

SAIL THE TRADITION. . . .
SUMMERSET 2023
57th ANNUAL SAILING REGATTA
Saturday & Sunday,
October 6, 7 & 8, 2023

Organizing Authority:
Caloosahatchee Marching & Chowder Society



Sailing Instructions

Liability Disclaimer: Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Participants participating 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 participant, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each participant, or in the case of minors, each participant's parent or guardian agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such participant's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Applicable class rules are those of the West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Federation (WFPHRF). Advertising is restricted per ISAF Category A regulation.
- 1.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official bulletin board located on yachtscoring.com www.SummersetRegatta.com/rsvp

2 Classes and Start Sequences A minimum of three entries will constitute a class.

- 2.1 The RC intends to start the races on Saturday per SI 2.3& SI 2.4 below. However, classes may be further divided or starts combined depending upon the number of entries received. Final class designations will be announced at the competitors' briefing. As a courtesy, the Race Committee WILL broadcast announcements on VHF radio to aid in the administration of the race. Racers are encouraged to monitor the VHF radio before and continuously during the race for possible announcements.
- 2.2 The starting order for subsequent buoy races on Saturday may be different than the first buoy race.
- 2.3 The starting order and Warning Signal Class Flags for the first buoy race on **Saturday** shall be:

Spinnaker:	#1
Non-Spinnaker:	#2
True Cruising A&B:	#3
Multihull	#4
- 2.4 The starting order for the **Sunday Distance Race** shall be dictated by the pursuit start scratch sheet.

3 Saturday Buoy Races

- 3.1 The starting area will be in the vicinity of the San Carlos Light (“SC”).
- 3.2 The course, bearing, and distance to the first mark will be announced by the RC Signal Boat via VHF channel 72 just prior to race.
- 3.3 Marks will be Green, Yellow, Orange Tetrahedrons or Cylinders, or government marks. Course turning marks shall be left to port.
- 3.4 On the final downwind leg, or on the final leg of a triangle, the finishing line will be between the start/finish mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat.

4 Sunday Distance Race: The racing area will be west of Estero Island and south of Sanibel Island. In general, the start will be near the entrance to Fort Myers Beach shipping channel R2 (Summerset Sunday Distance Course). The course will be confirmed at the Friday Skippers meeting and posted online on the notice board.

- www.SummersetRegatta.com/rsvp
- 4.1 The start will be a pursuit start with the first boat starting at 1000 with each subsequent boat starting at the delayed time per the posted Pursuit Scratch Sheet. It will be available at the Skipper’s Meeting on Friday and also posted on the Notice Board at: www.SummersetRegatta.com/rsvp
- 4.2 Each individual “delayed start time” is based on the selected course length and the WFPHRF RLC rating. The committee boat may informally transmit information about starting sequence on VHF channel 72. Boats with very low or very high WFPHRF ratings may be started earlier or later than their calculated delay time in order to expedite the race time.
- 4.3 Boats awaiting the approach of their specified start time shall keep clear of the start line.
- 4.1 The finish line shall be between the finish mark and the RC signals boat (same as the start line).

5 Check-in

All boats are to check-in by passing the stern of the RC Signals Boat on starboard tack, hailing the boat’s name, class entered, sail number, and the number of persons on board. Check in will start approximately 30 minutes prior to the first warning signal.

6 The Start

The RC will operate on Eastern Daylight Time, which is available on a GPS unit OR with a smart phone app similar to “Exact Time”.

- 6.1 Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 6.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signals boat and the course side of the port-end starting line mark.
- 6.3 The RC may make a series of sound signals one minute prior to the warning signal for the first of a series of starts.
- 6.4 The warning signal for the first class to start the Saturday Buoy Races will be made at 0955 hrs. and there will be no start after 1430 hrs.
- 6.5 The starts for the buoy races will be rolling starts.

- 6.6 The warning signals for the Sunday Distance Race will be made at 0955 hrs. Note this is a pursuit race and the actual starting time will be unique for each boat.
- 6.7 To avoid delay in starting a succeeding Saturday Buoy Race, classes that have finished a race may be started prior to other classes completing the preceding race. Notification will be made on VHF radio.
- 6.8 On the Course Side (OCS) Recalls. The RC will attempt to notify boats that are on the course side at the start by VHF broadcast. This changes RRS 29. Failing to hear the notification, and the timing and order of such hails, is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 6.9 The RC will attempt to run up to three races for the Non-Spinnaker & True Cruising classes and three or more races for all other classes on Saturday.

7 Time Limits and Finishing

- 7.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signals boat and the course side of the port-end starting line mark.
- 7.2 A boat that withdraws from a race shall notify the RC by VHF radio. This is for the competitor's safety and management of the races.
- 7.3 The time limit for Saturday Buoy Races shall be (a) 45 minutes after the first boat in that class finishes, for a race that is less than six miles, and (b) one hour after the first boat in that class finishes, for a race that is more than six miles.
- 7.4 The time limit for the Sunday Distance Race shall be 1600 hrs. at which time any boat that has not finished shall be scored DNF.

8 Penalties, Protests and Requests for Redress

- 8.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress shall notify the RC by hailing or by VHF after the finish, but before leaving the racing area. This changes RRS 61.
- 8.2 A boat that takes a turns penalty will report it to the RC by hailing or by VHF after the finish, but before leaving the racing area. This changes RRS 31.2 and 44.2. Most infractions are a 360 degree turn. See RRS if unsure.
- 8.3 Protests and requests for redress shall be submitted on protest forms, which are included in the skippers' registration packet.
- 8.4 Protests and requests for redress will be delivered to the Protest Committee or Race Chairman at the Salty Sam Marina within one hour after the RC Signals Boat has docked.

9 Scoring

- 9.1 One race will constitute a Regatta. RRS A4, the low point system, will be used for scoring. All races will be counted equally. No race will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.
- 9.2 WFPHRF scoring is based on time on distance. Corrected times will be calculated based on the boat's rating, the distance of the course sailed, and the elapsed time in which the course was sailed.
- 9.3 The WFPHRF RLC Rating will be used for the long-distance Sunday Race. The WFPHRF RLC Rating will be used on all Saturday Buoy Races except for the Spinnaker class. Saturday's races for the Spinnaker class shall use the Bouy rating. The choice of using the RLC or BUOY scoring will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(b).

10 Awards

Awards for each division (as defined in section 2.3 and 2.4) will be presented based on the following:

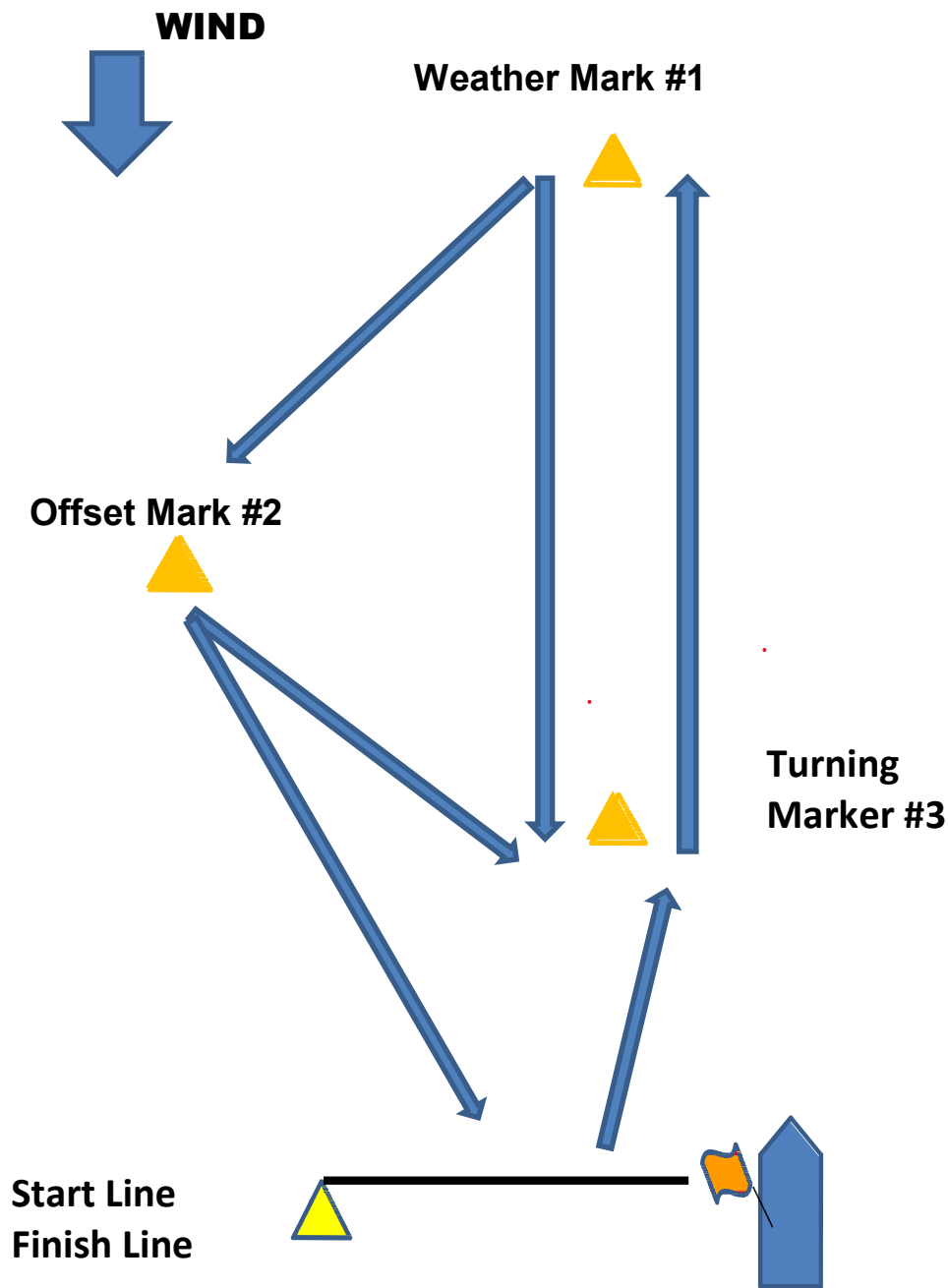
Overall within class – Combined results of Saturday results and Sunday results
Sunday distance race – overall classes

11 Radio and Cell Phone Telecommunication

- 11.1 Except for emergencies and calls to the RC as required by SIs 7.2, 8.1 & 8.2, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, fax, text and e-mail communications. Personal communications not related to weather or sea conditions, the day's race(s), or sailboat racing, and which could not be construed in any way as "outside help" are excluded from this restriction.
- 11.2 Boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF radio. The Race Committee also suggests that all competitors have a cell phone aboard and the cell phone number be available to the Race Committee.
- 11.3 The VHF channel that competitor information will be broadcast on per RRS 90.2 is VHF 72. Information received from the RC on any channel shall be considered as being information available to all competitors.

- 12 **Additional information:** Competitors are reminded to check the tides during the regatta. There is a sandy shoal seaward of parts of the San Carlos channel.

SATURDAY BUOY RACES



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS Windward – Leeward Courses		COURSE DESCRIPTIONS Triangle, Other Courses	
A	Start – 1 – Downwind Finish	D	Start – 1 – 2 – Reach Finish
B	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – Downwind Finish	E	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – Downwind Finish
C	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – Downwind Finish	F	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – Reach Finish