



**2021 Fort Myers to Tampa Bay Race
May 21, 2021**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

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 Naples Sailing and Yacht Club www.thensyc.com
- 1.3 The race committee will use VHF channel 69 to communicate with boats on the water. Depending on radio traffic other channels may be used in order of priority; 72,68,78.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the event page located on www.yachtscoring.com.
- 2.2 After the race notices will be posted on www.yachtscoring.com

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted online or distributed via email.

4 RACE SCHEDULE

Friday May 21, 2021 11:55 Hours First Warning signal

5 COURSE

Course and marks are described in Attachment A.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 There will be no class flags. All classes will start at once.

7 THE START

- 7.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark San Carlos Bay Light "SC"
- 7.2 Mike Kayusa 239-565-6413 will be on 24' Panga center console
- 7.3 Approximate Lat N 26° 25.131 / Lon W-81° 57.550

8 THE FINISH

- 8.1 The finishing line will be due West at "Big J" Tampa Bay Cut J, look for a 38' Eastbay
- 8.2 Approximate Lat N 27° 45.050 / Lon W-82° 34.328
- 8.3 Participant Boats shall attempt to hail the race committee over VHF 69 when approximately 3-5

miles from the finish or call Brent Bacon 813-363-6935

- 8.4 If the race committee is not on station at the finish, the US Sailing prescription to RRS 34 applies. Take your GPS time when finish mark bears 90 degrees magnetic within 100 feet of "Big J" (Leaving "Big J" to starboard). Skippers taking their own time, please take a picture of your GPS with time and Lat/Long position and deliver to RC upon docking or via text to Brent Bacon at 813.363.6935.

9 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for finishing will be 1500 on Saturday May 22. Boats failing to finish by the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

10 SCORING AND PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 Races will be scored using the WFPHRF RLC ratings.
10.2 Only the Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, and the optional RRS V2, will apply.
10.3 The penalties as calculated and rounded in RRS 44.3(c) shall be increased by ½-point. This changes RRS 44.3(c).
10.4 One race is scheduled. The course distance is 104 nautical miles unless the course is shortened.

11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress shall inform the race committee upon finishing or retiring.
11.2 The protest time limit will be 1600 on Saturday, May 22.
11.3 For boats finishing or retiring after that time the protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the boat finishes or retires.
11.4 Protests and requests for redress will be heard at Davis Island Yacht Club as soon as practical after the race.

12 SAFETY

- 12.1 [DP] A boat that retires from the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Call or text Brent Bacon at 813-363-6935.
12.2 [DP] The COLREGs always apply between boats racing and vessels not racing. A boat shall not obstruct a commercial vessel.
12.3 Boats shall monitor VHF 16 except while starting or finishing.

13 COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall neither make voice or data transmissions nor receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.
13.2 Race committee broadcasts concerning its intention, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, recalls, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast will not be considered an improper action or omission under RRS 62.1(a).
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Attachment A – Course and Marks

Mark	Chart Description	Rounding / Passing	Approx. Location
Start @ San Carlos Mo (A) – “SC”	Mo (A) 16ft 7M “SC”	Start	N26° 25.131' / W81° 57.550'
Boca Grande G “1”	G “1” Fl G 2.5s	Pass to Starboard	N26° 40.323' / W82° 18.899'
Venice Inlet	Fl G 6s 20ft 5M “1”	Pass to Starboard	N27° 06.773' / W82° 28.215'
SW 1 Southwest Channel Entrance	G “1” Fl G 2.5s Bell	Round to Starboard	N27° 32.329' / W82° 48.597'
Sunshine Skyway Bridge	Really Big Bridge	Pass through Center 3 Spans	N27° 37.220' / W82° 39.350'
Finish @ Cut “J” Tall Range - Big “J”	Is 6s 50ft Fl 4s 5M “A”	Finish	N27° 45.050' / W82° 34.328'
Davis Island Yacht Club			N27° 54.537' / W 82° 27.002'

- All coordinates provided as a reference. Any reliance on such coordinates shall not be grounds for redress.