

**FAIRHOPE YACHT CLUB****1.0 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current version of the Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS), the Prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, except those of rules 63.2, and 63.4, the Notice of Race, the current Procedural Rules of the Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA), and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 All schools must be members in good standing of the Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA). Eligible teams shall be entered by completing registration with the Organizing Authority (Fairhope Yacht Club) in accordance with the Notice of Race.
- 1.3 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board identified at the Skippers Meeting.
- 1.4 All signals made ashore will be from the flag pole on the beach near the Gazebo.
- 1.5 At the discretion of the Race Committee, oral instructions may be given on the water.
- 1.6 ISSA Procedural Rule 16(b) states that a boat shall inform the Race Committee finish boat of his/her intention to protest, immediately after finishing. This changes RRS 61.1.

**2 EQUIPMENT**

- 2.1 ISSA Procedural Rules regarding equipment shall apply.
- 2.2 FYC will provide Club 420s and racing sails for both A and B divisions. Boats will be sailed as provided. A rotation schedule will be utilized by the coaches when boat changes take place.

**3.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 3.1 Saturday
  - 08:30 AM Check In
  - 09:00 AM Competitors Meeting at Gazebo, Sailing Instructions available
  - 10:00 AM First Warning Signal
- 3.2 It is the intention of the Race Committee to sail two "A" Division races, then rotate to sail two "B" Division races, then repeat.

**4.0 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be Mobile Bay in the vicinity of FYC shores.

**5.0 COURSES AND MARKS**

- 5.1 The course will be displayed on signal boat rear arch.
- 5.2 The Race Committee, after making multiple sounds signals before the starting sequence of a race, may give oral instructions on the water. Code Flag "L" will not be displayed. The Race Committee will also attempt to indicate any changes to the Sailing Instructions on a white board posted on the main signal boat.
- 5.3 Marks will be orange tetrahedrons, change marks will be yellow tetrahedrons, starting/finishing pin will be a green tetrahedron

- 5.4 The course diagram in Addendum 1 shows the course, and the order and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course is windward-leeward once around, and it includes an offset mark at the windward mark as well as gate at the leeward mark.
- 5.5 The starting and finishing marks are not marks of the course except when starting or finishing.
- 5.6 The line/obstruction formed by the start/finish mark and the race committee boat is closed to all boats not starting or finishing.

## **6.0 START & FINISH**

- 6.1 Races will be started using 3 minute whistle or horn starts in accordance with RRS Appendix U. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of green tetrahedron.
- 6.2 Individual recalls will be signaled by verbal hail. The Race Committee intends to hail boats over early (OCS). Failure of a boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail, failure to hail any boat and the order of boats in the hail will not be grounds for redress. (Modifies RRS 62.1).
- 6.3 Per ISSA Procedural Rule 7.9(c), the “round an end” provisions of RRS 30.1 will apply for a start following a general recall. Code flag “I” need not be displayed.
- 6.4 A boat starting more than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without hearing. (Modifies RRS A5).
- 6.5 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of an adjacent mark.

## **7.0 ABANDON & RETIRE**

- 7.1 If a boat is delaying the completion of a race, the Race Committee may, at its sole discretion, terminate the race for that boat and score her with points equal to her finish in that race. After being informed that the boat is being “scored in place,” the boat shall immediately either: (a) return to the starting area, or as directed by the R/C. (Modifies RRS A5.)
- 7.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area, or if that is not possible, immediately after arriving ashore.

## **8.0 PROTESTS, SCORING REVIEWS, REDRESS REQUESTS, AND PENALTIES**

- 8.1 General Protest forms will be available at the on the Official Notice Board. Completed protest and request for redress forms shall be delivered back to the Official Notice Board within the appropriate time limit.
- 8.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks after the last race of the day. The protest time limit (filing deadline) will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as practical.
- 8.3 The protest notices required by rule 63.2, and the notification of protests by the race committee or the protest committee required by rule 61.1(b), will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.

- 8.4 Hearings will be held under FYC soon as practical. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall remain in the vicinity of the the Gazebo until their hearing is held.
- 8.5 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes the second sentence of rule 62.2.
- 8.6 ISSA Procedural Rule 15 also applies to serious collisions with any race committee vessel and may result in exclusion of a competitor from the remainder of the regatta if reasonable care is not taken around volunteer race committee boats.
- 8.7 A one turn penalty will apply as an alternate penalty for violations of a rule of Part 2. (Modifies RRS 44.1)
- 8.8 A two-turn penalty will apply as an alternate penalty for contact with an anchored Race Committee Boat. In addition, the Race Committee Signal Boat may extend one or more inflatable offset marks that shall be considered part of the starting mark for this rule. This changes RRS 31 and 44.1.

## **9.0 BREAKDOWNS**

- 9.1 Breakdown points will be administered using the principles outlined in ISSA Procedural Rule 9(e). Redress requests seeking breakdown points shall be filed in the same manner as protests. Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA Procedural Rule Appendix 3.
- 9.2 If a boat breaks down in a race and cannot be repaired or replaced in time for the subsequent race(s), the school(s) assigned to that boat shall be awarded BYE(s) for the race(s).

## **10.0 SCORING**

- 10.1 Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 9. All races will be scored; there will be no throw-outs.
- 10.2 A minimum of two races must be sailed in both A and B fleets to qualify to constitute a series.

## **11.0 COACHING**

- 11.1 Coaching will be in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 8.
- 11.2 When Race Committee is on the water, coaches shall not contact any member of Race Committee unless it is regarding safety or scheduling. Any contact outside of this, when on the water, is grounds for team penalty up to disqualification at the Race Committee's discretion without contest and is not grounds for redress.

## **12.0 OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- 12.1 USCG-approved PFDs shall be worn at all times while on the water except while actively adding or removing clothing (Modifies RRS 40).
- 12.2 No contestant shall either on or off the water use or possess any alcoholic beverages or *any* controlled substance. No contestant shall use foul language. Notice is drawn to the current SAISA Supplemental Rules.

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

**Addendum 1:**

