SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Ford Yacht Club Fun & Free Challenge July 15, 2020



1 RULES

- **1.1** The series shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- **1.2** It is expected that all skippers will abide by the social distancing legal orders, and highly encouraged to follow social distancing guidelines, set forth governmental organizations

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS AND INFORMATION MEETING(S)

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located at the Ford Yacht Club's Peg Spriggs Pavilion near the fuel dock in the West Basin.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1730 hours on the day of the race.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals will not be made ashore, any communications before the race will take place at the skipper's meeting.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The scheduled first warning signal of racing shall be approximately 1900 hrs

RACING AREA

Racing area is located South of Grosse Ile and to the West of the international shipping channel in US territory waters.

6 THE COURSES

- **6.1** Course will be 5.6nm.
- 6.2 Course will use the WSSC WNATR buoys located in US territory waters.
- 6.3 Course will be Start at N, Es, Wp, Sp, Finish at N.

7 MARKS

Marks are white in color and the ones used by WNATR

8 THE START:

- 8.1 All classes will start at the same time
- **8.2** Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- **8.3** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the N mark.

9 THE FINISH

9.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the N mark.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes, the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty. *This changes RRS* 44.1

11 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- **11.1** Time limit for all class is 2130 hours.
- **11.2** Boats failing to finish by 2130 hours will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protest forms are available in the Ford Yacht Club lobby and at <u>www.fycsailing.com</u>. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the sail committee mailbox in the Ford Yacht Club lobby or submitted using the online entry at <u>www.fycsailing.com</u> within the appropriate time limit.
- **12.2** Protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished.
- **12.3** Notices will be posted no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted.
- **12.4** Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

13 SCORING

- **13.1** The scoring system will be as follows:
- **13.1.1** Boats will be scored using low point scoring system
- **13.1.2** Boats hailing from a specific yacht club in JAM and Spinnaker classes will have their scores added together for a total score for that yacht club
- **13.1.3** Total scores will be calculated by totaling the best finishers for a club, using the club with the least amount of boats racing as the number of boats counted. Example: If two clubs were racing and 3 boats showed up for JAM from club A, and 6 boats showed up from club B, only the best 3 finishes from club A and club B would be added together for the club totals.
- **13.1.4** 1 boat must be counted for JAM and Spinnaker classes. If a yacht club does not have an entry for a given class, it will be scored DNS for that class.
- 13.1.5 The yacht club with the lowest total point sum will be declared the winner

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1 On board VHF radios are required for monitoring purposes. The RC will be monitoring VHF channel 71.

16 AWARDS

16.1 Awards will be something tacky presented at a later date and will be limited mostly to bragging rights.

17 Disclaimer of Liability

17.1 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 material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18 INSURANCE

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 (USD) per incident or the equivalent.