



2022 OCYC OFFSHORE TEAM CHALLENGE

Sailing Instructions

1.0 **RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS/US), the prescriptions of MAYRA, and by these sailing instructions.

2.0 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices will be posted on the OCYC bulletin board and the website.

3.0 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the OCYC bulletin board before 1000 hrs on the day the regatta is scheduled.

4.0 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Ocean City Yacht Club.

When flag "L" is displayed ashore, an important message or additional notices are posted.

5.0 **SCHEDULE OF REGATTA**

The regatta is scheduled for July 9, 2022, at 1100 hours with a rain date of July 16, 2022.

6.0 **RACING AREA**

The race shall start in an area directly beyond the Great Egg Inlet between Ocean City and Longport. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and buoy R2.

7.0 **THE COURSE**

From the start the first leg of the course will be 37 degrees for a distance of approximately 2.5 miles to an inflatable mark set off Lucy the Elephant which shall be rounded to Starboard (boat to port of the mark). Leg two of the course will be a return to the starting line which shall bear 217 degrees for 2.5 miles. The race committee reserves the right to shorten the course in the event of adverse weather or wind conditions. Such course change shall be broadcast on VHF channel 72. In the event of a course change the inflatable mark off Lucy the Elephant shall become the finish line. In either case participants shall record their finish time when the R2 buoy bears 270 degrees to their starboard beam or in the case of a shortened course the inflatable mark bears 90 degrees to their starboard beam. Participants shall record their own time which shall be texted to Daniel Dagit at 610-291-5916.

8.0 **CHECKING IN**

Before the Warning Signal each boat shall sail past the Race Committee boat when it is on station in the starting area and hail its sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

9.0 **THE START**

The race will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

Individual recalls will be as per RRS 29.1. As a courtesy, the race committee will also attempt to announce the sail number of over early boats on VHF channel 72. Should a general recall be signaled, the start will be postponed accordingly.

10.0 **RECALLS**

The following shall not be grounds for redress:

- A) Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.
- B) Failure of the Race Committee to broadcast numbers.
- C) A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast number.

11.0 **THE FINISH**

The finish line will be the same as the start line and is described in detail in section 7.0 herein..

12.0 **TIME LIMITS**

Boats failing to finish within three & one-half hours of the starting time will be scored TLE (time limit expired).

13.0 **PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

A boat intending to protest or seek redress is requested to notify and receive acknowledgement from the race committee at the finish line after finishing and clearing, giving the name and number of the boat being protested. **This changes RRS 61.1.**

Protest forms and penalty acknowledgement forms are available at the OCYC race office. These shall be delivered to the race office at OCYC within the protest time limit which is 30 minutes after the last boat in each class has completed the race.

Notices will be posted as soon as possible but not later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or witnesses. Hearings will be held at OCYC.

14.0 **SCORING**

The corrected times of all boats on each team will be aggregated to determine the winning team.

15.0 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

All boats are required to carry all safety equipment as required by national, state, or local regulation. VHF radios are required.

16.0 **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

The race committee will monitor VHF channel 72 and will broadcast information on an as-needed basis.

17.0 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for materials damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

18.0 **RESPONSIBILITY**

The responsibility of the Race Committee is to provide a start and to record positions and times at a finish. The decision to start, continue or retire is the responsibility of the contestant.

19.0 **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall have a valid insurance certificate with a minimum liability of \$300,000. Insurance Certificate should be readily available for inspection by the Race Committee.