



## **2024 Bay Yacht Club Race Pursuit Series**

### **Sailing Instructions Race 1**

**Corpus Christi Bay Yacht Club**

**Corpus Christi, Texas**

**March 23, 2024**

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#### **1. RULES**

1.1. These races will be governed by the rules as defined in the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 including US Sailing Prescriptions, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 RRS changes.

1.2.1 Rule 26 STARTING RACES is modified per section 6 of these Instructions to allow for pursuit starts for all classes.

1.2.2 Rule A9 pertaining to SERIES SCORING is changed per section 8 of these Instructions.

1.2.3 The intent of this series is fun, informal racing. Formal provision for processing protests has not been established. Skippers are requested to self-police any infractions and resolve them in the best Corinthian fashion. The Two-Turns Penalty (Rule 44) is in effect for infractions of RRS Part 2 WHEN BOATS MEET and a One-Turn penalty for infractions of RRS Rule 31 TOUCHING A MARK.

#### **2. ENTRIES**

2.1 A yacht shall be considered entered if she has completed all registration and paid entry fees by 0900 hrs of registration on race day. All yachts must hold a current and valid South Texas PHRF rating or temporary rating and will be scored according to that rating. Yachts without a current PHRF rating shall apply with local PHRF Committee for temporary rating. Alternatively, the Principal Race Officer (PRO) retains the right, at its sole discretion, to assign a temporary PHRF rating for the sole purpose of the regatta.

#### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be provided at the skippers meeting or by e-mail in advance of the race to all registered boat skippers. Notices will also be posted on Regatta Network.

#### **4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes in Sailing Instructions (SI' s) will be posted before 0900 hrs on the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect. Changes may also be communicated on the water.

## **5. SCHEDULE**

5.1 Dates of Racing (one race per day):

Race #1 Saturday March 23rd, 2024

Race #2 Saturday April 20th, 2024

Race #3 Saturday May 18th, 2024

Race #4 Saturday June 22nd, 2024

Race #5 Saturday July 13th, 2024

Race #6 Saturday August 17th, 2024

Race #7 Saturday September 7th, 2024

Race#8 Saturday November 2nd, 2024

5.2. Race Day Schedule of Events

5.2.1 0900 hours: Skippers meeting aboard the BYC's Bay Star berthed at E Dock, CC Marina

5.2.2 1030 hours: Unless modified by announcement at skippers meeting, the start time for the first boat in each class.

5.2.3 Awards aboard Bay Star approximately 30 minutes after the last boat finishes.

## **6. CLASSES**

6.1 Racing classes will be divided into the following classes based on participation:

PHRF All Sails, PHRF 150/Non-Spin, PHRF Multihulls

6.2 The Race Chairman may combine, add or eliminate classes based on participation and PHRF Rating diversity.

## **7. RACING AREA, RACE MARKS and COURSE TO BE SAILED**

7.1. The racing area will be Corpus Christi Bay.

7.2 Course marks will be fixed well heads and aids to navigation shown on the 2024 MORF Corpus Christi Bay Race Marks Chart.

<https://ccmorf.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2-1-10-ccyc-bay-race-map-and-chart.pdf>

7.3 The two green buoys "1A" and "3" located at the breakwater entrance are considered marks and shall be taken on the channel side.

7.4 Starting and Finishing Marks: Starting and finishing marks will be the vertical orange stripe on the MORF gear box on the Lawrence Street T head and the PVC pipe on the breakwater directly across from the gear box.

7.5 The letters "p" or "s" following a mark designated to which side the mark is to be taken ("p" for port and "s" for starboard)

7.6 The course(s) to be sailed will be announced at the skippers meeting.

## **8. THE START**

8.1 The starting line will be between the vertical orange stripe on the port end of the line and the starboard-end starting mark.

8.2 In each class, the boat with the highest handicap starts first followed by the boat with the next highest handicap, and so on. The boat with the lowest handicap starts last. Time differentials between the start for the first boat and all pursuing boats are based on each boat's handicap and the length of the course.

The start time for each boat will be announced at the Skippers meeting.

8.3 As regards the RRS definition of RACING and Rule 42 PROPULSION, a boat's preparatory signal is considered to be four (4) minutes before her designated start time. A boat may not use her engine for propulsion during this four minute preparatory period. Boats under power shall remain clear of the start area and yield right-of-way to boats under sail.

## **9. THE FINISH**

9.1 The finishing line will be between the vertical orange stripe on the starboard end of the line and the port-end finishing mark.

9.2 The first boat to finish in each class is the class winner. In the absence of a race committee observer at the finish line, the first finisher in each class shall note their own finish time/position and the finisher in their class next behind them.

Second place and subsequent finishers shall note their own finishing time and the boats in their class finishing immediately AHEAD and BEHIND. Please convey this information to the PRO by texting to (361)815-3111 and/or verbally after the race.

9.3 If no yacht finishes within five (5) hours of the first start, the race shall be abandoned. Any yacht may be scored DNF if her time against the last finisher in her class eligible for a prize (based upon the number of prizes authorized under Section 12 below) plus forty five minutes has elapsed, and she has not yet finished.

## **10. SERIES SCORING**

10.1 The series consists of eight scheduled individual races, three of which are required to be completed to constitute the series. A race not completed may be rescheduled.

10.2 To qualify for inclusion in the series results, a boat must compete (i.e., come to the starting area) in three races.

10.3 A boat that does not come to the starting area shall be scored finishing points equal to the total number of boats in her class that came to the starting area plus two (2). A boat that comes to the starting area but does not start, does not finish, retires or is disqualified shall be scored finishing points equal to the total number of boats in her class that came to the starting area plus one (1).

10.4 When a boat has competed in six races, her series score will be the sum of her race scores excluding her worst score. If a boat has two or more equal worst scores, the score for the race sailed earliest in the series shall be excluded. An excluded race counts as a race to qualify a boat for inclusion in the series results but not as one of her scored races. 8.5. The boat with the lowest series score is the winner of her class and others in the class are ranked accordingly.

## **11. SAFETY and COMMUNICATIONS**

11.1. The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 68.

11.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first opportunity.

11.3 Each boat shall be equipped with safety and life-saving equipment conforming to federal and state regulations. Every crew member must be made aware of the locations and methods for use. This is a responsibility of the skipper.

11.4 A scheduled race will be postponed if winds are forecast to exceed 25 knots or if foul

weather, such as thunderstorms or lightening, is predicted. Postponement will be announced at the skippers meeting or by e-mail to known competitors in advance of a race.

11.5 A yacht shall not receive special radio or telephone transmissions not available to all yachts from 30 min. prior to the first warning until the last yacht has finished.

## **12. PRIZES**

12.1 After each race, prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in class.

12.2 For the series, prizes will be awarded for 1st through 3rd place in class for boats that qualify for inclusion in the series results.

## **13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4 “Decision to Race”. The race organizers (Bay Yacht Club, its officers, directors, trustees, committee members, measurers, judges, agents and representatives) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. Every skipper and crewperson of boats participating in races of this series agrees, as consideration for being allowed to participate, to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor’s participation in this event.

## **14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

14.1 All Piers, L-Head and T-Heads are considered Public Parks and are run and patrolled by the City of Corpus Christi. No open containers are allowed in the city's Public Parks.

14.2 Please note that pets are not allowed on club BYC property.

14.3. Contact Information for Race Committee.

BYC Race Chairman: Rick Bell

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E-mail: [richardebell@hotmail.com](mailto:richardebell@hotmail.com)

14.4. Corpus Christi Marina Office

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Corpus Christi, Texas 78401 Phone: (361) 826-3908

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