



Junior's Regatta

Galveston Bay

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1500 Marina Bay Dr. Suite 1592 Building #113B, Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565

Sailing Instructions - Amended

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current 2013-2016 *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Notice of Race, any OD Class Rules and these Sailing Instructions.

For each race in the Regatta, each boat competing shall be helmed by a junior less than 18 years of age by the day of the regatta, from the *warning signal* for her class until she has *finished*. Crews may be of any age.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the door of the GBCA office and online at:
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=162 .

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions, schedule of races or notice of race will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect.

4. Race Schedule

- 4.1 The warning gun for the first race will be no earlier than 1300. Subsequent races for each class will follow as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.
- 4.2 The class starting order for the *first* race and the class flags are shown in Appendix A.

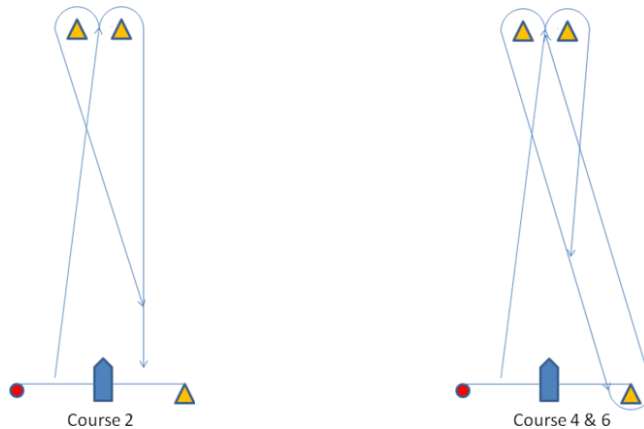
5. Racing Area

The racing area will be between Seabrook Channel Marker No. 2 and the Houston Ship Channel, and between San Leon and The Bayport Ship Channel. Boats shall not enter the Houston Ship Channel or Bayport Ship Channel while *racing*. The Houston Ship Channel and The Bayport Ship Channel are designated as obstructions.

6. Courses and Marks

- 6.1 **Windward/Leeward Courses:** Windward Gate 1, Windward Gate 2 and Leeward / Finish mark will be yellow tetrahedrons. The original course marks will be yellow. Change of course marks will alternate between orange and yellow.
- 6.2 Courses will be signaled by a numeral pennant representing the numbers of legs to sailed correlating with the course diagrams below. The approximated heading and distance to the windward mark may be displayed on a board on the committee boat.

Course Diagrams



- 6.3 Boats may round either of the windward gate marks to port or starboard after passing between the gate marks and shall leave the leeward turning / finish mark to port.

7. Check In

- 7.1 Before the warning signal of the first race, Boats shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee boat on starboard tack and hail the boat's name or sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

8. The Start

- 8.1 The starting line shall be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat on the starboard end and the course side edge of the port end starting mark. The Race Committee may trail a float and line astern of the Race Committee boat which shall be considered as part of the starting mark.
- 8.2 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 8.3 Any class subjected to a General Recall may be restarted after the last scheduled start for that race. This modifies RRS 29.2.

9. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 9.1 If the Race Committee displays the "C" code flag with one or more class flags, the course change applies only to those classes.
- 9.2 If the "C" code flag is flown alone, all classes will sail the changed course. This modifies RRS 33.
- 9.3 Change marks will be orange tetrahedrons. Subsequent changes will alternate to yellow, then orange.

10. Shorten Course

- 10.1 If the Race Committee displays the "S" code flag with one or more class flags, the shortened course applies only to those classes.
- 10.2 If the "S" code flag is flown alone, all classes will sail the shortened course. This modifies RRS 32.

11. The Finish

- 11.1 For W/L courses, the finish line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat on the starboard end and the course side edge of the port end finish mark; side opposite the Race Committee signal boat from the starting line.

12. Time Limit

- 12.1 The time limit shall be one hundred twenty (120) minutes or thirty (30) minutes after the first boat properly sails the course and finishes, whichever is longer.
- 12.3 Boats exceeding the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish. This modifies RRS 35.

13. Safety

- 13.1 A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practicable on VHF channel 69. If radio communication is unavailable, call the Race Committee phone number: **281-705-3712** and leave a message.
- 13.2 Attention is called to RRS 4: Decision to Race, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone."
- 13.3 Boats shall not discharge trash into the water. The penalty for violating RRS 55 will be a 20% Scoring Penalty.
- 13.4 **In Texas, sailors under 13 years of age must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable PFD while underway.**

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

The protest and redress procedures for this regatta will utilize basic elements of the new RRS Appendix T, a US Sailing Prescription. These rules are intended to improve compliance with the Basic Principle, Sportsmanship and the Rules. For this regatta we will use Section B, Post Race Penalties, and Section C, Expedited Hearings, some parts of which are included in the following description.

14.1 INFORMING THE RACE COMMITTEE

- 14.1a A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she *finishes*, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress via Channel 69. When applicable, the identity of the protested boat and approximate location of the incident shall be included.
- 14.1b A list of the notifications will be posted as soon as it is available. Competitors should check the posted list as soon as possible.
- 14.2 Protestors and Protestees are requested to promptly go to the GBCA Clubhouse Office and either wait for resolution or leave a reliable contact number or location where they may be found. We may hold a hearing as soon as the parties are available.
- 14.3 Protests shall be written on forms available at the GBCA office and delivered to that office within 2 hours after the last boat finishes the last race.
- 14.4 **PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE** After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing (forms to be provided) and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
- 14.5 Post-Race Penalties:
- 14.6a Prior to the Protest time limit, a boat may accept a 20 % penalty
- 14.6b After the Protest time limit and before any hearing begins, a boat may accept a 30% Penalty
- 14.7 Notices of scheduled hearing times and locations will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the expiration of the protest time limit. Notice of a protest by the Race Committee will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.8 **CHANGES IN HEARING PROCEDURES** This rule applies to all hearings except hearings under rule 69 or where damage or injury occurs.

- 14.8a If the protest committee is able to assemble the parties to a hearing before the protest or redress time limit, it may begin the hearing and may waive the requirements of rule 61.2 or 62.2.
- 14.8b Rule 63.5 is changed to: 'At the beginning of the hearing, if there is no objection, the protest or request is valid and the hearing shall be continued. If an objection is made, the protest committee shall take any evidence . . . [no further change].'
- 14.8c Insert a new sentence after the third sentence of rule 63.6: 'However, the committee may limit the number of witnesses and the time during which parties may present evidence and ask questions.'
- 14.8d The first sentence of rule 65.2 is changed to: 'A party to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks the protest committee for it no later than thirty minutes after being informed of the decision or coming ashore following the last race of the day, whichever is later.'
- 14.8e The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 14.8f The third sentence of rule 66 is changed to: 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'
- 14.9 The Protest Committee shall assign a penalty other than disqualification if it determines that a breach of a rule by a boat in a cruising class was not the result of a conscious disregard for the rules, and the breach did not prejudice another boat. The Protest Committee shall craft an appropriate penalty or may decide that no penalty is necessary.

15. Scoring

The Low Point system, RRS Appendix A will apply. One race constitutes a series. There will be no throw-outs. This modifies RRS A2

16. Sail Numbers

Boats shall carry USSA, class, or hull numbers on mainsails, spinnakers, and each overlapping headsail having a luff perpendicular exceeding 130% of the base of the fore triangle. These sail numbers shall correspond to the sail numbers listed on the scratch sheet, unless different numbers are approved by the Race Committee.

17. Communication

- 17.1 Radio communication will be conducted on VHF channel 69.
- 17.2 The Race Committee will attempt to monitor and may make courtesy announcements on VHF channel 69. The failure of the Race Committee to make announcements or the manner in which announcements are made will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).
- 17.3 In addition to signaling Individual Recalls in accordance with RRS 29.1, as a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast the names or sail numbers of boats that have started early. Failure to make such a broadcast, failure of a boat to receive that broadcast, a boat's order in that broadcast, or the promptness of that broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).
- 17.4 If a weather-related postponement is required it will be announced at 1000 on VHF Channel 69.
- 17.5 A yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive special radio communications not available to all yachts. This does not apply to situations that threaten safety of life and/or property.

Appendix A

2014 Junior's Regatta Starting Order / Class Flags

W/L Fleet		Flag
PHRF Spin (J22's)	-	Purple
PHRF Non Spin	-	Pink