

The 33rd ANNUAL BRADENTON KICK-OFF REGATTA 2015

Bradenton Yacht Club, Palmetto, Florida

September 18, 19, 20, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

This regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the current WFPHRF Class Rules. This is a WFPHRF Category 4 event. If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the sailing instructions shall take precedence. This changes rule 63.7. As allowed by RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, & 63.4 do not apply to these Classes.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official bulletin board located at the Bradenton Yacht Club poolside.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0700 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the southeast corner of the Yacht Basin.

5 SCHEDULES OF RACES

Friday, September 18	1630-1830	CHECK-IN
	1900	COMPETITORS' MEETING
Saturday, September 19	1000	Warning, Race #1
Sunday, September 20	1000	Warning, 1st race of the day

Cruising and Racer/Cruisers are scheduled for one (1) race each day.

All other classes: Three (3) races are scheduled Saturday, September 20, 2014, and two (2) are scheduled Sunday Sept 21, 2014.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags for the Drop Mark Course will be:

Multihull	Gray
Spinnaker	Blue
Non-Spinnaker	White

The class flags for the Fixed Mark Course will be:

Cruiser	Lt. Blue
Racer/Cruiser	Green

7 RACING AREAS

Both courses shall be located in lower Tampa Bay.

8 COURSES

8.1 The Multihull, Spinnaker, and Non-Spinnaker's Course Diagram "A" shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course letter and approximate compass bearing to the first mark.

8.2 Cruisers and Racer/Cruiser's Course Diagram "B" shows the fixed marks, and the courses are described in Appendix 1. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the Course letter for the course that will be used for each class.

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9 MARKS

9.1 Marks of the Multihull, Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker course will be:

Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be large Gold tomatoes.

Start and finish marks will be orange tetrahedrons.

Mark 4, on Multihull Alternate Courses G & H, will be a green tetrahedron for Multihulls only.

New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be yellow cylinders.

9.2 Marks for Cruising and Racer/Cruiser courses will be fixed government marks as shown on the attached Chart/Course Diagram B, except that the start mark will be an orange tetrahedron.

10 THE START

10.1 Starting signals will be in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and an orange tetrahedron.

10.3 The starting line location for the Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker & Multihull classes will be within a one-mile radius of Marker 70; the Cruiser and Racer-Cruisers will start near Manatee River # 2.

10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.5 The starting order shall be:

First Start	Multi Hulls	Class Flag	Gray
Second Start	Spinnaker Class	Class Flag	Blue
Third Start	Non-spinnaker	Class Flag	White

Cruising & Racer/Cruiser Classes will be on a separate course.

First Start	Racer-Cruiser	Class Flag	Green
Second Start	Cruising	Class Flag	Lt. Blue

11 CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

11.1 Before the start of the first race of the day, each boat shall check-in with the race committee boat by passing across the stern of the race committee boat on starboard tack.

11.2 All boats shall give their boat name, sail number, class and division.

11.3 Only the race committee may protest boats for not checking in properly.

11.4 Radio check-ins for the Multihull, Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes will be accepted on VHF channel 63, and for Cruisers and Racer Cruiser VHF 69.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 RECALLS

13.1 The race committee may, after the starting signal, hail the sail numbers of the OCS boats that have not complied with RRS 29.1 & 30.1 on VHF Channel 63. The delay of such a hail, the order of hail or failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13.2 If the race committee signals a general recall, the division that has been recalled shall start AFTER all other divisions have started. If more than one division has a general recall, then each recalled division shall restart in their respective starting position AFTER all other divisions have started. This changes RRS 29.2.

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line for the Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Multihulls shall be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of a designated mark; the Cruiser and Racer-Cruiser course will finish near Manatee River # 2 and the finish mark will be an orange tetrahedron.

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15 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

15.1 The scoring penalty, RRS 44.3, (a), (b), and (c) will apply. Vessels will need to fill out the Alternative Acknowledgement Form provided on the Bulletin Board at the Bradenton Yacht Club.

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 Any vessel in the Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Multihull Classes failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat in its class that sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

16.2 Any vessel in the Racer/Cruiser and Cruiser Classes failing to finish by 1700 on Saturday and by 1400 on Sunday will be scored a DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1 A4.1 and A5.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Protest forms are available next to the official notice board.

17.2 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention at the finish line, including the sail number of the boat being protested. This changes RRS 61.

17.3 The protest time limit will be posted on the notice board.

17.4 Written protests must be delivered to the race committee within 30 minutes of the race committee finish boat's posted docking time.

17.5 The protest notices required by RRS 63.2, and the notification of protests by the race committee or the protest committee required by RRS 61.1(b), will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.

18 SCORING

18.1 Corrected times for individual races will be calculated for the PHRF boats using the following WFPHRF ratings: The Random Leg Course (RLC) will be used for the Racer/Cruiser, & Cruising Classes. The Buoy or Random Leg Course (RLC) will be used for the Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Multihull Classes depending on which course is sailed.

18.2 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply, except that no score will be excluded. This changes RRS A 2.

18.3 One race will constitute a series.

19 COMMUNICATIONS

19.1 The race committee will monitor VHF channel **63** for Multihull, Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker Classes and Channel 69 for Cruisers and Racer/Cruisers for **courtesy** communications from/to regatta participants. Nothing said over VHF Channel **63/69** for **courtesy** reasons shall be grounds for protests or redress.

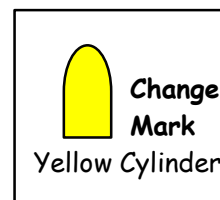
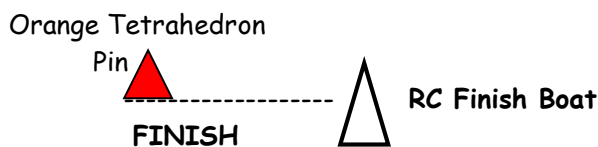
19.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones. The only exception is SI 19.1.

19.3 A boat that retires from a race shall promptly notify their race committee signal boat, as soon as possible on Channel **63/69**. The Race Committee may protest a competitor who fails to notify the committee when retiring.

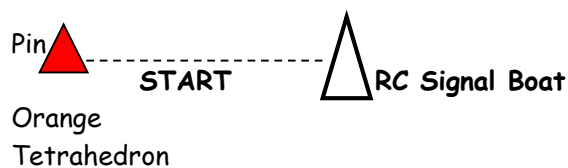
20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, the sponsors, the race committee, officers and board of directors of BYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta.

COURSE DIAGRAM A (not to scale)



(Mark 4 is for the
Multihulls Only)



SPINNAKER Courses

COURSE A: Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish at "START"

COURSE B: Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish at "START"

COURSE C: Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish at "FINISH"

NON-SPINNAKER & MULTIHULL Courses

COURSE D: Start - 1 - 2 - Finish at "START"

COURSE E: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - Finish at "START"

COURSE F: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish at "FINISH"

Alternate - MULTIHULL Courses

Course G: Start - 1 - 2 - 4 - 2 - Finish at "START"

Course H: Start - 1 - 2 - 4 - 3 - Finish at "FINISH"

ALL MARKS ARE TO BE LEFT TO PORT FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE COURSES

COURSE DIAGRAM B

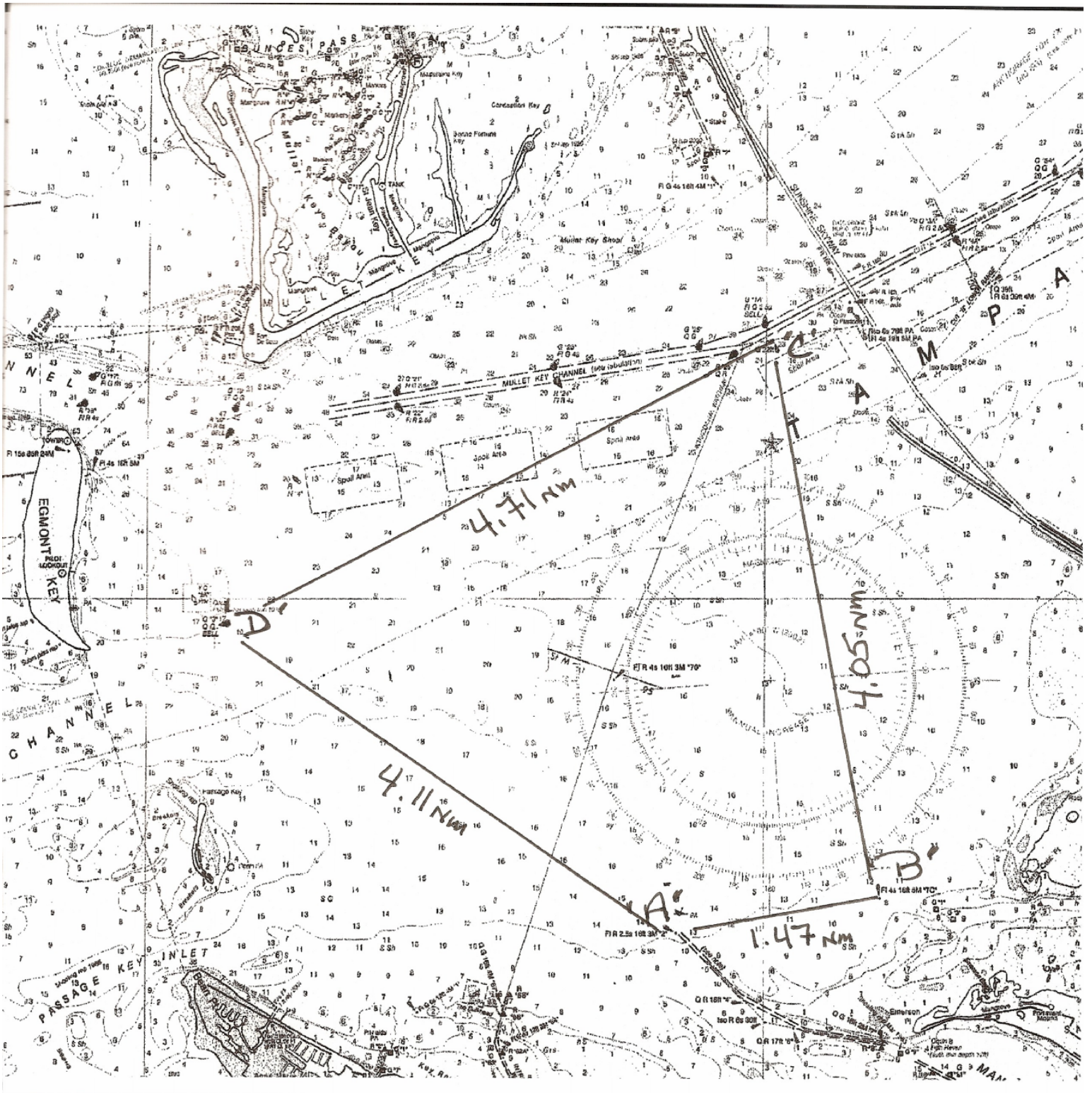


Diagram B is not to be used for Navigation
See Appendix 1 for Courses

Appendix 1
Cruising and Racer/Cruiser Courses

"A" Mark-Manatee River-Fl R 2.5s 16ft 3M "2"

"B" Mark-Terra Ceia- Fl 4S 16ft 5M "TC"

"C" Mark- Mullet Key Channel Front Range Q22 ft

"D" Mark- Southwest Channel Buoy G"3" Q6 Bell

Note: The letter "P" on the courses below means round this mark to PORT

The Letter "S" on the courses below means round this mark to STARBOARD

Note: The number "2" next to the Course letter will mean, "Sail the Course Twice Around".

Course A

Start

B-P

C-P

D-P

Finish

Course B

Start

D-S

C-S

B-S

Finish

Course C

Start

B-P

C-P

B-S

Finish

Course D

Start

B-P

D-P

Finish

Course E

Start

B-P

C-P

B-S

A-S (Round #2)

B-S

Finish

Course G

Start

B-P

D-P

A-P (Round#2)

B-P

Finish