



Dunedin Boat Club - Race Committee

DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB GULF SERIES: Two Regattas, Six Race Dates

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (“SI”) (Amended 8/2/20)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The races will be governed by the rules as described in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The races will be in accordance with the West Florida PHRF Inc. Class Rules of 8/30/15.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the “Official Notice Board” located at the Yacht Scoring website. You may access the link to that **site here:**
https://www.yachtscoring.com/select_event.cfm
- 2.2. Race Committee will make every effort to email and or text competitors cell phones that a Notice to Competitors has been posted.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 hrs. on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by **2200 hrs. on the Thursday preceding the race date.**
- 3.2. Said changes will be posted on **the “Official Notice Board” located at the Yacht Scoring website. This link should take you to the Yacht Scoring Dunedin site – select your event:**
https://www.yachtscoring.com/select_event.cfm
- 3.3. **Every effort will be made to post a copy of Changes to Sailing Instructions at the Dunedin Boat Club Unofficial Notice Board near the entrance to the kitchen inside the Clubhouse and simultaneously (for competitors who cannot access the Dunedin Boat Club) they will be posted on the Clubhouse, eastside glass door window facing out.**

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

DBC Gulf Series (Winter Regatta) January 25, 2020 February 15, 2020 April 11, 2020	DBC Gulf Series (Fall Regatta) September 12, 2020 October 24, 2020 November 21, 2020
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5. RACING AREA

The racing area will be approximately one mile south of the Clearwater Pass entrance mark #1 in the Gulf of Mexico. SEE APPENDIX A

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The class flag for spinnaker fleet shall be nautical flag number 1.



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6.2. The class flag for cruisers shall be nautical flag number 3.

6.3. Additional Flags may be added if other classes register.

7. MARKS

7.1. The MARKS of the course may be a combination of orange balls and yellow canisters.

7.2. Start, finish – Race Committee vessel orange flag on port stern of Signal

7.3. Finish pin – small orange buoy

7.4. Original Marks – yellow cylinder

8. COURSES

8.1. Course MARKS will be displayed on a white board mounted on the stern of Signal using the mark placement LETTERS as noted on Appendix A.

8.2. If there is no Signal on station; start/finish may be between 2 orange buoys.

8.3. **Rule 90.2.c applies: changes to the course can be made on the water via communication on VHF channel 72.**

9. THE START

9.1. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the “alert” made one minute before the sequence begins at 1155 hrs.

9.2. During a starting sequence, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of those in the starting sequence.

9.3. A boat shall not start later than 4 minutes after her starting signal. Such boat will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

10. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port stern of Signal and the course side of a finishing mark (orange buoy).

11. TIME LIMIT

The time limit shall be 1600 hrs.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

12.1. It is fully hoped that all protest situations will be resolved on the race course

12.2. Anyone planning to protest or request redress must notify the Race Committee by VHF Channel 72 marine radio **immediately** after they have crossed the finish line.

12.3. Protest forms are available at the Yacht Scoring event site. They must be filled out and presented to the Race Chairperson in person or by email attachment by 2000 hrs. the day of the race.

12.4. Notice will be called and emailed to competitors by the Race Committee Chairperson within 24 hours informing them of the time and place for a hearing. It is anticipated that protests will be conducted using Zoom logistics which will be communicated to the participants.



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13. SCORING

- 13.1. Scoring will be managed by Yacht Scoring on line.
- 13.2. The low point scoring will be used
- 13.3. All races will count
- 13.4. The cumulative total of the races completed for that “Race Date” will be the final standing for that Race Date used in that Regatta’s final results
- 13.5. Each of the two, 3-race date regattas, will be scored as an independent regattas and awards will be presented for the winners of the Winter Regatta and the Fall Regatta.
- 13.6. The Dunedin Boat Club’s BOAT OF THE YEAR (“BOTY”) goes to the competitor with the lowest accumulated score in the Gulf, 6-race series. It is a requirement that the competitor be a DBC member in order to be eligible for this DBC BOTY Award.
- 13.7. A competitor boat who gives up a race to serve as Signal for the Race Committee will be given points equal to 1st place for that race.

14. SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT

- 14.1. The Gulf Races are under the West Florida PHRF Racing Class Rules as Category 4 races.
<http://wfphrf.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/WFPHRFClassRules083015.pdf>
- 14.2. All vessels shall have an enclosed cabin and lifelines

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1. The Race Committee will communicate with competitors on channel 72.
- 15.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on channel 72 when leaving the racing area.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 “decision to race”.
- 16.2. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 16.3. Competitors will be expected to complete the waiver instructions within their Yacht Scoring registration.
- 16.4. Competitors will abide by all the rules, regulations and documents that will govern this Regatta including any safety related measures required by any State emergency order(s) issued as a result of any health orders by the Federal, State or Local Government.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third party insurance, and it is the owner’s sole responsibility to ensure insurance is in place and adequate to participate in these events.
- 17.2. Competitors will be expected to complete the insurance acknowledgement within their Yacht Scoring registration



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS APPENDIX A

The pin end of the starting line may be used as a mark of the race.

If a committee boat is on station, the pin end of the start/ finish line shall be passed to port just as all the other marks.

******Should there be NO committee boat**, a gate comprised of two orange buoys, one at the pin end and one in place of the race committee shall be used. In that case, one can go through the gate, between the two buoys, and round either end to head for the next mark. When going through the finish, they will announce their GPS finish time on channel 72.

All mark positions are approximate

Potential mark positions

A...north mark N27 58 W 082 51

B...northeast mark N27 58 W082 50.5

C...east mark N27 57 W082 50.3

D.southeast mark N27 56 W082 50.6

E..south mark N 27 56 W082 51

F.southwest mark N27 56 W 082 52

G..west mark N27 57 W082 52

H..northwest mark N27 58 W082 52

I..center mark N27 57 W082 51

All marks to port unless stated otherwise

Prior to the starting sequence, on channel 72, the race committee will announce the position of the race committee boat and the marks and sequence to be used for the course. There will be no preset course.

