



DOGWOOD REGATTA 2018
FAIRHOPE YACHT CLUB
ONE-DESIGN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the 2017-2020 *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the current *Prescriptions of U. S. Sailing*, One Design class rules, the *NOR*, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the ballroom of the Fairhope Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than thirty (30) minutes following the conclusion of the skippers' meeting on the first day of racing, and by 0900hrs on each day thereafter.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Fairhope Yacht Club flag pole.

4.2 Flag "AP" with two sounds (one when lowered) means "the race is postponed." The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Races are scheduled as per the Notice of Regatta.

5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs on the last day of racing.

5.3 Competitors are required to stand by, well clear of the finish line after finishing and await the next start or further instructions from the Race Committee.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Boards or other flags to be displayed by the Race Committee will be assigned at the skippers' meeting designating the order of start for each class.

6.2 If there is more than one (1) fleet on a racing course, the order of start for each fleet will be announced at the Competitors' meeting.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be detailed at the skippers' meeting.

8. THE COURSE

8.1 The diagrams in Illustration "A" show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 The approximate compass bearing from the start to the first mark of the course will be displayed from the race committee signal boat.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks will be orange inflatable marks (tetrahedrons or "tomatoes"). Change of course marks after the start will be of a different color (yellow) and will revert back to orange if further changes of course are necessary.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started using *RRS 26*, with classes starting at approximately 5 minute intervals in the order given at the skippers' meeting or class flags or boards displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

10.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

10.4 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

11. MARK BOATS

11.1 Mark boats may display RC flags and may be stationed beyond each mark. Failure of a mark boat to be on station or display her signal will not be grounds for redress. This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange shape or flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Rule 44.1 and 44.2 will apply

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes *RRS* 35.

15. PROTEST

15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the official notice board to competitors and delivered to a race officer within the protest time which will begin when the course committee boat signals its return to the harbor.

16.2 Protest will be heard in the order in which they are received and at the first reasonable opportunity.

16.3 Protest notices will be posted within thirty minutes of the protest time to inform competitors when and where there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

16.4 *RRS* 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision."

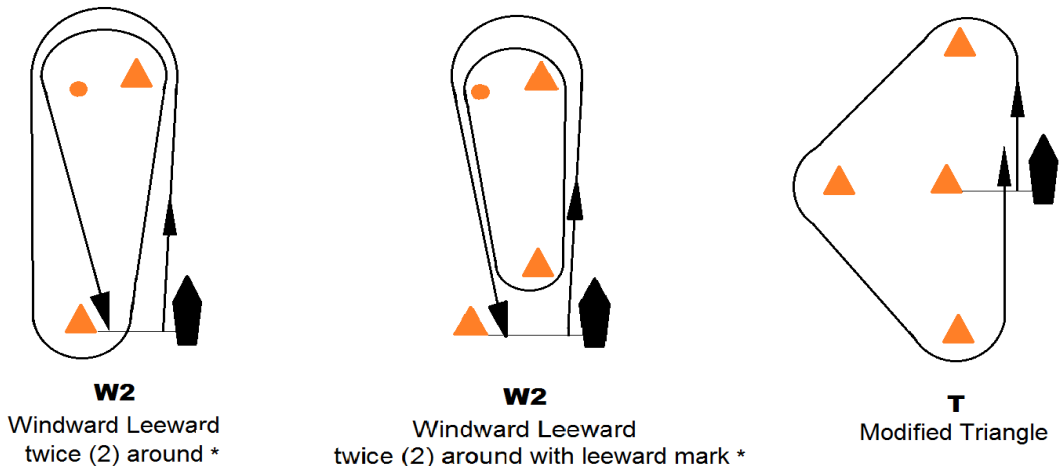
16. SCORING

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System will be used. The number of races completed to allow one (1) throw-out is five (5). This changes *RRS* A2. Ties will be broken in accordance to *RRS* A8.

17. SUPPORT BOATS

17.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area from the time of the warning signal for that class and until all boats have finished. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be disqualification for all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.

ILLUSTRATION "A"



* number of laps may be increased or decreased.

* finish may be changed to upwind with a "1/2" designation