



Dauphin Island Warm-Up Race

Sailing Instructions

Saturday April 21, 2018

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*, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, these Sailing Instructions will govern. The Organizing Authority is the Fairhope Yacht Club.

1.2 Eligible boats may be entered by completing and submitting a registration form to the Fairhope Yacht Club via Regatta Network before 1900 CDT on April 20, 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 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 by the Registration Committee. 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 (RC) vessel, except that the RC Signal Vessel reserves the right to announce via VHF the course to be sailed.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 One race is scheduled. The approximate first warning time is 1055 hrs CDT, April 21, 2018.

5. CLASS FLAGS

5.1 The Class Flag for Div. 1 will be a solid yellow flag.

5.2 The Class Flag for Div. 2 & 3 will be a solid pink flag.

6. RACE COURSE

6.1 The course will utilize drop 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.

6.3 The approximate coordinates for the fixed marks are listed at the end of these instructions. FYC Race Committee is not responsible for errors in coordinates.

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 an orange shape (tetrahedron or tomato) and a staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag, and will be located near the “West Mark” of the FYC Compass Rose (approximately N30° 32.825' W87° 57.351'). Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded and shall not be grounds for redress.

7.2 A floater may be attached to the prestart side of the Race Committee Signal Vessel and shall be considered an extension of the Boat.

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 shall be scored as “Did Not Start” (DNS). This changes RRS 35.**

8. THE FINISH

8.1 The finish line will be between an orange shape (tetrahedron or tomato) and a staff on a Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag.

9. TIME LIMIT

9.1 No boat will be finished after 1600 hrs CDT. Boats that have not finished within the time limit shall 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. **All boats, regardless of LOA, shall fly a protest flag when intending to protest. This changes RRS 61.1.**

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 one hour.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

11.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 68.

11.2 A boat shall neither make nor receive special transmissions not available to all boats. This does not preclude distress signals or notification of retirement. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make transmissions while racing nor receive communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

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, option 2) 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. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES - RRS PART 2

14.1 The Two-Turns and One-Turn Penalties (*RRS 44.1* and *44.2*) shall apply.

15. SCORING

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

16. ENVIRONMENTAL

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

17. AWARDS

17.1 Trophy presentation will be on the day of the race at 1700 hrs CDT or as soon as possible thereafter.

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	Middle Bay Light	N 30' 26.292	W 88' 00.672
△	Tetrahedron w/bearing to windward mark		