



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 2014 Deep South Regatta

March 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

1. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

This regatta is organized by the Savannah Yacht Club, Savannah, GA

2. **RULES:**

The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the **Racing Rules of Sailing** (RRS 2013 – 2016)

3. **ENTRIES:**

Eligible boats may be entered by completing online registration at [www.regattanetwork.com/event/7538](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/7538). Lightning class sailboats are eligible to compete after completing online registration.

4. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Sail Loft.

5. **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 1030 on Saturday and 0900 on Sunday, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the previous day.

6. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SYC flagstaff on the SYC Bluff.

5.2 The hoisting of code flag AP means “the race is postponed.” The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals.

7. **SCHEDULE:**

FRIDAY – February 28<sup>th</sup>

1300 hrs – 1600 hrs

1800 hrs

Practice Sail/Tuning Friday Afternoon

Dinner and Drinks at Eric Oetgen’s House (see below).

SATURDAY – March 1<sup>st</sup>

0930 – 1030 hrs

1100 hrs

1200 hrs

1900 hrs

Late Registration Online, Race Packets, Donuts and Coffee.

Competitors Meeting, box lunch handout.

First Warning Signal, followed by racing.

Pub Crawl, Downtown Savannah.

SUNDAY – March 2<sup>nd</sup>

0800 hrs

1000 hrs

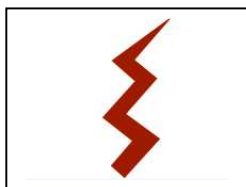
Donuts and Coffee available.

First Warning Signal – no starts later than 1400 hrs.

Award Presentation to follow Racing.

8. **CLASS FLAGS:**

Lightning Class flag.



9. **RACING AREA:** The racing area will be the Wilmington and Skidaway Rivers.

10. **COURSES:**

Course diagrams are in back of Sailing Instructions. Courses to be sailed as depicted.

10.1 Courses to be sailed will be displayed from the Course Board on the R/C Signal Boat.

11. **MARKS:**

See course diagrams in the back of the Sailing Instructions for the approximate shape, color and location of the marks intended to be used for this event. R/C may substitute any color or shape mark to maintain same approximate course configuration.

  - 11.1 All Yachts racing shall stay to the channel side of a White Bouy near Red Government 40 Marker. This is a navigational aid to prevent racing yachts from colliding with Red Government 40 Marker in strong current. Advisory: there is *no water* inside Red Government 40 Marker.
12. **THE START:**

**Before the warning signal of the first race each day, all skippers intending to race shall check in by sailing past the stern of the R/C BOAT on starboard tack and hailing their sail number. Any boat failing to do so may receive a 20% penalty without a hearing for the first race of the day at the discretion of the Race Committee.**

  - 12.1 The start for all classes will be in accordance with *RRS 26*.
  - 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the R/C Signal Boat and the starting mark, an orange ball. See Course Configuration for detail.
  - 12.3 A boat shall start no later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.
13. **THE FINISH:**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and the “finish” mark, an orange ball. See Course Configuration for Finish detail.
14. **COURSE CHANGES:** A change of course will be signaled in accordance with *rule 33*.
15. **TIME LIMITS:** The time limit for all classes will be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 35 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored one more point than the number of boats entered in the series.
16. **RETIREMENT:** A boat that retires from a race shall make every attempt to notify the Race Committee before leaving the race area, or notify the Race Committee personnel on shore.
17. **ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES:** The two turns penalty as provided in *RRS 44.2* will apply with the additional provision that when an infringing yacht has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, the alternate penalty allows for the infringing yacht to drop the spinnaker completely, execute one complete turn and then reset the spinnaker and have it drawing. This changes *RRS 44.2*.
18. **PROTESTS:**
  - 17.1 Protest forms will be available on the R/C Boat and next to the Official Notice Board.
  - 17.2 The protesting boat shall deliver a written protest to the Protest Committee within the 30 minute Protest Time. The Protest Time will start when the R/C Boat docks and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
  - 17.2 Protests will be heard by the order of receipt as soon as possible.
  - 17.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are *parties* to or named as witnesses.
  - 17.4 *RRS 66* is changed by adding this sentence: “On the last day of racing, a *party* to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision.”
  - 17.5 The race committee shall post a notice showing all boats that were scored OCS, ZFP, BFD, or did not comply with SI 11.3 within the protest time period.
  - 17.6 A request for redress resulting from the notice posted in 16.5 shall be delivered to the protest committee no later than one half hour after the protest time limit. This changes *RRS 62.2*.
19. **SCORING:** *RRS A2* is modified in which a boat’s score will be the total of all races, with her worst score discarded if six or more races have been completed. 14 races are scheduled of which one completed race shall constitute a regatta.
20. **SCORING SAFETY:**

The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole, and inescapable responsibility of the skipper who must decide whether or not to start or continue to race.

  - 20.1 Before the warning signal of the first race each day, all skippers intending to race shall check in by sailing past the stern of the R/C Signal Boat on starboard tack and hailing their sail number. Any boat failing to do so

may receive a 20% penalty without a hearing for the first race of the day at the discretion of the Race Committee.

20.2 ALL COMPETITORS SHALL WEAR A COAST GUARD APPROVED PFD at all times from the time they leave the dock to the time they return. ALL COACHES SHOULD WEAR A COAST GUARD APPROVED PFD as you set an example for the kids you are coaching.

20.3 Only the race or protest committees may protest a competitor under SIs 18.2 and 18.3 and warnings may be issued. This changes RRS 60.1.

20.4 SYC designated safety boats and coach boats will display a bright yellow flag with a black number on it.

**18. NO DISCHARGING TRASH:**

After a hearing, any competitor observed discharging trash into the waters of the racing area may be scored DSQ for the day's racing.

**21. SUPPORT, COACH, AND SPECTATOR BOATS:**

All support, coach, spectator/parent boats shall stay out of the race area while any class is racing (from preparatory signal to finish and clearing the finish line). The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement or verbal instructions from the race committee will be the disqualification of all boats associated with the offending boat.

**TIDES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cycle</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday, February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Low	1328 hrs
Saturday, March 1st	Low	1417 hrs
Sunday, March 2nd	Low	1504 hrs

Notes from Skippers Meeting:

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