

# 53th Annual Dauphin Island Race

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. RULES

1.1 This race will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, the current prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association, Individual Class Regulations and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, these Sailing Instructions will govern.

1.2 All boats must be sixteen (16) feet or longer by design to enter and participate. All boats entered must have proper identification on sails in accordance with Racing Rule 77.

1.3 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Lake Forest Yacht Club, Inc., before 1800 CDT on April 16, 2011. No entries will be accepted after 1800 CDT on April 27, 2011. Only boats declared eligible by the Dauphin Island Race Registration Committee will be allowed to participate.

1.4 All boats must comply with the U. S. Coast Guard and the State of Alabama Marine Regulations regarding lifesaving and safety equipment.

1.5 All participants shall abide by the Navigational Rules International/Inland (COMDTUNSTM16672.21), "a vessel of less than 20 meters in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway." Any boat which impedes commercial shipping shall be subject to disqualification.

1.6 Division I, Division II and Division III boats must display their designated Dauphin Island Race number as prescribed in the Dauphin Island Race number instructions. Failure to do so may be grounds for disqualification.

1.7 Boats sailing in a non-spinnaker class may only race with one headsail tacked at the usual tack point. Staysails are permitted if tacked no closer than 1/3 J behind the jib tack point. Cutter rigs, rated as such, may set staysails at the tack point provided by the vessels manufacturer or designer.

1.8 Race distance will be computed by the Race Committee and shall not be subject to protest.

1.9 Attendance at the Skipper's Meeting is not required, but highly recommended.

### 2. OFFICIAL FLEETS AND CLASSES

2.1 It is the skipper/owner's responsibility to ensure that all information provided on the entry form is complete and accu-

rate, as this data will be used to determine rating, fleet and class.

2.2 One-design classes will be comprised of five (5) or more boats. Classes with fewer than five entries will race in the handicap class or fleet designated by the Registration Committee.

2.3 Yachts sailing PHRF must possess a valid GYA PHRF rating certificate. The Registration Committee reserves the right to examine this certificate. PHRF classes will be determined by the Registration based on the current rating certificate and other data required to complete registration.

2.4 The Portsmouth 2010 Yardstick will be used to determine the Portsmouth classes by the Registration Committee. The rating is based on information provided on the registration form. Portsmouth ratings will be D-PN numbers with no wind factor allowances. Boats sailing Portsmouth shall conform to their class rules and shall declare all genoas in excess of 155%. Boats equipped with such genoas will be assigned a rating equal to their D-PN number times 0.993. A boat normally equipped with a spinnaker entered as non-spinnaker shall be assigned a rating equal to her D-PN number times 1.010. Boats not listed in the Yardstick shall be assigned a D-PN number which is not subject to protest.

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Official notices will be posted on the notice board at the Lake Forest Yacht Club. Such notices, when posted, shall be considered as having been delivered to each contestant. Responsibility for noting information posted rests solely on the participants.

3.2 When a notice to contestants has been posted, code flag "L" will be displayed from the Lake Forest Yacht Club flagpole.

3.3 Signals made ashore prior to the start of the race will be displayed from the Lake Forest Yacht Club flagpole.

**Division I  
PHRF Fleet (Green)**

**Division II  
Portsmouth Fleet (Red)**

**One design, Multihull, and  
Smaller Boats Fleet (Blue)**

Signals made ashore after the start shall be made from a pole at the Jaycee Rodeo Headquarters site on Dauphin Island.

3.4 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions shall be posted no later than 1800 CDT the day before it will take effect.

3.5 No oral instructions will be given from any Race Committee boats.

## 4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 Starting times will be approximately as follows:

4.2 0930 Division I PHRF (Green)

4.3 0945 Division II Portsmouth (Red)

4.4 1000 Division III One Design. Multihulls, smaller boats (blue)

4.5 In the event of a general recall or postponement, all succeeding starts shall be moved back accordingly.

## 5. RACE COURSE

5.1 The map included in the race brochure reflects the general area of the race course.

5.2 North of Middle Bay Light, all yachts must stay to the east of the eastern ship channel markers.

5.3 South of Mobile Ship Channel Marker #37, all yachts must stay west of the western ship channel markers.

5.4 Boats are only allowed to cross the Mobile Ship Channel between Middle Bay Light and Mobile Ship Channel Marker #37.

5.5 Participating boats must give way to commercial traffic while in the vicinity of the Mobile Ship Channel (See rule 1.5).

## 6. THE START

6.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on two (2) race committee boats, located approximately 3.3NM northeast of Mobile Ship Channel Marker #64 (30 33.7'N, 87 58.9'W). The Race Committee will make every attempt to coordinate starting signals on both ends of the line, but if differences occur, those made by the Committee Boat on the line's starboard end shall govern. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signals shall be disregarded and shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

### WARNING SIGNAL

Five minutes before the start signal, the Division flag will be displayed with one sound signal.

### PREPARATORY SIGNAL

Four minutes before the starting signal, flag "P" will be displayed with one sound.

### ONE MINUTE

One minute before the start, the preparatory signal will be removed with one long sound.

### STARTING SIGNAL

At the start, the Division flag will be removed with one sound.

6.4 The "I" flag rule will be in effect for all starts. RRS 30.1: If "I" flag has been displayed before, with, or as a boat's preparatory signal, and any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or its extensions during the minute before her starting signal, she shall sail to the prestart side of the line around either end before starting.

## 7. RECALLS AND RESTARTS

7.1 Individual and General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Racing Rule 29.

7.2 It is the sole responsibility of each boat to make a proper and timely start. Boat failing to do so will be scored as "Did Not Start" (DNS).

7.3 When a general recall has been signaled, the start(s) for succeeding Division(s) will be postponed accordingly.

## 8. CHASE BOATS

8.1 Chase boats are identified with official State of Alabama flags and are considered to be extensions of the Race Committee. They may assess penalties accordingly.

## 9. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 68.

9.2 No boat shall make radio contact with any other boat except the Race Committee, or except in case of emergency.

## 11. RETIRING AND DISQUALIFICATION

11.1 Any boat retiring or withdrawing from the race shall notify the Race Committee via channel 68 or LFYCI as soon as possible. The boat shall report the vessel's name, DI race number, sail number, and the person's name giving the report.

11.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor whose conduct during the Regatta is a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship.

## 12. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES RRS PART 2

12.1 The 7200 Turns Penalty (RRS44.1 and 44.2) shall apply.

## 13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finish area will be located approximately 1/4 NM northeast of Intercostal Waterway Marker #8 near the Dauphin Island Bridge. There will be two (2) finish lines.

13.2 The finish line for Division I will be between a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an orange tetrahedron.

13.3 The finish line for Division II and Division III will be between a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a yellow tetrahedron.

13.4 Special attention should be given to the Dauphin Island Race Number Instructions to ensure proper identification of finishers.

13.5 It is each Skipper's responsibility to ensure proper identification of his/her boat to the Race Committee at the finish.

13.6 Boats finishing on the wrong side of the Committee Finish Boat will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF).

## 14. SCORING

14.1 Scoring will be done according to the appropriate rating system for each Division.

## 15. TIME LIMIT

15.1 The race will officially end at 1700 CDT except in the case of a significant postponement of the start. In that case, the time limit will be extended accordingly in 1/2 hour increments.

No boats will be finished after the time limit is reached; boats that have not finished within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

## 16. PROTESTS

16.1 All protests will be made in accordance with RRS Part 5. A proper protest fag for this event shall be a code flag "B" or a red rectangular fag of sufficient size that is flown in such a manner as to be visible to nearby boats and/or the Race Committee as notification of intent to protest. All boats, regardless of LOA, shall fly a protest fag when intending to protest. RRS 61.1 and RRS 61.2 do not apply and this changes RRS 61.

16.2 A boat that intends to protest must so inform the Race Committee when it finishes or, if it does not finish, must inform the Race Committee or LFYC of intent to protest when it provides notification of retiring or withdrawing.

16.3. Protests shall be written on current US SAILING protest forms. Forms will be available at the protest station located at the Jaycee's Rodeo Headquarters.

16.4 Protests must be filed within two (2) hours of the time limit expiration (i.e., no later than 1900 if the time limit is not extended beyond 1700).

16.5 Only protests that affect winning positions will be heard on the day of the race. All others will be heard the following day, Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 1200 at Lake Forest yacht club. Call 251-621-9214 to arrange a hearing time. This changes RRS 63.2.

16.6 Any protest involving questions of compliance with individual class regulations must be accompanied with a true and correct copy of such individual class regulations. Failure to comply will result in denial of the protest.



