



DOUBLE HANDED REGATTA – OCTOBER 21, 2017
FAIRHOPE YACHT CLUB
PHRF/Portsmouth
SAILING INSTRUCTION

1. RULES

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the *2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing*, the current *Prescriptions* thereto, the NOR and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, these Sailing Instructions will govern.
- 1.2 All boats must comply with the U. S. Coast Guard and the State of Alabama Marine Regulations regarding lifesaving and safety equipment.
- 1.3 All participants shall abide by the Navigational Rules International/Inland (COMDTUNST M16672.21), “a vessel of less than 20 meters in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.”

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible yachts may be entered by completing registration with the Fairhope Yacht Club.
- 2.2 Yachts sailing PHRF must possess a current ratings certificate. Cruisers not sailing PHRF will be handicapped at their US SAILING Portsmouth rating (D-PN). Wind correction factors will not be used.
- 2.3 All eligible yachts must be 19 feet LOA or greater.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board under the club on the North wall.
- 3.2 When a notice to competitors has been posted, code flag “L” will be displayed.
- 3.3 Signals made ashore prior to the start of the race will be displayed from the flag pole at Fairhope Yacht Club
- 3.4 Flag “AP” with two sounds signals (one when lowered) made ashore means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the “AP” flag is lowered.
- 3.5 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 9:00 AM CDT the day it will take effect.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 One race is scheduled. The approximate warning signal time is 10:55 CDT, October 21, 2017.

5. CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 The Class Flag for PHRF and Portsmouth Classes will be a solid pink flag and a solid yellow respectively. The solid pink flag will be used if both classes start together.

6. RACE COURSE

- 6.1 The course will utilize drop and/or fixed marks. Possible courses include a fixed mark course, TW2 (triangle, 2 W/L laps), T2 (2 triangle laps), G (triangle, 1 W/L Lap). For course ‘W’ the number of laps shall also be displayed (e. g. W11/2 or W2 or W2½). The approximate coordinates for the fixed marks and diagrams are listed at the end of these instructions. FYC Race Committee is not responsible for errors in coordinates.
- 6.2 No later than the warning signal, the course to be sailed will be displayed from the stern of the RC boat.
- 6.3 Race distance will be computed by the Race Committee and shall not be subject to protest.

7. THE START

- 7.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on Race Committee Boat and the nearby mark. Times may be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded and shall not be grounds for redress.
- 7.2 The starting area will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.
- 7.3 It is the sole responsibility of each boat to make a proper and timely start. Boats failing to start within fifteen (15) minutes of her starting signal may be scored as “Did Not Start” (DNS). This changes *RRS 35*.
- 7.4 The absence or timeliness of a hail to an individual OCS competitor shall not constitute grounds for redress.

8. THE FINISH

- 8.1 The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the nearby mark.
8.2 The Race Committee boat may or may not move at the finish.

9. TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 The time limit for this race is 1700 hrs (this changes *RRS 35*).

10. PROTESTS

- 10.1 A boat that intends to protest must so inform the Race Committee when it finishes or, if it does not finish, must inform the Race Committee of intent to protest when it provides notification of retiring or withdrawing. When so informing the Race Committee of its intent to protest, the protesting boat shall also identify the protested boat.
10.2 Boats attempting to notify Race Committee their intent to protest shall not interfere with boats that are still racing.
10.3 Protests shall be written on current US Sailing protest forms available at the official notice board and placed in the Protest Envelope located at the notice board within the Protest Time which will begin at the sound of the committee boat returning to the harbor and will last thirty (30) minutes.

11. SAFETY

- 11.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 68.
11.2 Any boat retiring or withdrawing from the race shall notify the Race Committee or FYC Clubhouse (251-928-8888) as soon as possible.
11.3 All competitors must wear a US Coast Guard approved floatation device at all times.

Approximate coordinates of fixed marks

N	FYC north marker	N 30° 33.810	W 87° 56.038
NE	FYC northeast marker	N 30° 33.534	W 87° 55.195
E	FYC east marker	N 30° 32.771	W 87° 54.833
SE	FYC southeast marker	N 30° 32.019	W 87° 55.203
S	FYC south marker	N 30° 31.746	W 87° 56.068
SW	FYC southwest marker	N 30° 32.028	W 87° 56.959
W	FYC west marker	N 30° 32.825	W 87° 57.351
NW	FYC northwest marker	N 30° 33.545	W 87° 56.953
X	FYC center marker	N 30° 32.787	W 87° 56.071
H	Mobile Ship Cannel 60	N 30° 31.262	W 88° 01.220
C	60' Range Mark	N 30° 28.282	W 88° 00.120
L	Point Clear Light	N 30° 28.698	W 87° 57.310
M	Middle Bay Light	N 30° 26'17.6"	W 88° 0' 40.48"

△ ☐ Tetrahedron or "tomato" w/bearing to windward mark