

Sailing Instructions

2012 SPRING REGATTA

GULFPORT YACHT CLUB

April 28-29, 2012

RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of each catamaran class as applied to that boat and these sailing instructions. Rule 44.1, is changed to ONE-turn penalty for Part 2 infractions.

ENTRIES and ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1 Separate starts for any class with 5 or more boats; any other higher performance multihull with a current US SAILING Portsmouth number who registers may enter and will start together. Anticipated classes include A-class, F16/F18 and Hobie.

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 skippers meeting on the day they take effect, whichever is later. Changes to the schedule of races will be posted prior to 2000 on the day before they take effect.
- 4.2 Changes announced at the skippers meeting will be posted on the official notice board and become effective immediately

5 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 in the RRS.

SCHEDULE OF RACES:

- 6.1 One race shall constitute a regatta. After five races there is a throwout.
- 6.2 The schedule of races will be as follows:

Saturday, April 28	1000	Competitor's meeting
	1100	First race, others to follow
Sunday, April 29	1000	First race, none started after 1400

RACING AREA:

- 7.1 The racing area will be on Boca Ciega Bay

THE COURSES:

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

MARKS:

- 9.1 Marks will be described at the Competitor's Meeting.
- 9.2 A small floating buoy may be tied close behind the signal vessel at the start. 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 on a beam reach.

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 after a delay in racing and prior to a new sequence or next signal as required by the RRS.
- 10.3 Prior to the start of the first race of each day, competitors shall sail by the stern of the 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 an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and an inflatable mark at the pin end.
- 10.5 Failure of the race committee to hail OCS boats shall **not** be grounds for redress.

11. 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 an orange flag on the race committee boat and a nearby mark placed on the starboard side of the RC 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 rule 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.
- 14.3 Protests shall be written on forms available at the official notice board. Protests will be heard in approximately the order they were received in an area to be designated on the official notice board.
- 14.4 Protests must be filed during the period beginning with the docking of the race committee and ending 30 minutes later.

SCORING:

- 15.1 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 D-PN Portsmouth number.
- 15.2 If five or more races are completed, the worst score for one race for each boat will be discarded.

16 **PRIZES:**

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class with 5 or more registered entrants by Friday, April 20.