

BUCCANEER YACHT CLUB



Middle Bay Light Regatta ***September 17, 2016*** ***SAILING INSTRUCTIONS***

PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker & PORTSMOUTH CRUISING CLASSES

1.0 RULES

1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (2013-2016) the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the Notice of Race, except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 This event is classified as a Category A event in accordance with Rule 79, Event Classification, advertising, and Appendix G, except as to personal clothing.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the downstairs Race Committee Bulletin Board adjacent to the elevator.

3.0 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTION

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Buccaneer Yacht Club flagpole and on the Buccaneer website (www.bucyc.com) if possible.

4.2 Code Flag "AP" (Answering Pennant), with two sound signals when hoisted, means, "The race is postponed". The time of the Warning Signal will be posted before the lowering of the "AP" with one sound signal. The warning signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after the lowering of "AP".

5.0 RACE SCHEDULE

The warning gun for PHRF, PHRF Non-Spinnaker and Portsmouth Cruising will be at 10:55 and signaled by the Class Flag (Buccaneer Burgee).

6.0 START

The race will be started in accordance with Racing Rule 26. The starting line will be between the staff of an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the adjacent floating mark. There will be one start for all classes.

7.0 RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Racing Rule 29. The Race Committee will also attempt to hail the yacht's sail number. It is the responsibility of the skipper to know if his or her yacht is being recalled and has started correctly.

8.0 ABANDONING, CANCELING, OR SHORTENING A RACE

The Race Committee may act in accordance with Racing Rule 32 altered to additionally provide that the Race Committee may abandon or shorten a race in progress when a change in the weather conditions has, in its judgment, made the race an unsatisfactory test of skill.

9.0 THE FINISH

9.1 PHRF and Portsmouth Cruising: The Finish Line will be between the staff of an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the adjacent mark.

9.2 If the Committee Boat is not on station at the finish, it will be the responsibility of the participating yacht to take her own time. The official time will be per GPS.

9.3 The time limit for completion of the race is 6 hours. Any yacht not finishing within that time will be scored DNF.

10.0 RETIREMENT

A boat that retires from a race shall notify a Race Committee Boat before leaving the race area. If that is not possible, a regatta official shall be notified at the first reasonable opportunity after reaching shore. Buccaneer Yacht Club phone number is (251) 479-8190. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 68. The Race Committee may also be reached on cell phone numbers posted on the RC Bulletin Board.

11.0 PROTESTS

11.1 Racing Rule 61 is modified in that a yacht that knows that she will file a protest shall notify the finish line boat of her intent to protest and the sail number of the protested yacht as soon as possible after she finishes.

11.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Buccaneer Yacht Club and filed at the same location with a representative of the Race Committee within one hour after the Race committee boat docks for the day.

11.3 Within thirty minutes after the expiration of the time for filing protests, the Protest Committee will post a notice listing the protests received and the schedule of hearing. Such posting shall constitute notice under Rule 63.2. The Protest Committee will hear protests in the approximate, order received. Parties to protests and witnesses shall remain available at Buccaneer Yacht Club.

12.0 COURSES

12.1 PHRF and Portsmouth Cruising: Either Course A, B, C, D, or E, as Designated below. The course to be sailed will be determined on the water and displayed from the Race Committee Boat. PHRF and Portsmouth will sail the same course.

12.2 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. Participants may cross ship channels if not impeding commercial shipping but should not race in the ship channels.

Courses

A. Course

START: *Between Orange Floating Mark in the vicinity of Dog River #5 to Port and staff of orange flag on RC boat.*

Mobile Ship Channel #59 to Starboard

Middle Bay Light to Starboard

Theodore #10 to Starboard

FINISH: *Between Orange Floating Mark in the vicinity of Dog River #5 and the staff of orange flag on RC boat*

16.12 Nautical Miles

B. Course

START: Between Orange Floating Mark in the vicinity of Dog River #5 to Port and staff of orange flag on RC boat.

Orange Floating Mark to Weather of Starting line to Starboard

Mobile Ship Channel #59 to Starboard

Middle Bay Light to Starboard

Theodore #10 to Starboard

FINISH: Between Orange Floating Mark in the vicinity of Dog River #5 and the staff of the orange flag on the RC boat

Nautical Miles to be determined

C. Course

START: Between Orange Floating Mark in the vicinity of Dog River #5 to Port and staff of orange flag on RC Boat

Theodore #10 to Port

Middle Bay Light to Port

Mobile Ship Channel #59 to Port

FINISH: Between Orange Floating Mark in the vicinity of Dog River #5 and staff of orange flag on RC Boat

16.12 Nautical Miles

D. Course

START: Between Orange Floating Mark in the vicinity of Dog River #5 to Port

And Orange Flag on RC boat

Orange Mark to Weather of the Starting Line to Port

Theodore #10 to Port

Middle Bay Light to Port

Mobile Ship Channel #59 to Port

FINISH: Between Orange Floating Mark in the vicinity of Dog River #5 and staff of orange flag on the RC boat.

Nautical Miles to be determined

E. Course

START: Between Orange Floating Mark in the vicinity of Dog River #5 to Port and staff of orange flag on the RC boat.

Orange Floating Mark to Weather of Starting line to Port

Mobile Ship Channel #59 to Starboard

Middle Bay Light to Starboard

Theodore #10 to Starboard

FINISH: Between orange Floating Mark in the vicinity of Dog River #5 and staff of orange flag on RC boat

Nautical Miles to be determined