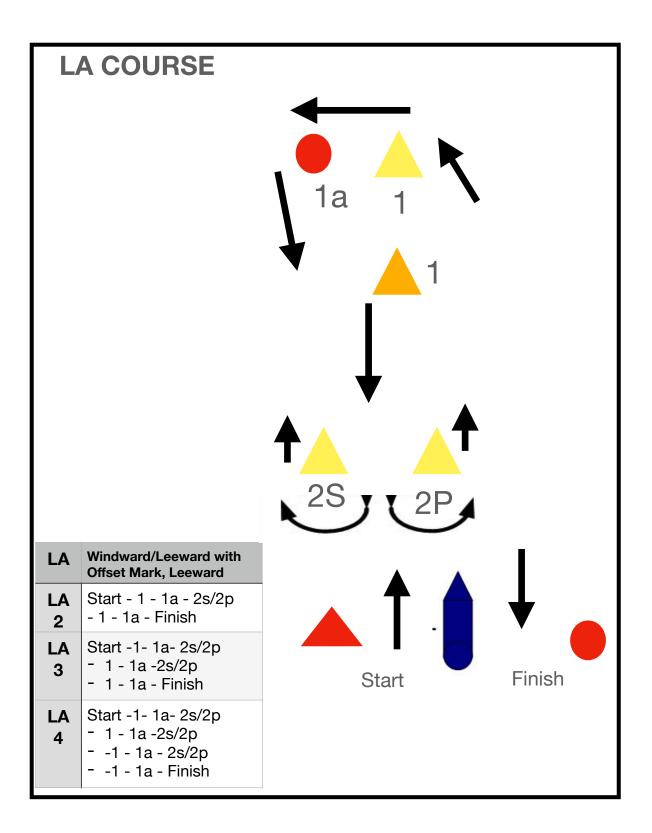
18.1 Additions, changes or substitution of crew may only be made with the written consent of the Chief Judge or Organizing Authority. Copies of crew lists for all boats will be available for inspection during registration and check in. Changes to crew lists will be posted on the Official Notice Board located the Fort Worth Boat Club.

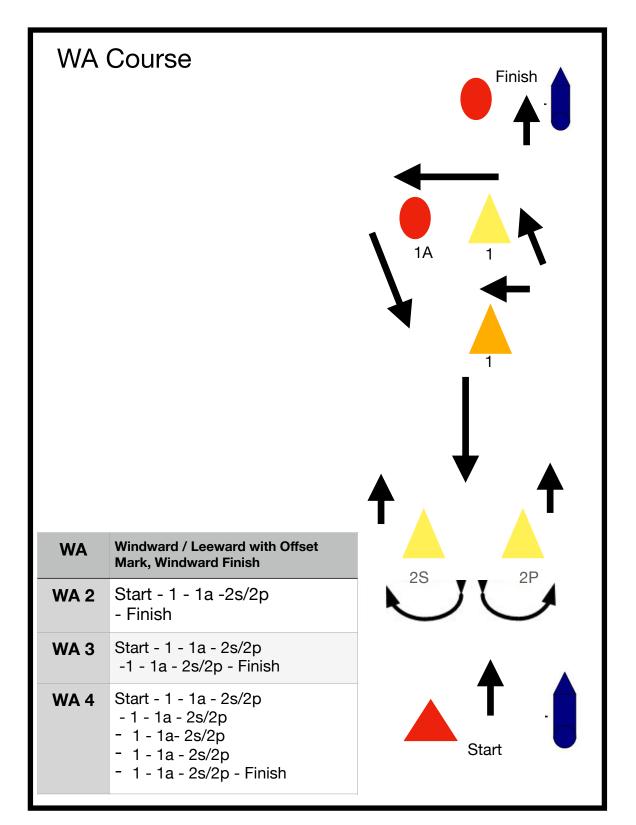
#### **19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

19.1 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. When ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at times specified in class rules, the notice of race and at the discretion of the race committee or technical committee.

#### **20 RISK STATEMENT**

**20.1 RRS 3 states:** 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.







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