



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



### 24<sup>TH</sup> Annual GYA Fish Class Championship For the JOHN G. CURREN TROPHY

**Buccaneer Yacht Club  
Mobile, Alabama**

**October 21 & 22 2023**

#### 1) **RULES**

The Regatta is organized under the authority of Buccaneer Yacht Club and will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* (RRS), the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events (available at [www.GYA.org](http://www.GYA.org)) and the applicable Fish Class Rules. Specific rules for this regatta are contained in GYA Regulation 24.

#### 2) **ENTRIES**

GYA General Member clubs may be entered by following the procedures described in the Notice of Race for this event.

#### 3) **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Official notices will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck.

#### 4) **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 on 21 October and before 0900 on 22 October, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect unless there is unanimous consent of the team captains or their official representatives.

#### 5) **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- a. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the signal mast next to the clubhouse.
- b. Flag “AP” with two guns (one gun when lowered) means ‘The race is postponed. The warning signal for the next race will be made not less than 30 minutes after ‘AP’ is lowered.’

**6) CLASS FLAGS**

The class flag will be the GYA Burgee.

**7) SCHEDULE OF RACES: 5 Races will be attempted. 1 Race Constitutes a series.**

<u>RACE</u>	<u>DAY AND DATE</u>	<u>WARNING SIGNAL</u>
First Race	Saturday October 21	1155
Race 2 & 3	Saturday October 21	ASAP After Boat Swaps
Race 4	Sunday October 22	1000
Race 5	Sunday October 22	ASAP After Boat Swap

a. No race will be started after 1400 on Sunday.

c. The names of the skipper and crew for each race must be submitted by the end of protest time each day.

**8) RACING AREA**

The racing area will be on the waters of Mobile Bay East of Buccaneer Yacht Club.

**9) BOATS**

- a. Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that:
- (a) A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars.
  - (b) Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied, or taped anywhere on the boat.
  - (c) Hulls and rudders may be cleaned only with water.
  - (d) Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
  - (e) All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the class rules are observed.
- b. All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat. Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the race committee immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply and will be handled in accordance with paragraph 9 (d) below.
- c. Boats:
- (a) The head-stay and shrouds may not be adjusted.
  - (b) Boom vang are not allowed.
  - (c) Ballast bags may not be moved.
  - (d) Boom preventers are not allowed.
  - (e) Jib Barber Haulers are prohibited.
  - (f) Main Cunningham may not be rigged or used.

**NOTE: Stand Hiking outside the shroud is always prohibited.**

- d. The penalty for not complying with one of the above rules may be disqualification from the race or races sailed in which the rule is broken.
- e. Each competing Yacht Club is responsible for Insurance Deductible if necessary.

## **10) THE COURSE**

- a. The diagrams shown on page 6 as “Attachment A” show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The selected course will be signaled by displaying the letter “W” from the race committee signal boat before or with the warning signal. If course ‘W’ is used, the number of laps to be sailed will also be displayed.
- b. The approximate bearing from the starting line to Mark 1 will be displayed from the race committee signal boat before or with the preparatory signal.

## **11) MARKS**

- a. Marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- b. New marks as provided in instruction **14, CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**, will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- c. Starting Marks will be an orange tetrahedron on the port end of the line and a staff flying an orange flag on the race committee boat on the starboard end of the line.

## **12) THE START**

- a. Races will be started using Rule 26, with signals made from the race committee signal boat stationed at the starboard end of the starting line.
- b. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the adjacent orange tetrahedron.
- c. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start”. This modifies Rule A4.1.

## **13) RECALLS**

- a. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1, and the race committee will endeavor to hail the boat’s sail number. Flag "X" shall be displayed until all boats invoking Rules 29.1 or 30.1 are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with Rule 30.1 if it applies, but not later than ten minutes after the starting signal.

- b. The race committee boats have the authority to hail premature starters and those boats are subject to Rule 30.1. Furthermore, these boats will endeavor to hail premature starters when they have completely returned to the pre-start side of the line except when flag "I" has been displayed.
- c. These instructions modify Rule 29.1.

#### **14) CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark. This changes Rule 33.

#### **15) THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an Blue Flag on a race committee boat and the adjacent orange tetrahedron.

#### **16) PENALTIES**

The Two-turn penalty, Rule 44.2 is changed as follows: A boat that has completed a two-turn penalty shall, additionally, inform the race committee finishing line boat upon finishing or if unable to finish at the first reasonable opportunity and shall include the sail number(s) or otherwise identify the other boat(s) involved in the incident.

#### **17) TIME LIMIT**

- a. Time limit for all races will be 1 1/2 hours. Boats failing to finish within one hour after the first boat Finishes, or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This modifies Rule 35 and A4.1.
- b. If a boat or boats are delaying the start of another race, the race committee may terminate the race and score that boat or boats in the place she or they held at the time of such termination.

#### **18) PROTESTS**

- a. Rule 61 is changed in that a boat intending to file a protest shall, additionally, inform the race committee finishing line boat upon finishing, or if unable to finish, at the first reasonable opportunity of the sail number(s) or otherwise identify the protested boat(s), and receive an acknowledgment from the Race Committee. Failure to do so shall make the protest invalid.
- b. Protests shall be written on forms available in the Bar and delivered there within Protest Time, which will begin when the race committees signal boat docks at the end of the day's racing and end one hour later.

- c. Protest notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. Such posting shall constitute notice of hearing as required by Rule 63.2.
- d. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.

## **19) SCORING**

- a. The Low Point Scoring System (RRS A4) will apply with Three Races Scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a series except no scores shall be excluded. This changes Rule A2.
- b. Ties will be decided in accordance with GYA Regulation 25.2(a). This changes Rule A8.

## **20) BREAKDOWNS**

- a. A boat whose finishing place, through no fault of her own, is made significantly worse because of a breakdown may seek redress. This modifies Rule 62.1.
- b. A boat seeking redress for breakdown shall display a yellow ribbon as soon as practicable and continue to display it until finishing or until informed by the race committee to remove it.

## **21) SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY**

- a. Each competitor is solely responsible for his or her personal safety. It shall be the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether to start or to continue to race. A boat which retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, at the first reasonable opportunity.
- b. On all boats it shall be the sole responsibility of the skipper and crew to determine when personal flotation devices will be worn. Neither the Buccaneer Yacht Club nor the Race Committee assumes this responsibility and no signals governing the wearing of life jackets or other such devices will be made. Competitors are reminded that all state and federal safety regulations should be complied with.
- c. Neither the Buccaneer Yacht Club nor any of its members nor any sponsoring organization or its members accepts responsibility for injury or loss of life of participants or others or for damage or loss of any boat entered in this regatta.
- d. In the interest of safety or to avoid unreasonable delays, the race committee, at its discretion and with concurrence of the judges, may order a capsized boat rescued and scored "Did Not Finish".
- e. VHF Radio use is encouraged. Race committee will provide channel information at the Competitors meeting.

**GOOD LUCK AND GOOD SAILING!**

# “ATTACHMENT A”

Course W: Windward/Leeward,

**W 1-1/2      W 2**

