



# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## **Gasparilla Regatta**

February 09, 2019

Organized by

*Tampa Sailing Squadron, Apollo Beach, Florida*

## **RACER–CRUISER & DOUBLE HANDED**

### **1 RULES**

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020*.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the porch at TSS.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on February 09.
- 3.2 In case of the possibility of severe weather, all inquiries should be made to TSS at 813-645-8377.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at TSS.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP. This Changes Race Signal AP.

### **5 RACING AREAS**

Racing areas will be on Hillsborough Bay near Apollo Beach.

### **6 CHECK-IN**

All boats shall pass the stern of the race committee signal boat, on starboard tack, before the first warning signal, and hail their boat name, sail number, and division or class. VHF check-in will not be permitted.

### **7 RECALLS**

- 7.1 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail boats that are OCS. The timing and order, or omission, of such hails or the failure of a boat to hear a hail will not be considered an improper action or omission of the race committee under rule 62.1.
- 7.2 When a general recall is signaled, the recalled class will start after the last scheduled class has started.

### **8 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 8.1 In all classes the Scoring Penalty of rule 44.3 will replace all Turns Penalties. To accept a Scoring Penalty, a boat must promptly display a yellow flag, and call the race committee's attention to it upon finishing.

### **9 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 9.1 In addition to the requirements of rule 61.1, a boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee upon finishing or retiring of its intention to protest.
- 9.2 Protest forms are available at TSS.
- 9.3 Protests and requests for redress shall be hand-delivered no later than One Hour after the RC Signal Boat docks, to either Principal Race Officer Henry Morse (863-838-1268) or Regatta Chair Oscar Rivas (941-468-3317).
- 9.2 Parties and witnesses will be notified of the date, time, and place of the hearing.

### **10 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 10.1 Any boat who challenges a vessel confined to the Tampa Bay shipping channels in such a way as to cause them to file a report, or who violates a moving or static safety or security zone resulting in the filing of a report, will be disqualified. This changes rule 63.1.
- 10.2 A competitor who intentionally puts trash in the water may be protested by other boats or the race committee.

### **11 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 11.1 The race committee will monitor VHF channel 68.
- 11.2 A boat leaving the racing area before finishing shall notify the "Long Course" signal vessel over VHF, hailing her name, sail number, and division or class, and receive acknowledgment from the race committee.
- 11.3 Except in an emergency, 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.

## 12 PRIZES

Prizes will be presented on Saturday evening. Final results will be posted after any protest hearings. The final results may affect the awarded prizes.

## 13 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 13.1 The first warning signal will be at 10:00 AM.
- 13.2 One race is scheduled.

## 14 CLASS FLAGS

<u>Classes and starting order</u>	<u>Class Flags</u>
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Racer-Cruiser	Numeral Pennant "1"
Double Handed	Numeral Pennant "2"

## 15 COURSES AND MARKS

- 15.1 The diagrams attached show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and side on which each mark is to be left.
- 15.2 The course to be sailed will be announced at the competitors meeting, posted on the notice board, and displayed on a board on the race committee signal boat.
- 15.3 The course displayed on the signal boat will include the side on which to pass "Mark 0", which is the first mark of the course.
- 15.4 The starting mark will be an inflatable mark positioned approximately 0.5nm downwind of "Mark 0".

## 16 THE START

- 16.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the "Short Course" signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark. The starting line will be between 0.5 and 1.0 nm north of Mark 1. Note that on the Course Diagram, Mark 1 is the "Long Course" Starting Line. Mark 1 is not a mark on this Course for this Class. The next Mark on the course, after Mark 0 is Mark 2.
- 16.2 A boat may not start more than 5 minutes after her starting signal.
- 16.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

## 17 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the "Long Course" finish vessel and the course side of the finishing mark, which is the last mark of the course.

## 18 TIME LIMIT

- 18.1 The time limit for all boats to sail the course and finish is 1700.
- 18.3 Boats still racing after 1700 will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 and A5.

## 19 SCORING

- 19.1 PHRF time-on-distance will be used.