



The 59th Fireball & Friends Midwinter Championships

Fireball, Interlake, 505, A-Cat and any other Friends

Sailing Instructions March 8-10, 2024

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1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix V.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the west exterior wall on the lower level of the Clubhouse.

3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 The race office is located in the Regatta Room on the ground floor.
- 4.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions not available to all boats.
- 4.3 The race committee will use VHF channel 72.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the west end of the property.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP.

6 RACING SCHEDULE

Friday, March 8

1130 First warning signal (EST)

Saturday, March 9

1000 First warning signal (EST)

Sunday, March 11

1000 First warning signal (EDT)

No warning signal after 1400

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Hillsborough Bay south of the Clubhouse as shown in Attachment 1.

8 CLASS FLAGS

A-Cats	A-Cat Flag	
Interlakes	Numeral pennant 3	
All others	Numeral pennant 1	

9 COURSES

The diagram in Attachment 2 shows the courses, and the description below the diagram describes the order and direction of the marks to be rounded.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 The windward mark for non-A-Cats and leeward gate will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 The A-Cat windward gate will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.3 The starting mark will be a green tetrahedron.
- 10.4 The finishing mark will be a red ball.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2 A boat may not start more than 5 minutes after the starting signal.
- 11.3 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail boats that are OCS. The timing and order, or omission, of such hails or the failure of a boat to hear a hail will not be considered an improper action or omission of the race committee under rule 62.1.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Courses will not be changed during a race.

13 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

14 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes. Boats still racing more than 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be finished in place.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 Hearing request forms are available at the Regatta Room. Protests shall be delivered there within 45 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks.
- 15.2 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the Regatta Room, beginning as soon as practicable.
- 15.3 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

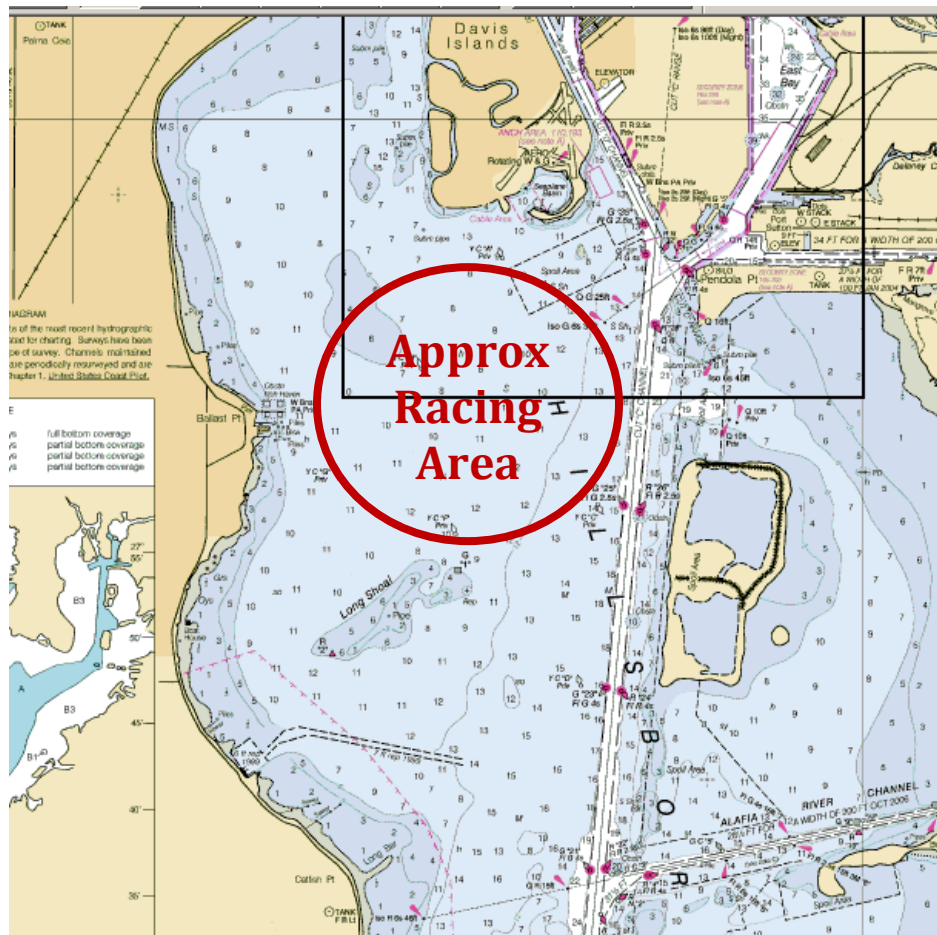
16 SCORING

- 16.1 One-design scoring will be used.
- 16.2 A-Cat Open and Classic divisions will be scored separately.
- 16.2 When fewer than five races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY

- 17.1 All boats are requested to check in with the race committee prior to the warning signal for the first race each day by sailing past the stern of the signal and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest race committee boat as soon as possible.

Attachment 1 – Approximate Racing Area



Attachment 2 – Courses

