

Sailing Instructions

Gulfport Yacht Club

2017 Multihull Regatta

May 5th-7th 2017

RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the “Rules” as defined in the current *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) For 2017-2020*.
- 1.2 Rule 44.1 is changed to ONE-turn penalty for Part 2 infractions.
- 1.3 U S SAILING prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.

ENTRIES and ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1 Separate starts for any class with 5, or more, boats and other multihulls with a current US SAILING Portsmouth number who registers may enter and will start together. Anticipated classes include A-class, F16/18 and Hobie 16.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Gulfport Beach.

CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 4.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 0800 or at the conclusion of the Competitors’ meeting on the day they take effect, whichever is later.
- 4.2 Changes to the schedule of races will be posted prior to 2000 on the day before they take effect.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Gulfport Beach.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes.” This changes Race Signals.

SCHEDULE OF RACES:

- 6.1 One race shall constitute a regatta. The schedule of races will be as follows:

Saturday, May 6	1000	Competitors’ Meeting.
	1100	First race, others will follow
Sunday, May 7	1000	First race
		No warning signal after 1300

RACING AREA:

- 7.1 The racing area will be Boca Ciega Bay.



THE COURSES:

- 8.1 The courses will be chosen among the US SAILING catamaran course sticker choices. The course will be posted on the starboard side of the Signal boat.
- 8.2 The start and finish lines are closed to competitors except at the start and finish.
- 8.3 The start line may be shortened or removed after all starts.

MARKS:

- 9.1 Marks will be described at the Competitors' Meeting.
- 9.2 A small floating buoy may be tied close behind the signal vessel. If so, it is to be considered an integral part of the RC vessel.
- 9.3 An offset mark at the windward mark will be a smaller buoy about 100 yards to port of the windward mark.

THE START:

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.2 The race committee may, as a courtesy, blow a series of horns as an attention signal before racing each day or after a delay in racing.
- 10.3 Prior to the start of the first race each day, competitors are required to sail by the stern of a signal boat and hail their sail number. Their sail number will be acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to do this check-in may result in disqualification for that day's racing.
- 10.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on that race committee signal boat and the course side of an inflatable mark at the pin end.

CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START:

- 11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark, or move the finish line, and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

THE FINISH:

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark placed off the STARBOARD side of the Signal boat.



TIME LIMIT:

- 13.1 The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes of the first boat, or the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

PROTESTS:

- 14.1 In addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1, the protestor must inform the race committee signal boat of its intention to protest as soon as possible after the race.
- 14.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the official notice board. Protests will be heard in approximately the order they are received in an area to be designated on the official notice board.
- 14.3 Protests must be filed during the period beginning with the docking of the race committee and end 30 minutes later.
- 14.4 The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of the protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice, or the protest time limit, whichever is later.
This changes rule 62.2.
- 14.5 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit on the notice board to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the regatta office, beginning as soon as practicable.
- 14.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 62.2.
- 14.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

SCORING:

- 15.1 Class boats will be scored according to the Low Point System in Appendix A, RRS.
- 15.2 Open Portsmouth class boats will be scored using their Portsmouth number.
- 15.3 If five, or more, races are completed, the worst score for one race for each boat will be discarded.

PRIZES:

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class with five (5), or more, registered entrants by Friday, April 21st 2017