

2017 GULFPORT YACHT CLUB SERIES REGATTA

March 4th – November 25th 2017

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, 2017-2020*.

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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 Additional Sailing Instructions will be issued for the July 4TH and November 25th races.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the GYC blackboard.

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 at the GYC clubhouse porch.

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

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

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Spring Series	Summer Series	Fall Series
	June 3 Gordon Isco Hurricane Handicap	
March 4	June 17	September 2
March 18	July 1	September 16 Oscar Olsen
April 1	July 4 Tony Kruse Ironman	October 7
April 15 Howard Snyder Memorial	July 15	October 21
May 6 GYC multihull regatta	August 5	November 4
May 20	August 19	November 18

End of Year – Skippers meeting 7PM 11/24

Ma Kruse Gaboon Race start - 10AM 11/25

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race 1PM EST and 2 PM during daylight savings time.

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 Three races per race day are scheduled with the exceptions of July 4TH and November 26TH.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be displayed at the Skippers meeting.

7 RACING AREAS

Racing will take place on Boca Ciega Bay.

8 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be selected from US Sailings Multihull course sticker.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be large yellow balls.

9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 11, will be orange barrell shaped inflatables.

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

10 THE START

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

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag (flown from the signal boat) and the starting mark.

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

10.4 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing provided the race is not restarted, resailed, postponed, or abandoned before the starting signal.

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 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

13.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 50 minutes the race will be abandoned.

13.2 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.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1** Protest forms are available and are located in the clubhouse.
- 14.2** Protests and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the clubhouse within the appropriate time limits
- 14.3** The protest time limit is within 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals ‘No more racing today;’ whichever is later.
- 14.4** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witness.
- 14.5** Hearings will be held in the GYC clubhouse.
- 14.6** On the last day of racing a request for reopening shall be delivered
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes rule 66.

15 SCORING

- 15.1** **As a courtesy members and guests will be scored for the day using the low point system. Daily results will be posted on the board.**
- 15.2** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3** Three boats are required to register to run a scored race day.
- 15.4** Races will be scored using the US Sailing Portsmouth Number.
- 15.5** The members will be scored using the GYC ‘Flipped’ high point system.
- 15.6** No scores will be excluded.
- 15.7** DNS, DSQ, and OCS have a zero value.
- 15.8** DNF scores as one point.
- 15.9** Last place receives 2 points: each higher ranked boat gets an additional point
- 15.10** The leader receives 2 points more than the second place finisher.

Example for a six boat race finish:

PLACE	POINTS
1	8
2	6
3	5
4	4
5	3
6	2
DNF	1

DNS	0
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15.11 Competing members are required to serve on race committee once per year or:

(a) Pay the club a donation of \$50.00 or

(b) Have a friend or family member serve in their place.

15.12 Competitors serving race committee will receive a score equal to their series average for the one day served.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 Check-Out and Check-In: All boats sign in at the Skippers meeting and sail by the signal boat.

16.2 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 radio.

17 OFFICIAL BOAT

The signal boat will have a race committee flag.

18 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio or mobile phone communications not available to all boats.

20 PRIZES

Prizes will awarded at the January GYC Installation and Awards Dinner (in lieu of the General Membership meeting).

21 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.

22 INSURANCE

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