



# The 53rd ANNUAL SAN CARLOS FALL REGATTA

October 27-29, 2023

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (Updated 08.27.2023)

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the applicable 'Rules' as defined in The *Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*.

### 2 COMPETITORS MEETING & NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Competitors meeting will take place at HammerHeads outdoor patio, Marina San Carlos, on Saturday morning. Refer to NOR for schedule information.
- 2.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, displayed at the following locations
  - 2.2.1 Board will be displayed at Marina San Carlos, Dock 'D', Friday afternoon during the dock party and will be displayed there for the remainder of the event.
- 2.3 The Race Officer will be available via cell phone or text any (reasonable) time outside of race activities to answer questions or clarify these Sailing Instructions.
  - 2.3.1 The Race Officer is Brian Dolan – US Cell # 520-850-2876

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 9:00am on Saturday May 28 and will be announced via radio to all Competitors prior to the start of the Sequence.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Any signals made ashore will be displayed on the Signal Boat when it is at dock.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 28-29, 2023.
- 5.2 There will be one race per day.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the first shape is 10:45 am for both days of racing, wind permitting.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING ORDER**

- 6.1 Class flags and starting order will be posted on the Official Notice Board, and will be announced in the pre-race radio communication with the Competitors. Fleet Ribbon and Class Flag colors as follows –
  - 6.1.1 **Spinnaker (Lime Green Ribbon) and PHRF Low (Red Ribbon) = LIME GREEN CLASS FLAG.**
  - 6.1.2 **PHRF High (Pink Ribbon) and Cruising (Blue Ribbon) = PINK CLASS FLAG**
  - 6.1.3 **Multihull (no Ribbon) = TURQUOISE CLASS FLAG.**
- 6.2 Fleet Ribbons shall be flown from the backstay, no lower than the boom, or flown from the boom itself. If this is not possible, Ribbons shall be flown from the starboard shroud. Ribbons shall be attached such that the longest possible ribbon is displayed, to ease identification for Competitors and the Race Committee.
- 6.3 The split between the PHRF High and PHRF Low will be determined based on the number preregistered competitors.

## **7 RACING AREA**

- 7.1 Racing will take place in Bahia San Francisco.

## **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 A TSC Course Chart is included as part of this document.
- 8.2 Class Courses will be shown on the Official Notice Board, reiterated at the Competitors Meeting, and will be announced over the radio prior to the first sequence on both days of racing. Courses will NOT be displayed from the Signal Boat.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks will be Orange Tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 The Pin end of the starting and finishing line will be an Orange Cylinder. The boat end of the starting line and finishing line will be defined by an Orange flag flying from the tallest point on the Signal Boat.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between the Pin and the Signal Boat, as described in instruction 9.2. (Pass Signal Boat to Starboard). The starting line will be generally set square to the direction of the first mark.
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid and not interfere with other boats during their respective starting sequence.
- 10.3 The Race Committee will make efforts to identify and hail over-early OCS (On Course Side) competitors over the radio, in addition to *Rules* required sound-and-visual signals. This is a courtesy only - Competitors are responsible for returning to the start line and re-starting when they are OCS in accordance with RRS 29.1.

## **11 THE FINISH**

- 11.1 The finishing line shall be between the pin and the Signal Boat, as described in instruction 9.2. (Pass Signal Boat to Port). The finishing line will generally be set square from the direction of the last mark.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

## **13 TIME LIMIT, SHORTENED COURSE, RETIRING**

- 13.1 If no boat has passed the first mark within 45 minutes of her start, the race shall be abandoned.
- 13.2 Any boat that has not finished the course by 4:30 pm will be scored as DNF (Did Not Finish).
- 13.3 The Race Committee may elect to shorten the course at a mark if conditions warrant and will advise competitors accordingly via radio.
- 13.4 Because this is a timed event competitors cannot be finished on the water. Competitors can only elect to finish the race course (or shortened course) or retire from the race. If they elect to retire from the race they shall notify the Race Committee via radio at the earliest opportunity.

## **14 PROTESTS**

- 14.1 There will be no protest committee for this event. All conflicts will be expected to be handled on the water in a Corinthian and sportsmanship-like manner.

## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 Trophies will be awarded based on the lowest combined corrected time over the two days of racing.
- 15.3 PHRF Monohulls shall be handicapped using the Mean Reported Base Handicap Value as published in the US PHRF Low, High and Average Performance Handicaps document dated Sept. 2011. (Document link on the Event Page),
- 15.4 Portsmouth Multihulls shall be handicapped using US Sailing North American Portsmouth Yardstick Handbook, without Wind Correction. (Document link on the Event Page),
- 15.5 Boats must have a legible sail number.
- 15.6 Results will be posted on the Tucson Sailing Club website at the earliest opportunity.

## **16 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

- 16.1 All vessels shall read and follow the 'Competitors On-The-Water Safety Protocol' and 'Emergency Action Plan' document that are included as Appendices 'A' and 'B' in this document. This includes the requirement for a functional motor on all monohull boats.
- 16.2 Boats shall check in by hailing their boat name and/or sail numbers to the RC signal boat before the start of the race each day.

16.3 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **17 RADIO and ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

17.1 A functioning on board VHF radio is required for all boats in this event. Radios shall be turned on and continuously monitored for the duration of the racing day.

17.2 The Regatta will use **Channel 72 as the dedicated channel for race communication.**

17.3 **Channel 16 is to be used for hailing and emergency use ONLY.** Further information on emergency communication is in the 'Emergency Action Plan', included as Appendix 'B' in this document.

17.4 A vessel shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions or other electronic communication that is not available to all competitors.

17.5 Please practice proper radio etiquette whenever communicating on the radio.

## **18 TRASH DISPOSAL**

18.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Boats are expected to manage and contain their own trash.

## **19 AWARDS**

19.1 Awards will be distributed outdoors. The number of trophies in each class will be based on the number of pre-registered boats.

## **20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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

## **21 SPECIAL NOTE**

21.1 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from the safety chase boat will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.* The race committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

### **Appendices:**

Appendix 'A' – Competitor's On-The-Water Safety Protocol

Appendix 'B' – Emergency Action Plan

Appendix 'C' – Course Descriptions

Appendix 'D' – GPS Coordinates

Appendix 'E' – Course Chart