

DOWNRIVER RACE

GIYC Sailing Instructions

Saturday, July 27th, 2019

1) ENTRY

- a) This regatta is open to sail yachts owned by clubs or members of clubs holding current membership in the DRYA, ILYA and to others upon invitation of the Race Committee.
- b) Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the GIYC website, before 9:30 am on race day.
- c) Boat Owner shall enter the race by filling out the Race Entry Form and returning it to the Race Committee with the proper entry fee. The Race Entry Form is included in these sailing instructions (Appendix B)
- d) Racers MUST also register their boat on www.noticeofrace.net

2) MANAGEMENT RULES

- a) The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the PHRF-LE Spinnaker and JAM rules, and any applicable class or one-design rules.
- b) The race will be under the management of the Grosse Ile Yacht Club Race Committee, which will have full and final authority in establishing the racing articles and in interpreting the rules.

3) PROTESTS

- a) Yachts protesting must follow Part 5, Section A of RRS, except there shall be no charge for filing a protest.
- b) Protests must be filed with the RACE COMMITTEE within one hour of the last boat to finish.
- c) Protest shall be written on USSA forms (see p.119 - 122 of the RRS).
- d) Protest committee decisions will be final. There will be no appeals allowed of protest committee decisions.
- e) The two turns penalty for violations of Part 2 of the RRS is replaced by a one turn penalty. This changes the RRS 44.1.

4) RATINGS

- a) Yachts will be placed into classes and rated in accordance with measurements and ratings accepted and on file with a valid PHRF rating certificate. PHRF-LE RATINGS WILL APPLY.
- b) Entries not having an official rating certificate may be ASSESSED A PENALTY of Seven [7] seconds per mile.
- c) The GIYC Race Committee will in its sole discretion assign a rating to a boat without a current PHRF-LE certificate.
- d) The following conditions will apply to yachts racing in the JAM Class:
 - i) Whisker poles may be used to extend the jib clew when sailing downwind. The whisker pole may be extended no further than the 'J' dimension, and shall be attached to the mast when in use.
 - ii) Except for the use of a pole as described above, only sail and rig combinations which the yacht is designed to carry when sailing close-hauled may be employed off the wind.
 - iii) Off wind staysails or reaching jibs are not permitted. Jibs must be attached to their stay for their entire length of luff when hoisted.
 - iv) Only one headsail is allowed at a time.

5) SAFETY

- a) Competing yachts shall in all respects be seaworthy and shall be manned by an adequate and capable crew.
- b) Personal flotation devices and/or harnesses are recommended to be used.
- c) IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, PARTICIPANTS MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH COMMERCIAL SHIPPING.

6) SAIL NUMBERS

- a) Sail numbers must be on both sides of mainsail and overlapping headsails. Spinnakers must have sail numbers on at least one side, in compliance with RRS Appendix H. Finish times may not be taken if sails are not numbered as registered.

7) SCORING

- a) For PHRF, JAM and Cruising classes Time on Distance scoring will apply.
- b) The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Rule A2, applies.
- c) If sufficient entries are received, classes may be split.
- d) A boat that does not start (DNS) will be scored the point total of the number of boats registered for the class. A boat that starts but does not finish (DNF) will be scored the number of boats that finish, plus one. A boat that is disqualified (DSQ) is scored the number of boats registered, plus one.

8) COURSES AND MARKS

- a) Appendix A includes an illustration of the course.
- b) Proceed downstream from the start, leaving Fighting Island North light to port and Grassy Island to starboard. Leave Fighting Island South Light to port. Leave Livingstone Channel Upper Entry Light to starboard-DO NOT enter Livingstone Channel. Leave mark D65 to starboard. Enter Hole in Wall leaving Livingstone Channel Light DL20 to port. Leave Powder House Island mark RN 16 to port. Proceed to finish line. Course distance for scoring is 17.9 Nm.

9) SKIPPERS MEETING

- a) There will NOT be a skipper's meeting.

10) RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a) VHF Channel 71 will be used for communication, as well as for notification of a race being canceled.
- b) Any yacht which retires from the race shall contact the committee boat.

11) START & STARTING SEQUENCE

- a) RC Flag on the Race Committee Boat on the port end and the starting buoy on the starboard end, will designate the Starting Line.
- b) The committee boat will attempt to acknowledge any boats on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal by one or more of the following: displaying code flag X (white with blue cross), sounding a horn for each premature starter, and hailing the sail number or boat name, either verbally or on VHF Ch. 71. Failure of the committee boat to use these signals, or failure of a competitor to observe these signals will not excuse a premature start. It is the responsibility of each yacht to make a proper start.
- c) A protection buoy may be utilize by the RC boat. This buoy is considered an extension of the committee boat. No boat may properly start between the protection buoy and the committee boat.
- d) Races will be started using RRS rule 26.
- e) Class splits may be adjusted up until 9:30 am on race day. Splits will be displayed on www.noticeofrace.net
- f) Classes will start in the order displayed by their class flag. The sequence and class flag colors are listed below.

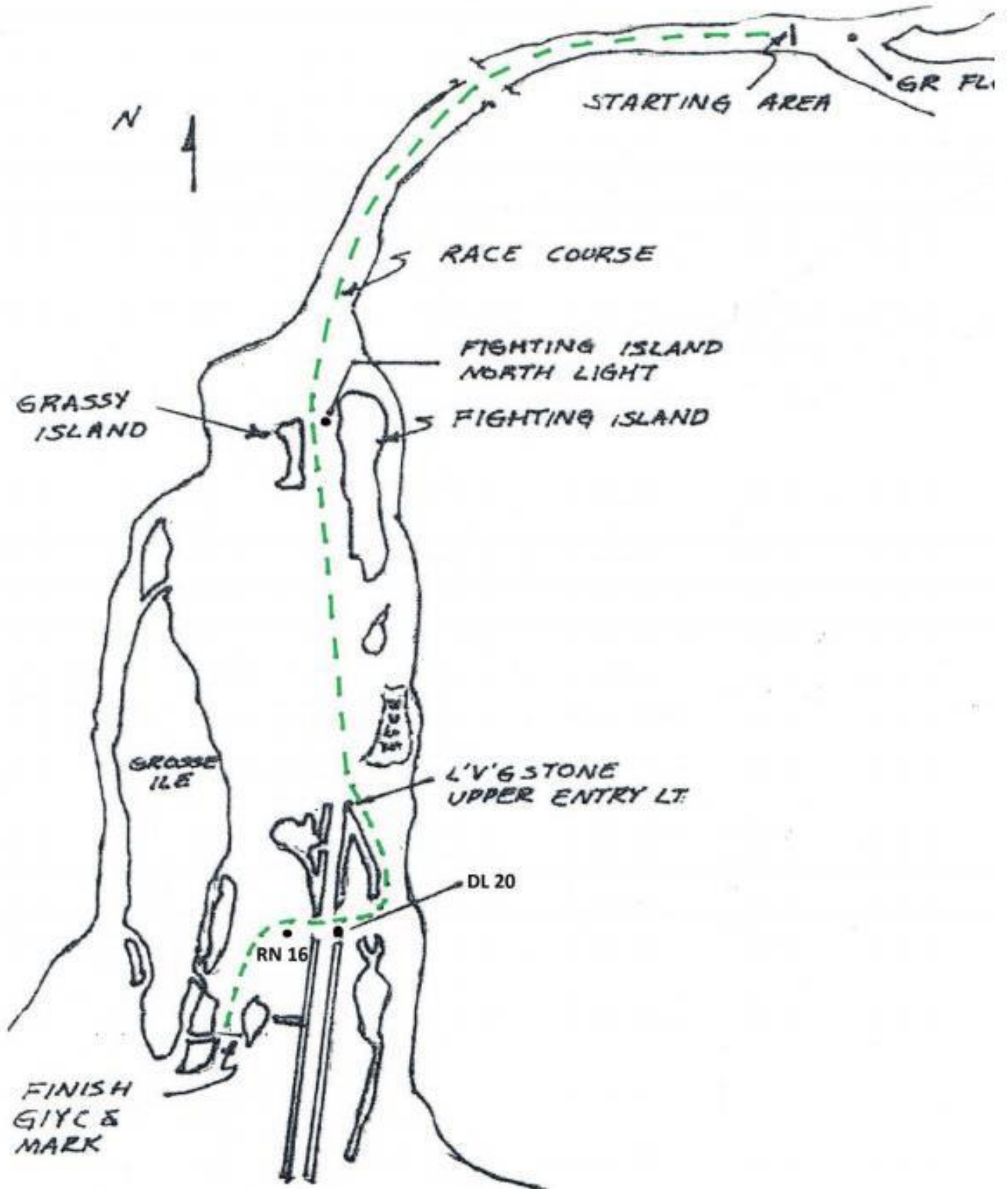
Warning Signal	Class	Flag Color
11:00 am	Cruising Class	Pink
11:05 am	One Design	Green
11:10 am	JAM	Purple
11:15 am	Spinnaker C	Yellow
11:20 am	Spinnaker B	Gray
11:25 am	Spinnaker A	Blue

12) FINISH

- a) RC flag on the GIYC Outer Dock and the finish buoy anchored between the main dock and the southern tip of Sugar Island will designate the finish line. If no finish buoy is present, the finish line shall be between the RC Flag and the southern tip of Sugar Island. Note: Beware of shallow water to east of area between RN10 and RN8.
- b) Seven hours will be the time limit for each class from the time of class start. A class will remain racing as long as one boat finishes within the time allowance.

13) AWARDS PARTY

- a) A complimentary keg of beer will be available for your enjoyment at the after race party.
- b) We will have an outdoor grill with burgers and hotdogs available for purchase.
- c) 1st, 2nd and 3rd place flags will be presented to the winners, and the following trophy winners will be announced.
 - Commodore Ralph Braden Trophy will be awarded to the PHRF yacht with the best-corrected time.
 - Commodore Oscar E. Raison Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the mono-hull yacht with the best elapsed time.
 - Commodore Charles Anderson Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the GIYC yacht with the best elapsed time.
 - Commodore Edward Campbell Trophy will be awarded to the JAM yacht with the best-corrected time.
 - GIYC Past Commodore's Trophy will be awarded to the GIYC Spinnaker yacht with the best-corrected time.
 - Jimmy Morrison Trophy will be awarded to Cruising Class Yacht with the best-corrected time.



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Please remember to sign up for each race on www.NoticeOfRace.net as well as filling out this form and providing payment.

GIYC ENTRY FORM

Skipper Name _____
 Email _____
 Boat Name _____
 Make / Model _____
 Sail # _____ Yacht Club _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 Zip _____ Phone _____
 Insurance: _____ Exp. Date _____

Race	Date	Class (Circle One)	Entry Fee	Total
Day	May 25th	Spin. / JAM	\$30	\$ _____
Independence	July 4th	Spin. / JAM	Free	\$ _____
One Design	July 13th	_____	Entry Fee is managed by each fleet	\$ _____
Downriver	July 27th	Spin. / JAM Cruise	\$30	\$ _____
Labor Day	Aug 31st	Spin. / JAM	\$30	\$ _____
Bluenose Series	Sept 14th	Spin. / JAM	\$30	\$ _____
Total Season Package		Spin. / JAM	\$90	\$ _____
			Total Due	\$ _____

In consideration of being permitted to enter, and being fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing as a competitive sport, the owner, contestants, and all crew members and guests aboard his/her yacht agree to assume the risk of participation and to hold harmless all losses and/or claims incident thereto, the Grosse Ile Yacht Club, any of its officers, directors, members or sponsors and/or the personnel which conduct these races. All owners of participating yachts shall have insurance to insure against loss or damage of property and or injury to participating individuals and or yachts. I further agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, and by the Race's Sailing Instructions. I further agree that all yachts entered or racing shall be subject to the direction and control of the Grosse Ile Yacht Club Race Committee. The establishment of special regulations and/or instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner or owner's representative. The safety of a yacht and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper. It shall be the complete and unlimited responsibility of each skipper to decide whether to start, continue, or finish a race. Skippers must be a member of a yacht, sail club, or other organization affiliated with a national sailing authority. Crews who are competent and physically fit to face adverse conditions shall man all boats.

If races are canceled, for any reason, entry fees will not be refunded.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Payment: Cash Check Online Payment GIYC Account #
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