

**Double-Handed Regatta  
Sapphire Bay Yacht Club**

Lake Ray Hubbard

April 13, 2024

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 *Racing Rules of Sailing* (referred to “RRS” hereafter).

1.2 There are three fleets in the regatta:

The fleets designated for each race will be as follows:

- “AB” AUX boats with PHRF less than or equal to 210
- “C” AUX boats with PHRF greater than 210
- “D” AUX boats with Displacement over 6,500 pounds.

1.3 A boat that classifies for the “D” AUX fleet may instead race a series with the fleet designated by their PHRF rating (A, B, or C).

1.4 The organizing authority is the Committee of Race at Sapphire Bay Yacht Club.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 4:00 p.m. on April 12.

### 3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

All races will be held Saturday, April 13, 2024. There will be an optional skipper's meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Easy Days Pavilion at Sapphire Bay Marina. There will be time between races for lunch on the water.

#### **TIME**

10:55 a.m.	First Warning Signal- All fleets Additional races to follow.
2:00 p.m.	No Warning Signal after this time
3:30 p.m.	Trophy presentation and Post-race Party Sapphire Bay Marina -- Easy Days Pavilion. Guest slips are available.

### 4. CLASS FLAGS

4.1 All Fleets: The class flag will be the number (1) pennant.

### 5. THE COURSES

5.1 No later than the warning signal of each race, the race committee will designate the course. Skippers must check the board on the race committee boat.

5.2 Courses will be selected based on fleet and wind direction. AB fleets can expect windward/leeward courses. CD fleets can expect triangles or point-to-point courses. Because of the pursuit start, course lengths will be pre-selected and fixed. The start time offset table will include several possible course lengths.

5.3 The start time offset table to be used for each race will be announced over the VHF radio (Channel 71) before the warning signal of each race.

### 6 MARKS

6.1 This regatta may use a combination of fixed and/or temporary inflatable marks. A map and list of GPS locations and names of the permanent marks can be found in Appendix 1.

### 7 THE START

7.1 Races will be pursuit style, with staggered starts by handicap rating. All fleets will start from a single reference signal, per the published start time offset table.

- 7.2 Races will be started by using RRS 26, with the Warning Signal five minutes before the Starting Signal. Each boat's actual start time will be delayed from the Starting Signal per the published start time offset table.
- 7.3 To call attention to the starting sequence, the SailBot start timer will be configured to make a five (5) horn signal one minute before the beginning of the first starting sequence. If used, the Postpone signal flag will be removed at this time.
- 7.4 Unless postponed, the first warning signal will be at 10:55 a.m, with the first start signal at 11:00 a.m.
- 7.5 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

## 8 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 8.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. Race Committee will announce any change to the next leg of race on VHF radio (See Section 16).

## 9 RECALLS

- 9.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.1. In addition, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast the name or number of each recalled boat on VHF radio (See 18). The following shall not be grounds for redress:

- Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.
- A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.

- 9.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.2.

## 10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

## 11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 If no boat has passed the first mark within one hour of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 11.2 Boats failing to finish with 40 minutes after the first boat in the race finishes will be scored Did Not Finish, without a hearing.

## 12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protest Forms may be picked up at the Registration Table at Sapphire Bay Marina following the regatta. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. If no one is present at the Registration Table during the protest time period, please contact Richard Clark @ 214-437-5764.
- 12.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 12.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.
- 12.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

## 13 SCORING

- 13.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 13.2 Scoring will be made with adjustments in Finishing Places including the boat's Lake Ray Hubbard PHRF rating. The Low Point System in A4 will be used (with adjustments for each boat's PHRF rating).
- 13.3 A boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores.

## 14 SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- 14.1 Check-In: Before the warning signal of her first race, each boat shall sail past the race committee vessel and hail her sail number or boat name until acknowledged by the race committee by repeating the boat's sail number or boat name.

14.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practical by VHF radio.

## 15 SUPPORT BOATS

15.1 Coaches, cheerleaders, fans, and support personnel shall stay outside the areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the race to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment.

## 16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1 The Race Committee will use Channel 71. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cellular telephones and devices.

## 17 PRIZES

17.1 Trophies will be award to both sailors on the boat awarded for first, second and third finishing places for each class with five or more boats entered. If the class has four or fewer boats entered, trophies will be awarded for first and second finishing places

## 18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

**18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Decision to Race and RRS 4 Acceptance of the Rules, as well as this disclaimer. The organizing authority, race committee, and regatta committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.**

**This disclaimer is a complete disclaimer of liability intended to be as broad as possible. Any person participating in the regatta accepts the terms of this disclaimer.**

**Skippers, you are responsible for informing your crew members and participants on your boat of the dangers of sailing and the disclaimer of liability.**