



## Sailing Instructions – Ft Myers to Naples Offshore – December 5, 2020

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### 1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current U.S. Sailing - *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Class Rules of the West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Federation (WFPHRF), the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Gulf Coast Sailing Club [www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org](http://www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org) and CMCS, the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society [www.cmcs-sail.org](http://www.cmcs-sail.org)
- 1.3 All US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.4 VHF broadcast on channel 72 per RRS 90.2 (c). Depending on radio traffic other channels may be used in order of priority; 72,69,68,78.
- 1.5 Information received from the RC on any channel shall be considered as being information available to all competitors.
- 1.6 There may or may not be signals made from the pier or ashore.

### 2. Official Notices

- 2.1 The official notice board is on [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) Search by regatta name or [Click Here to Enter Ft Myers to Naples Offshore](#)
- 2.2 The OAs may publish via email addenda to include, but not necessarily limited to, information regarding the following: scratch sheet, skipper contact, ratings being used and class assignments.

### 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any changes to these SIs or the NOR made before 1800 on the day before racing will be distributed via email.
- 3.2 Any change to the SIs made after 1800 on the day before racing shall be announced by the Race Committee via VHF Channel 72 approximately 30 minutes, and again approximately 15 minutes, before the first warning.

### 4. Eligibility

- 4.1 This regatta is open to self-righting mono-hull and multi-hull sailing yachts measuring a minimum overall length of twenty (20) feet.
- 4.2 [DP] A WFPHRF rating is required. For those boats without a WFPHRF rating, the OA may assign a rating to be used only for this event.

### 5. Classes

- 5.1 The boats will sail in a single class.

### 6. Signals Made Ashore

- 6.1 There may or may not be signals made from the pier or ashore.



## **7. Schedule of Races**

- 7.1 The race will start Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 10:00 hrs.
- 7.2 Flags may or may not be displayed, with no sound signal or announcement by the Principal Race Officer "PRO" via VHF radio, to tell the boats finishing there will be "No more racing today."

## **8. Racing Area and Course**

- 8.1 The racing area will be in the Gulf of Mexico in the area of San Carlos Bay off Ft Myers beach and, west of the Naples Municipal Pier.
- 8.2 The course length shall be 19 nautical miles
- 8.3 Government marks or inflatable marks will be used to set the courses.

## **9. Starts**

- 9.1 The starts will be in a Pursuit format. In this format, boats receive staggered start times based on their PHRF ratings, i.e. the slower boats start first, followed by faster and faster boats, with the scratch boat starting last. This eliminates all those crowds at the start. It also makes crystal clear how you're doing against the competition: the first boat to the finish wins.
- 9.2 Start line will be the government mark "SC" and the sailing vessel Dragon Fly Plus as determined by the RC. Please monitor VHF 72 for any final instructions
- 9.3 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the start and is identified by the Race Committee may attempt to hail the sail number on VHF channel 72. This changes RRS 29.1. The lack of a hail, the contents of a hail or the timing of the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **10. Finish Line**

- 10.1 The finishing line will be a line parallel to the Naples Pier, west of a mark placed at approximately 26 7.880 N and -81 48.647 W Leave the mark to port. There may be an orange flag designating the line from the end of the Naples Pier. There may be a vessel on station, but this vessel will not serve as a mark for the finish line.
- 10.2 Sailboats will document their individual finish times by taking a picture of their GPS screen and notifying Race Committee by VHF Channel 72. It is not necessary to send a copy of the photograph, but it should be kept for future reference, if needed.

## **11. Check-In**

- 11.1 Sailboats will check in by hailing the Race Committee on VHF channel 72. The boat name, sail number, the number of persons on board and other pertinent information is to be submitted, such as number of attendees for after race party and awards.

## **12. Penalty System**

- 12.1 [DP] In keeping with the intent of racing, it is expected that skippers honor the US



Sailing "Rules of Racing "and that any time a boat has clearly created an infraction, will take appropriate penalty turn(s) as soon as possible once the boat is well clear of other boats.

12.2 RRS Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of An Incident, will apply: The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when a skipper may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, the penalty shall be a Two-Turn Penalty.

12.3 RRS Appendix V2 Penalty Taken After A Race, will apply and is changed to: "After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to Frank Brown [fbrown13@yahoo.com](mailto:fbrown13@yahoo.com) 954-648-5838 C, that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). The notice must be delivered at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the boat's protest time limit.

### 13. Time Limits

13.1 [DP][NP] A boat that is retiring from a race must notify the Race Committee by VHF radio channel 72 or by calling cell telephone 954-648-5838 C

13.2 The Race Committee may assign a finish position to any boat that has not finished, provided that the boat's position can be determined in a reasonable manner. A boat whose finishing position has been so established will be notified by VHF radio channel 72. When another race is to be run, the assigned finish boat(s) are to return immediately to the starting area. Finishes assigned in this manner will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

### 14. Scoring Inquiries, Protests and Requests for Redress

14.1 [DP][NP] Boats intending to protest, or request redress should as a courtesy to notify the Race Committee on VHF channel 72 or call cell phone [fbrown13@yahoo.com](mailto:fbrown13@yahoo.com) 954-648-5838 C

14.2 Any of the referenced forms under this section are to be submitted to the Race Committee or Protest Committee or can be emailed to [fbrown13@yahoo.com](mailto:fbrown13@yahoo.com) 954-648-5838 C

14.3 A boat requesting clarification about the Report of the Race Committee must submit a Scoring Inquiry Form (found on <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/race-officers/materials-for-race-officers/forms-diagrams-equipment/>) within the protest time limit and go through the scoring inquiry process prior to filing a request for redress. A boat requesting clarification about her score(s), based on posted results must submit a Scoring Inquiry Form as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the posting and go through the scoring inquiry process prior to filing a request for redress. If after going through the scoring inquiry process, the competitor wishes to file for redress, the request must be delivered as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the outcome of the scoring inquiry hearing.



- 14.4 Protests, requests for redress or requests for reopening a hearing shall be delivered in writing to the Race Committee within the appropriate time and may be sent by text to the Race Committee a [fbrown13@yahoo.com](mailto:fbrown13@yahoo.com) 954-648-5838 C. The protest form is available on <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/race-officers/materials-for-race-officers/forms-diagrams-equipment/>. The US Sailing “Protest Form” is not required provided that the following information is included: (1) boat protesting and boat(s) protested, (2) where and when incident occurred and (3) description of the incident.
- 14.5 The protest time limit and the time limit for requesting redress based on an incident that occurred in the racing area is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race for the day.
- 14.6 The Protest Committee shall attempt to notify competitors by email that a protest or request for redress has been filed. The Protest Committee shall inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a time and place agreeable to all parties.
- 15. Scoring**
- 15.1 WFPHRF time on distance for will be used.
- 16. Safety Regulations**
- 16.1 [DP] A boat that withdraws from racing for the day shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible via VHF 72, via [fbrown13@yahoo.com](mailto:fbrown13@yahoo.com) 954-648-5838 C
- 17. Trash Disposal**
- 17.1 [DP] Trash shall not be thrown overboard.
- 18. Radio Communication**
- 18.1 [DP][NP] All boats must be equipped with a working VHF radio, either fixed or handheld capable of receiving and sending on VHF channels 16 and 72. The Race Committee will monitor and broadcast information on channel 72.
- 19. Prizes**
- 19.1 Awards will be presented for the first three places in the series scored as a single class.



#### Disclaimer of Liability

*Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (the organizing Authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, Sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor, or in the case of minors, each competitor's parent or guardian agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.*

*Note: The notation "[DP]" in a rule in this Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. The notation "[NP]" in a rule in this Sailing Instructions designates that a boat may not protest a boat for an alleged breach of that instruction. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*