



57TH ANNUAL GASPARILLA REGATTA

Sponsored by MOUNT GAY RUM

February 25, 2023

Tampa Sailing Squadron, 1250 Apollo Beach Blvd., Apollo Beach, FL

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FIXED-MARK COURSE

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REVISION 1 Feb 20, 2023: Added Double-Handed class

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 Race Signal AP is modified in SI 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

1.3 For the Cruiser, Mother Load, Double-Handed, and Spinnaker-Long classes, RRS 26 is replaced in SI 8 THE START.

1.4 For the Cruiser, Mother Load, Double-Handed, And Spinnaker-Long classes, RRS 28, 29, 63.1, A4, and A5 are changed in SI 9 RECALLS.

1.5 RRS 35 and A5 are modified in SI 11 TIME LIMIT.

1.6 RRS 61.1(a) is modified in SI 12 HEARING REQUESTS.


2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The race committee will use VHF channel 68 to communicate with boats on the water.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Changes to sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 Saturday Feb 25.

3.2 Race Committee may make oral changes to the SIs on the water by hoisting signal flag 'L'

[] and advising each boat that comes within hail of the change.

3.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, changes may be posted before flag AP is removed.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at TSS.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 45 minutes' in **Race Signals AP**.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 For the Racer-cruiser class

1000 First signal (Warning)

5.2 For the Cruiser, Mother Load, Double-Handed, and Spinnaker-Long classes

1025 Courtesy "Warning" Signal

1030 PURSUIT START Base (first) start

6 COURSES AND MARKS

6.1 The courses, marks, rounding order, and required sides are described in Attachment A.

6.2 The course to be sailed and the calculated start times for boats in the Cruiser and Mother Load classes will be posted on the event web site (notice board) by 2000 on Friday, Feb 24.

6.3 With or before the warning signal, the course (A-D) will be displayed on the Signal boat.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 For the Racer-cruiser class (RRS 26 start), numeral pennant 1.

7.2 For the Cruiser, Mother Load, Double-Handed, and Spinnaker-Long classes (Pursuit start classes), numeral pennant 2.



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8 THE START

8.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an ORANGE flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of the start mark.

8.2 For the Racer-cruiser class, the start will use RRS 26 unmodified.

8.3 For the Cruiser, Mother Load, Double-Handed, and Spinnaker-Long classes, the start will not use RRS 26, and will use the system defined here.

8.3 Starting times will be assigned by the race committee, staggered according to each boats' rated or assigned (WF)PHRF handicap. A list of starting times will be made available on the Notice Board when the course selection is posted, see SI 6 COURSES AND MARKS.

8.4 The race committee will signal the starting sequence as follows:

TIME	SIGNAL	FLAG / SOUND
1025	Warning signal for all boats	Raise numeral pennant 2 with one (1) sound
1026	Preparatory signal for the first boat to start	Raise code flag "P" with one (1) sound
1029		Lower code flag "P" with one (1) long sound
1030	Starting signal for first boat	Lower numeral pennant 2 with one (1) sound

8.5 As a courtesy, the race committee will attempt to broadcast a five (5)-second countdown to each starting time over VHF radio; failure of the race committee to announce a start time shall not be grounds for redress.

8.6 For the purposes of the definition of "*racing*", each boat's preparatory signal shall be deemed to have occurred four (4) minutes prior to their scheduled start.

8.7 [DP] After the warning signal for the first start, boats shall stay clear of the starting area until four (4) minutes before their scheduled starting time.

8.8 As permitted in RRS 42.3(i), prior to starting and not within two (2) boat lengths of the starting line, a boat coming to their start may continue to motor after her preparatory and starting signal times have passed.

9 RECALLS

9.1 For the Racer-cruiser class, recalls will use RRS 29 unmodified.

9.2 For the Cruiser, Mother Load, Double-Handed, and Spinnaker-Long classes, recalls will not use RRS 29, and will use the system defined here.

9.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, she shall be considered OCS. She shall not attempt to clear herself or restart. The race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 68. **Flag X will not be used.**

9.4 [NP] A boat that is scored OCS shall, without a hearing, be penalized by having **ten (10) minutes plus the amount of time that she was over early added to her elapsed time**. For the purposes of RRS 28, A4, and A5, a boat so penalized shall be considered to have started properly.



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10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a BLUE flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the nearby port end finishing mark.

11 TIME LIMIT

11.1 The time limit for all boats to sail the course and finish is 1700.

11.2 Boats still racing after 1700 will be scored DNF.

12 HEARING REQUESTS - PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee of her intentions and the boat(s) to be protested promptly after finishing that race or retirement. **This changes RRS 61.1(a).**

12.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee finish vessel docks. The docking time and protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

12.3 Hearing request forms are available from the Race Committee and must be submitted within the protest time limit to file a protest.

12.4 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

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