



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## Mardi Gras

*Cruiser Regatta – February 23, 2019*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Changes have been made by these Sailing Instructions to the following RRS sections: 29.1 (Individual Recall), 32.2 (Shortening of Course after the Start), 35 (Time Limit and Scores), 61.1(a) (Informing the Protestee), 62.1(a) (Redress), Race Signal AP (Postponement).

### 2. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 2.2 All competitors are required to have and monitor VHF Radios.
- 2.3 All competitors must watch for and keep out of the way of commercial and other deep draft vessels, which have the right of way. Competitors are encouraged to monitor their VHF radio for warnings and communication with other vessels as it relates to these “right of way” vessels.
- 2.4 When a boat is becalmed in or otherwise unable to sail out of the channel before an approaching barge is half a mile distant, it may use its engine or any other method to clear the channel provided the boat does not thereby gain a significant advantage in the race. This changes RRS 42.3(h).

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS – Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the clubhouse bulletin board of Harbor Island Yacht Club behind the bookcase.

### 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board.
- 4.2 The schedule of races for the first day’s races will not be changed.
- 4.3 Any change to the schedule of races for the second or subsequent day’s racing will be posted by 1800 hours (6:00 pm) on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.4 Any other change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 45 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race on the day the change will take effect.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee boat at the dock.
- 5.2 When flag “AP” is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the Race Signal “AP”. This changes the meaning of Race Signal “AP”

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The race schedule will be as stated in the Notice of Race and will be posted on the official notice board.

### 7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Classes will be as defined in the Notice of Race.
- 7.2 A class flag will be a unique color, pattern, shape or class logo. A description of each class flag will be posted on the official notice board and announced at the skippers meeting.

7.3 Reminder; as stated in the preamble to Race Signals: “When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies only to that class.”

## **8. MARKS**

8.1 Marks of the course, including the start and the finish will be orange (fender type) buoys AND/OR yellow cylinders. Or if stated at Skippers Meeting, channel navigation buoys may be used.

## **9. COURSES**

9.1 The approximate anticipated location of the marks and the order in which they are to be rounded will be posted on the notice board. Marks of the courses are to be left to port unless otherwise instructed.

## **10. THE START**

10.1 The starting order for the classes will be posted on the official notice board.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

10.3 The race committee may, no later than the warning signal, trail a mark from the stern of the race committee boat stationed at the starboard end of the starting line. The trailing mark will be considered to be an extension of the race committee boat. No boat may pass between the trailing mark and the race committee boat.

10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area after the first warning signal of a race and shall not interfere with boats that are in their starting sequence.

10.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as DNS. This changes RRS A4.1

**11. RECALLS** – When individual recalls are signaled, the race committee may (at its discretion) attempt to hail the sail numbers of the recalled boats by VHF radio on channel 68. Failure of the race committee to hail or failure of a boat to hear the hail of its sail number shall not relieve the boat of its obligation to start correctly. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).

**12. SHORTENING OF COURSE AFTER THE START** – When shortening the course, a race committee boat will be stationed within a leg of the course. The display of Code Flag “S” with two repetitive sound signals means: “finish between the committee boat and the nearby mark.” This changes RRS 32.2.

**13. THE FINISH** – The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat (displaying a blue “on station” flag) and the nearby mark.

## **14. TIME LIMIT**

14.1 The time limit for a race is 1600 (4:00 pm)

14.2 If a boat in a class sails the course and finishes within the time limit, only those boats in the same class finishing within the time limit or within one hour of the first finisher in the class, whichever is later, will be counted as finishing. All other boats will be scored in accordance with the RRS or as changed in the Notice of Race. This changes RRS 35.

## **15. PROTESTS**

15.1 A boat intending to protest shall attempt to notify the finish line race committee boat of its intent to protest and identify the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

- 15.2 Protests will be written and delivered to the Protest Committee Chairperson before the end of “Protest Filing Time,” which will begin when the committee boat docks and end 45 minutes later. These times will be posted on the notice board.
- 15.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the end of “Protest Filing Time” to inform competitors of the place and time of hearings.
- 15.4 Protests will then be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 Each boat's score will be the sum of her scores for all races.
- 16.2 Wind dependent HIYC-PHRF handicaps and Time-on-Time adjustment factors will be used for handicap classes. Time Correction Formula (TCF) =  $700/(f+PHRF)$  where  $f = 650$  for light air,  $550$  for moderate air, and  $450$  for heavy air as assessed by the Race Committee.
- 16.3 A boat that did not finish within the required time after the first boat in her class finished and that was still racing when the time limit expired, will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats in the class that finished the race. The scoring abbreviation for such boats will be TLX (did not finish due to time limit expiring). This changes RRS A4.2 and A11.
- 16.4 A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS and OCS), did not finish (DNF) for any reason other than (TLX), or retires after finishing (RAF) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats in the class that entered the regatta.
- 16.5 A boat that was disqualified (BFD, DSQ, DNE and DGM) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to two more than the number of boats in the class that entered the regatta. This changes RRS A4.2.
- 16.6 If a tie still remains after applying the series tie breaking procedure of RRS A8.1, the tie will be broken in favor of the boat with the lowest sum of corrected times of all races. This changes RRS A8.2