

64th Dauphin Island Race

April 27th, 2024



Buccaneer Yacht Club

Mobile, Alabama

Sailing Instructions

Amended April 26, 2024

1 RULES

- 1.1 This Race will be governed by the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing, the current prescriptions of US Sailing Association, Individual Class Regulations and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, these Sailing Instructions will govern. This Regatta is designated Category 'C'.
- 1.2 All boats must be sixteen (16) feet or longer by design to enter and participate.
- 1.3 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration and providing a list of all persons onboard the vessel with their contact information including names and phone numbers to Buccaneer Yacht Club.
- 1.4 Last-minute crew list changes may be submitted to the race committee before 0830 Saturday April 27, 2024. Only boats declared eligible by the Dauphin Island Race Registration Committee will be allowed to participate.
- 1.5 All boats must comply with all applicable U. S. Coast Guard and the State of Alabama Marine Regulations. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole responsibility of the owner/skipper who must do his or her best to ensure that the yacht is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy. The owner/skipper must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used. The owner/skipper shall hold a safety briefing before leaving the dock.
- 1.6 Safety requirements: life jackets for everyone aboard; whistles attached to life jackets; life ring or approved throwable devices within reach of the helmsman and ready for immediate deployment; manual bilge pump or bucket (Multihulls excluded); anchor and rode suitable for holding boat in extreme conditions (Multihulls excluded). A boat may be inspected at any

time. If the boat does not comply with the safety requirements specified herein; the entry may be rejected or disqualified.

- 1.7 Neither the establishment of minimum equipment standards nor any inspection that may be performed by the Race Committee shall in any way limit the Owner's and/or Skipper's responsibility or confer any such responsibility on the Race Committee. Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. The Dauphin Island Race Committee and Buccaneer Yacht Club bear no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to yachts or their personnel arising from any cause during the race or related activities. As a condition of entry the Owner/Skipper of each yacht shall submit a signed Waiver Form prior to the start of the Mandatory Skippers Meeting. The entry form constitutes the Skipper's certificate of compliance with these conditions and disqualification for any breach or violation of these requirements is not subject to protest and/or redress.
- 1.8 All crew must wear their PFDs for the start of the race and for the following five (5) minutes. It is also recommended that the crew continue wearing PFD's throughout the race.
- 1.9 Boats rated and designed with propulsion power must have operational propulsion capable of propelling the boat at 2/3 its theoretical hull speed in calm conditions.
- 1.10 All participants shall abide by the Navigational Rules International/Inland (COMDTUNSTM16672.21), "a vessel of less than 20 meters in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway" Any boat which impedes commercial shipping shall be subject to disqualification.
- 1.11 Each boat must display their designated Dauphin Island Race number according to instructions in the Registration Packet. Failure to do so may be grounds for disqualification.
- 1.12 Boats sailing in a non-spinnaker class may only race with one head sail tacked at the usual tack point. Stay sails are permitted if tacked no closer than 1/3 J behind the jib tack point. Cutter rigs, rated as such, may set stay sails at the tack point provided by the vessel's manufacturer or designer.
- 1.13 Race distance will be computed by the Race Committee and shall not be subject to protest.
- 1.14 Attendance at the Skipper's Meeting is not required, but highly recommended.
- 1.15 The race committee will use the RaceQs application during the race for tracking the boats from start to finish. All boats racing will have the RaceQs application running during the race. Skippers can download the application for free from <http://raceqs.com/>

2 OFFICAL FLEET AND CLASSES

- 2.1 It is the skipper/owner's responsibility to ensure that all information provided on the entry form is complete and accurate, as this data will be used to determine rating, fleet and class.
- 2.2 One-design classes will be comprised of five (5) or more boats. Classes with fewer than five (5) entries will race in the handicap class or fleet designated by the Registration Committee.
- 2.3 Yachts sailing PHRF must possess a valid GYA PHRF rating certificate. The Registration Committee reserves the right to examine this certificate. PHRF classes will be determined by the Registration Committee based on the current rating certificate and the other data required to complete registration and are not subject to protest or request for redress.
- 2.4 The Portsmouth 2016 Yardstick will be used to determine the Portsmouth classes by the Registration Committee. The rating based on the information provided on the registration form. Portsmouth rating will be D-PN numbers with no wind factor allowances. Boats not listed in the Yardstick shall be assigned a D-PN number which is not subject to protest.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Official notices will be posted on the official notice board at Buccaneer Yacht Club. Such notices when posted, shall be considered as having been delivered to each competitor. Responsibility for noting information posted rests solely on the participants.
- 3.2 When a notice to competitors has been posted, code flag "L" will be displayed from the Fairhope Yacht Club flagpole.
- 3.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Buccaneer Yacht Club flagpole.
- 3.4 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions shall be posted no later than 0700 CDT on the day it will take effect.
- 3.5 No oral instructions will be given from any Race Committee boats.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 One race is scheduled.
- 4.2 Starting time sequences are as follows:
 - 4.2.1 0854 Several short sounds blast
 - 4.2.2 0855 Division I Portsmouth Warning: Class Flag raised with one sound
 - 4.2.3 0856 "I" Flag raised with one sound
 - 4.2.4 0859 "I" Flag lowered with one sound
 - 4.2.5 0900 Division I Portsmouth Start: Class Flag lowered with one sound
 - 4.2.6 0909 Several short sounds blast
 - 4.2.7 0910 Division II & III Warning: Division II ORR-EZ/PHRF/Multihull Class Flag raised with one sound
 - 4.2.8 0911 "I" Flag raised with one sound
 - 4.2.9 0914 "I" Flag lowered with one sound
 - 4.2.10 0915 Division II & III Start: Division II PINK Class Flag lowered with one sound
- 4.3 In the event of a general recall or postponement, all succeeding starts shall be moved back accordingly (See rule 7.3).

5 RACE COURSE

- 5.1 The map included in the race brochure reflects the general area of the race course.
- 5.2 North of Middle Bay Light, all yachts must stay to the east of the eastern ship channel markers
- 5.3 South of Mobile Ship Channel Marker #37, all yachts must stay west of the western ship channel markers.
- 5.4 Boats are only allowed to cross the Mobile Ship Channel between Middle Bay Light and Mobile Ship Channel Marker #37.
- 5.5 Participating boats must give way to commercial traffic while in the vicinity of the Mobile Ship Channel (See rule 1.5).

6 THE START

- 6.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on two (2) race committee boats, located near the compass rose on the Mobile Bay chart at approximately 30°33'70"N, 87°58'92"W. The Race Committee will make every attempt to coordinate starting signals on both ends of the line; however, the signals from the Committee Boat on the line's starboard end (Western Committee Boat) shall govern. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded and shall not be grounds for redress.
- 6.2 Green Flag Boats shall be positioned 100-150 yards north of the starting line, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay north of these boats, keeping clear of the starting

area and clear of all boats whose warning signal has been made. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

6.3 Starting signals will be made in accordance with Racing Rule 26.

6.4 Starting Penalties in accordance with Racing Rule 30.1 "I" Flag Rule. The "I" Flag will be displayed in accordance with Racing Rule 26.

6.5 A floater may be attached to the prestart side of the Committee Start Boats and shall be considered an extension of the Boat.

7 RECALLS AND RESTARTS

7.1 Individual and General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29

7.2 It is the sole responsibility of each boat to make a proper and timely start. Boats failing to do so will be scored as "Did Not Start" (DNS) or On Course Side (OCS).

7.3 When a general recall has been signaled, the start(s) for succeeding Division(s) will be postponed accordingly.

8 CHASE BOATS

8.1 Chase boats will be identified with Race Committee Flags, colored either Blue or Yellow, and are considered to be extensions of the Race Committee. They may assess penalties accordingly.

9 ABANDONMENT OR CANCELLATION

9.1 If abandonment or cancellation is deemed necessary, it will be done in accordance with RRS 27.3 or 32.1.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The Finish area will be located 30°17'48"N, 88°05'88"W approximately three-quarters (3/4) NM east of Intracoastal Waterway Marker #8 near the Dauphin Island Bridge. There will be two (2) finish lines.

10.2 The finish line for Division I will be between a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and an orange tetrahedron.

10.3 The finish line for Division II and Division III will be between a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and a yellow tetrahedron.

10.4 Special attention should be given to the Dauphin Island Race Number Instructions to ensure proper identification of finishers.

10.5 It is each Skipper's responsibility to ensure proper identification of his/her boat to the Race Committee at the finish.

10.6 Boats finishing on the wrong side of the Committee Finish Boat will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF).

10.7 A floater may be attached to the anchor line of the Committee Finish Boat. Boats shall not attempt to pass between the floater and the Committee Finish Boat.

11 TIME LIMIT

11.1 The race will officially end at 1730 CDT, except in case of significant postponement of the start. In that case, the time limit will be extended accordingly in half (½) hour increments. No boats will be finished after the time limit is reached; boats that have not finished within the time limit will be score DNF. This changes RRS 35.

12 PROTESTS

12.1 All protest will be made in accordance with RRS Part 5. A proper protest flag for this event shall be a red rectangular flag of sufficient size that is flown in such a manner as to be visible to

nearby boats and/or the Race Committee as notification of intent to protest. All boats, regardless of LOA, shall fly a protest flag when intending to protest. This changes RRS 61.1

12.2 A boat that intends to protest must so inform the Race Committee when it finishes or, if it does not finish, must inform the Race Committee of intent to protest when it provides notification of retiring or withdrawing. When so informing the Race Committee of its intent to protest, the protesting boat shall also identify the sail number and, if possible, the name of the protested boat.

12.3 Boats attempting to notify the Race Committee of their intent to protest shall not interfere with boats that are still racing.

12.4 Protests shall be in writing. Forms will be available at the protest station located at Buccaneer Yacht Club and turned in at the same location.

12.5 Protests must be filed within two (2) hours of the protesting boat's recorded finish time.

12.6 Only protests that affect winning positions will be heard on the day of the race. All others will be scheduled at a later date and time. Call 251-928-3276 to arrange a hearing time. This changes RRS 63.2.

12.7 Any protest involving questions of compliance with individual class regulations must be accompanied with a true and correct copy of such individual class regulations. Failure to comply will result in denial of the protest.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

13.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 68.

13.2 All competitors are required to have a working VHF radio on board. Sailing vessels should monitor channel 68 for Race Committee broadcast. Distress calls should be transmitted on channels 16 and 68.

14 RETIRING OR WITHDRAWING

14.1 Any boat retiring or withdrawing from the race shall notify the Race Committee via channel 68, the PRO, or the Race Chairman as soon as possible. The boat shall report the boat's name, DI race number, sail number, and the person's name giving the report.

15 MISCONDUCT DURING EVENT

15.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to convene a hearing under RRS 69 for any competitor whose conduct during the event constitutes, in the opinion of the Race Committee, a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship.

16 PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES – RRS PART 2

16.1 The "Two-Turn Penalty" (RRS 44.1 and 44.2) shall apply.

17 SCORING

17.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with RRS Appendix A.

18 ENVIRONMENTAL

18.1 Any Boat which discharges waste or discards trash into the water shall be subject to disqualification.

19 AWARDS

19.1 Trophy presentation will be on the day of the race at 1930 CDT or as soon as possible thereafter.