

HALL SPARS ADMIRAL'S CUP A-CLASS REGATTA 2015

March 27-29, 2015

Hosted by Ben Hall with the Gulfport Yacht Club

4638 Del Rio Way S, Gulfport, Florida 33711

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 -2016*.

1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.

1.3 Racing rule(s) 44.1 and 44.2 will be changed as follows: a one–turn penalty turn is required in place of the two-turn penalty.

1.4 The rules of A-Class will apply with the following exceptions for the Intergalactic fleet as stated in the Rules for Fleet Division.

1.5 Rules for Fleet Divisions:

a. All registered boats will be divided into Intergalactic or A Cat Fleets.

b. All sailors will designate the specific fleet for racing at final registration when their registration form is signed on site.

c. Boats may register in either Fleet.

d. Once registered no changes between fleets shall be allowed

e. All boats will have the same start.

1.6 Modifications of Rules for Intergalactic Fleet

a. The Fleet will have no maximum races per day. *This changes the NOR 19.1.*

b. The Fleet will race under a change to A Cat Championship rules by modifying the high wind limit, racing to an average wind of 18 MPH or below.

c. Winds shall be measured in accordance with the Championship rules

d. An abandonment due to winds for the Intergalactic Fleet will be signalled by display of a large red flag before each race.

e. Absence of the red flag indicates a race for the Intergalactic Fleet will begin with the A Cat Fleet.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on a Gulfport City Beach Pavilion.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 9:00AM on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00PM on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on The Beach near the Pavillion.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 March 27th – 10 AM -GYC will be open for optional practice.

NOON – Gulfport Beach opens for berthing.

5:00PM – 7:00 – Registration at GYC clubhouse.

March 28th – 9:00 AM – 9:55 PM Late registration on the beach.

10:00AM – Skippers meeting on the beach.

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race

Saturday is 11AM.

Sunday is 10AM.

5.3 To alert boats that a race will begin, a sounding of the horn with several short sounds may blow (as a courtesy) one minute before the sequence begins.

5.4 On Sunday no warning signal will be made after 2PM

6 **CLASS FLAGS**

The class flag will be the A-Class flag.

7 **RACING AREAS**

The notice board will have a diagram which shows the location of racing area.

8 **THE COURSES**

8.1 The courses will be chosen from U.S. Sailing Multihull sticker.

8.2 The course number will be displayed on the rear starboard side of the Signal Boat.

9 **MARKS**

9.1 Marks A, and C (Gates) will be large yellow balls.

9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be orange barrell shaped inflatables.

9.3 The starting/finishing mark will be an orange round buoy.

9.4 The Offset Mark will be a round orange buoy.

10 **THE START**

10.1 The Fleets will start together providing conditions are met.

10.2 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.3 The start/finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flags (flown from the signal boat) and the orange start/finish mark.

10.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11 **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 **THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the finishing mark.

13 **PENALTY SYSTEM**

For the A class rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 **TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

14.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 70 minutes the race will be abandoned.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15 **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 **Protest forms are available at the beach. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.**

15.2 **The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.**

16 **SCORING**

16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16.3 When from 6 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible either by hail or by phone (727-410-7746) or to race committee at the clubhouse.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 OFFICIAL BOAT

The signal boat will have a race committee flag.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23 PRIZES

Prizes will be provided by Ben Hall of Hall Spars.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

25 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000/\$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

