



# 2025 Alfonso/Sutter Regatta

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

April 12-13, 2024

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA) – GULFPORT YACHT CLUB

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, by the Gulf Yachting Association regulations for sanctioned events, except as any of those are changed by the sailing instructions or any amendments thereto. (GYA Regulations are available at [www.gya.org](http://www.gya.org)).

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions signalled with one sound and the “L” flag hoisted on the GYC flagpole and will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the lower deck except, that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck.

### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the southern end of the east balcony of the clubhouse.
- 5.2. When flag AP is lowered ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than ‘30minutes’. This changes RRS (Race Signals)

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1.

#### **Saturday April 12**

Competitor Check-In (Regatta Room) 0830-1045  
Competitor’s Meeting (Lower Deck) 1100  
First Class Start Race 1 1200  
More Races to Follow

#### **Sunday April 13**

First Class Start First Race of the Day 1030  
More Races to Follow

6.2 No warning signal after 1430 hrs on Sunday.

### 7. CLASS FLAGS

<i>Division A</i>		<i>Division B</i>	
<u><i>Class</i></u>	<u><i>Flag</i></u>	<u><i>Class</i></u>	<u><i>Flag</i></u>
Laser(All)	Laser Flag	Optimist (RBW)	White
		Green Fleet	Green

## **8. RACING AREA**

- 8.1. The racing areas will be to the southeast of the Gulfport Harbor. Division A farthest to east. Then Division B to the west.

## **9. COURSES**

- 9.1. See Addendum A for course diagrams.
- 9.2. The courses for Division A will be Windward-Leeward (W1, W1.5, W2,) where the number aft of "W" represents the number of laps. No later than the prep signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course and approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.3. The course for Division B will be Windward-Leeward once around (W1). The start-finish line will be closed for the downwind leg.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1. Division A – The Start Mark will be a green tetrahedron. The Windward will be an orange tetrahedron and the Leeward Marks will be the same green tetrahedron as the start mark. The Finish Mark will be a white or orange ball.
- 10.2. Division B – All Marks will be orange balls.
- 10.3. Change marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1. Division A will start using RRS 26
- 11.2. Division B (R/B/W) start using RRS26 and (Green Fleet) will use Appendix U – audible Signal Racing System. This Changes RRS 26
- 11.3. The starting line will be between the orange flag on the R/C boat and the nearby mark.
- 11.4. Individual recalls for Division A and R/B/W will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1, with the addition that the race committee will endeavour to hail the boat's sail number. Furthermore, the race committee will endeavour to hail premature starters when they have completely cleared.
- 11.5. A boat may not request redress based on the race committee's failure to hail or failure to hail timely. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE AND ABANDONMENT AFTER THE START**

- 12.1. A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg in which the change is to occur, although the new mark may not yet be in position.
- 12.2. RRS 32 is changed to additionally provide that the race committee may abandon or shorten a race in progress when conditions have made the race an unsatisfactory test of skill.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1. Will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the R/C boat and the nearby mark.

## **14. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 14.1. Protests and requests for redress shall be written on protest forms located at the Official Notice Board and lodged there not later than one hour after the race committee signal

boat docks for the day and fires one sound signal. The docking time will be posted on the official notice board.

14.2. Sail numbers of boats the race committee intends on scoring (OCS, DNS, DNF) will be posted on the official notice board within thirty minutes of the expiration of the time to file protests.

14.3. Sail Numbers of boats involved and the time & place for hearings will be posted on the official notice board within thirty minutes after the expiration of the time to file protests. Such posting shall constitute notice as required by rule 63.2. No signal will be made when this notice is posted. The protest committee will hear protests and requests for redress in approximately the order of receipt with hearings beginning as soon as possible.

14.4. RRS 61 is changed to add the following requirements for a valid protest: "A boat shall inform the finish line race committee boat of her intent to file a protest and the sail number (or other identification) of the protested boat either at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing, or if the protesting boat does not finish, at the first reasonable opportunity, and she must receive confirmation from the race committee."

14.5. Appendix T and Appendix V1 will be in effect.

## **15. SCORING**

15.1. Each class shall be scored using the low point system of Appendix A. Nine (9) Races are scheduled for all classes. One race shall constitute a series. Each competitor will be allowed to drop their lowest score for every 6 races that are completed. A competitor cannot drop a DSQ.

## **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

16.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **17. TRASH DISPOSAL**

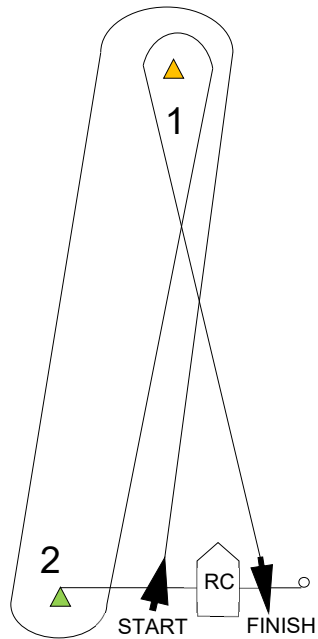
17.1. Trash may be placed aboard official [or support person] vessels.

## **18. RISK STATEMENT**

18.1. 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.**

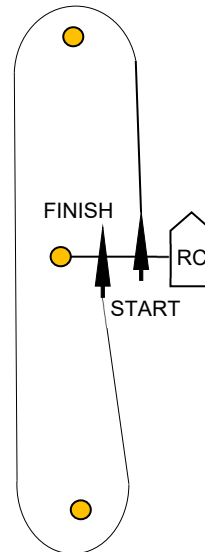
## ADENDUM A

Division A  
W1, W1.5, W2



W1 (start-1-finish)  
W1.5 (start-1-2-finish)  
W2 (start-1-2-1-finish)

Division B  
(R/B/W) W1



Division B  
(GREEN) W1

