



DOGWOOD REGATTA 2018
FAIRHOPE YACHT CLUB
PHRF/PORTSMOUTH SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the *2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing*, the current *Prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association*, the *NOR* and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, these Sailing Instructions will govern.
- 1.2 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Fairhope Yacht Club before 1930 CDT on March 23, 2018.
- 1.3 All boats must comply with the U. S. Coast Guard and the State of Alabama Marine Regulations regarding lifesaving and safety equipment.
- 1.4 All participants shall abide by the Navigational Rules International/Inland (COMDTUNSTM16672.21), “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.” **Any boat which impedes commercial shipping shall be subject to disqualification.**
- 1.5 A boat may cross, but may not race in, a ship channel.
- 1.6 Boats sailing in a non-spinnaker class may only race with one headsail tacked at the usual tack point. Staysails are permitted if tacked no closer than 1/3 J behind the jib tack point. Cutter rigs, rated as such, may set staysails at the tack point provided by the vessel’s manufacturer or designer.
- 1.7 Race distance will be computed by the Race Committee and shall not be subject to protest.

2. OFFICIAL FLEETS AND CLASSES

- 2.1 It is the skipper/owner’s responsibility to ensure that all information provided on the entry form is complete and accurate, as this data will be used to determine rating, fleet and class.
- 2.2 Yachts sailing PHRF must possess a valid GYA PHRF rating certificate. The Registration Committee reserves the right to examine this certificate. PHRF classes will be determined by the Registration Committee based on the current rating certificate and other data required to complete registration and are not subject to protest or request for redress.
- 2.3 The current Portsmouth Yardstick will be used to determine the Portsmouth classes. The rating is based on information provided on the registration form. Portsmouth ratings will be D-PN numbers with no wind factor allowances. Boats not listed in the Yardstick shall be assigned a D-PN number which is not subject to protest.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the north wall between the shower rooms beneath the Fairhope Yacht Club.
- 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 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions shall be posted no later than 0900 hrs CDT on the day it will take effect.
- 3.5 No oral instructions will be given from any Race Committee boat.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 One race or two are scheduled. The approximate starting time is 1030hrs CDT, March 24, 2018.

5. CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 The Class Flag for PHRF and Portsmouth Classes will be identified at the skippers meeting.

6. RACE COURSE

- 6.1 The course will utilize dropped and/or fixed marks.
- 6.2 The racing area includes Mobile Bay.
- 6.3 No later than the warning signal, the course to be sailed will be displayed from the stern of the RC boat.
- 6.4 Participating boats must give way to commercial traffic while in the vicinity of the Mobile Ship Channel (See rule 1.4).

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 start will be in the vicinity of the “Compass Rose,” approximate coordinates N 30° 33.4’ W 87° 57.9’.
- 7.3 A floater may be attached to the prestart side of the Race Committee Boat and shall be considered an extension of the Boat.
- 7.4 It is the sole responsibility of each boat to make a proper and timely start.
- 7.5 Skipper and crew must wear life jackets during the starting sequence and the first five minutes of the race.
- 7.6 Boats that have not crossed the starting line within 15 minutes of the final gun will be disqualified.

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 No boat will be finished after 1430hrs CDT. Postponements to the start time will also be added to the finish time limit. Boats that have not finished within the time limit will be scored DNF. **This changes RRS 35.**

10. PROTESTS

- 10.1 All protests will be made in accordance with *RRS Part 5*. A proper protest flag for this event shall be a red rectangular flag of sufficient size that is flown in such a manner as to be visible to nearby boats and/or the Race Committee as notification of intent to protest.
- 10.2 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 sail number and, if possible, the name of the protested boat.
- 10.3 Boats attempting to notify the Race Committee of their intent to protest shall not interfere with boats that are still racing.
- 10.4 Protests shall be written on current US Sailing protest forms available at the official notice board and delivered to a Race Committee member 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. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 11.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 68, but will not transmit race instructions or course information over the radio.
- 11.2 A boat shall neither make nor receive special radio transmissions not available to all boats. This does not preclude distress signals or notification of retirement.

12. RETIRING AND DISQUALIFICATION

- 12.1 Any boat retiring or withdrawing from the race shall notify the Race Committee via channel 68 or the Fairhope Yacht Club (251-928-8888) as soon as possible. The boat shall report the boat's name, sail number and the person's name giving the report.

13. MISCONDUCT DURING EVENT

- 13.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to convene a hearing under *RRS 69* for any competitor whose conduct during the event constitutes, in the opinion of the Race Committee, a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with *RRS Appendix A*, except that there shall be no throw-out. This changes *RRS A2*.

15. ENVIRONMENTAL

- 15.1 Any Boat which discharges waste or discards trash into the water shall be subject to disqualification.

16. Approximate Coordinates of Fixed Marks:

16.1	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 Channel 60	N 30' 31.262	W 88' 01.220
	C	60' Range Mark	N 30' 28.282	W 88' 00.120
	L	Point Clear Floating Mark Offset	N 30' 28.698	W 87' 57.310
	M	Middle Bay Light	N 30' 26'17.6"	W 88' 0' 40.48"
	BBR	Buddy Beiser Reef	N 30 deg 35.251'	W 087 deg 56.877'

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