



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

YAZOO Summer Regatta

June 16, 2018

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 must watch for and keep out of the way of commercial and other deep draft vessels, which have the right of way.
- 2.3. Competitors must have a VHF radio and monitor channel 68 for warnings and communication with other vessels as it relates to these “right of way” vessels..
- 2.4. When a boat is becalmed or otherwise unable to sail out of the channel before an approaching barge is half a mile distant, she may use her engine or any other method to clear the channel provided the boat does not thereby gain a significant advantage in the race. If commercial traffic is in the starting or finishing area at the time of your start or finish, pick a point outside the channel near the green marker as your start/finish line. 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.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board.
- 4.2. Any other change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 45 minutes before the scheduled start of the race.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee boat at the dock.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. The regatta will consist of one pursuit race beginning at 11:25 am with a pursuit start with the start times in accordance with the Pursuit Start Times attached hereto.
- 6.2. The race will be either the 5 mile winter course or the 8 mile winter course and will be announced at the skippers meeting, depending upon the conditions.

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.

8. MARKS

The Starting line is described in The Start below, and all marks of the course are Corps of Engineers buoys as described in the winter series course description attached hereto.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The courses will be either the 5 mile winter course or the 8 mile winter course. Marks of the courses are to be left to port except the boats will finish between the start/finish markers from the direction of the last mark. The courses are described in the winter sailing instructions which will be posted on the notice board. They may also be found on the website under winter series. The winter series instructions describing the course are attached to these sailing instructions, along with diagrams of the courses.
- 9.2. For brevity however, the five mile course goes from the start/finish line to the green marker just upstream from Lindsley Light, to the finish.
- 9.3. The 8 mile course will start upwind and go either to the same mark off Lindsley Light then to a green channel marker just south of Drakes Creek (approximate mm 222) then back to the finish (if the wind is out of the north or east) or first to Drakes Creek then Lindsley then finish if the wind is South or West, The direction of start will be announced at the skippers meeting.

10. THE START & HANDICAPS

There is only one Start/Finish line. It is the same for both starting directions.

The Start/Finish line is between the red and green Corps of Engineers channel markers southwest of the HIYC harbor entrance, just upstream of MM 223 (left out of the harbor). Basically out from Shutes Branch. The starting times are in the Pursuit Start Times document which will be posted on the notice board and is attached to these Sailing Instructions.

10. THE FINISH – The finish line is the same as the start line, except that it will be crossed in the direction you are headed from the last mark.

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1. The time limit for a race is 1500 (3 PM). If a boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit, only those boats finishing within the time limit or within one hour of the first finisher, 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.

12. PROTESTS

- 12.1. **In the spirit of a fun summer race, the race committee encourages all competitors to resolve protests among themselves on the water.**