

# **FAIRHOPE YACHT CLUB**

## **SUNDAY CLUB RACES**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Revised 2/5/2020**

#### **Club Races**

Every Sunday from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, weather permitting, there may be a Sunday Club Race which begins at 2:00 PM. There are two Sunday Club Racing Series (see below).

**Racing is around FYC “Compass Rose” fixed marks.**

#### **Series**

Sunday Races (Nominal Start Time 2:00 PM)

- February through June
- July through November
- Boats may still gather to race in January or December, but no scoring will be done

#### **Rules**

Races will be sailed under USSailing’s Racing Rules of Sailing

- The “720” Rule” will be in effect for all races
- Three boats starting will constitute a race
- Recorded GPS finish times will determine placement and scores

#### **Course**

The Sunday course and Mark Roundings (Port or Starboard) will be announced on VHF Channel 68 approximately 15 minutes before the nominal start time (around 1:45 PM). The course will generally be 5 miles in length.

#### **Ratings**

PHRF ratings will be determined from a Racer’s GYA PHRF handicap if assigned. Otherwise, the boat may use a rating from the US Sailing PHRF listing for high-low-average PHRF ratings using the **AVERAGE** rating for the closest boat type found in the right hand column in the Blue Racing Binder kept in the Race & Regatta cabinet locked in the FYC Bar.

#### **Communications**

All boats should monitor VHF Channel 68 during the races.

## Starting

### Starting Without Committee Boat

- Starting time is determined using **GPS** time as the official time.
- The nominal starting time is 2:00 PM on Sunday.
- Starting times for each type of boat are based on a 5 mile race and the PHRF ratings for that boat. The individual start times are in the back of the Club Racing Book at the Bar.
- The Actual Start Times may or may not be adjusted as per the “Starting Time Adjustments” shown below.
- Due to our “Staggered Handicap” Start.....faster, later starting boats, should stay clear of the slower, earlier starting boats, at the Starting Mark.
- Start will be within 50 feet of the Starting Mark on the same side of the Mark as the Announced Course Roundings.

### Starting with a Committee Boat

- If a Committee Boat is present at the start, then ALL boats will start on the Committee Boat’s signals.
- Finish times will be recorded by the Committee and corrected finish times and finish positions for the race will be determined by the PHRF Handicap System.

### Declaration of Class

- Participating boats must declare the Class in which they will sail for the series at the beginning of each series. Two classes will be offered: Racer Class and Performance Cruiser Class.

### Starting Time Adjustments

- Boats wishing to fly a Spinnaker need to Start 1 Minute 15 Seconds later than their adjusted Start Time. They may assess the wind conditions prior to the race and then note on the Score Sheet after the race, that a Spinnaker was used and the actual Start Time.
- Adjustments will be in effect only until the end of the Series.

## Finishing

- Finishing time is determined using **GPS** time as the official time.
- Finishing will be within 50 feet of the Finishing Mark on the same side of the Mark as the Announced Course Roundings.
- Finish positions are determined by the times recorded on the Score Sheets in the Bar.
- Finish times will be adjusted if the course is shortened.
- Record your **GPS** time as you finish and record on the Score Sheet by 6:00 PM Sunday

## Scoring

- Boats must participate in generally 2/3 of the scheduled races in order to be scored at the end of the series.
- Boats that are eligible to be scored will have generally 1/4 of the total number of races thrown out of the scoring, those discarded races will consist of the highest scoring races for each boat.
- A Low-point scoring system will be used. A Low-point scoring system is a point system in the Racing Rules of Sailing where all the boats in each race of the series score the same number of points as they finish in the race, so that the first boat to cross the finish line gets one point, the second two points. Boats that don't start, finish, retires or are disqualified are scored one more point than the total entrants of the series. In a series with nine entrants, a disqualified boat scores 10 points in the race it is disqualified in.