

Buccaneer Yacht Club
Sailing Instructions – 2023 Fast Friday Races

SECTION 1. RACING RULES

- A. All races shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. Any amendments to these Sailing Instructions or Special Written Instructions will be approved by the race committee and posted on the official Regatta Notice Board on the race website, hosted on the Regatta Network.
 - a. [Fast Friday Series : BUCYC \(regattanetwork.com\)](https://www.regattanetwork.com) or
 - b. [HTTPS://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26644](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26644)
- B. STARTING SIGNALS: All races will be started in accordance with rule 26 with five (5) minute intervals unless changed by the NOR. For the first class: Class flag – Warning; P flag - Preparatory; Class flag remove - Start. The warning signal for each succeeding class will be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class if a postponement is signaled, a new warning signal will be made for the class postponed and all following classes.
 - a. The Warning signal will be at 1755 hours, with the first start at 1800 hours. The Starting Order will be displayed on the Race Committee boat prior to the start of the first race.
- C. START FINISH LINE: The start - finish line will be between the base of staff displaying orange flags. When a split start- finish line is used, the start line will be on the port side of the RC vessel and the finish line on the starboard. The start-finish line is not restricted.
- D. HAILING THE RACE COMMITTEE: After the first warning signal and until the race has been concluded, there shall be no communication between yachts racing and the Race Committee except as provided for in the racing rules or pertaining to safety.
- E. SUNSET RULE: If no yacht of the class has finished by sunset, the race will be abandoned for that class unless changed by the supplemental sailing instructions, (SSI) or NOR.
- F. TIME LIMIT: Boats failing to finish within THIRTY (30) minutes plus their handicap correction after the first boat of the class finishes may be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.
- G. DANGEROUS SITUATIONS: Boats that hamper ocean going commercial or naval vessels, causing a dangerous situation while racing shall be subject to protest. All boats shall also stay clear of designated restricted dangerous construction areas, dredging, or other hazards and shall comply with the restrictions placed on the use of any navigable water by local governments and the US Coast Guard. Such a protest may be made by the race committee or another yacht.
- H. CHECKING IN: Each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC on starboard tack and check in and be acknowledged prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day for the first class or she shall be scored as DNC.
- I. BOATS RETIRING: A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the race area when possible, or shall contact the Buccaneer Yacht Club race chair in charge within 1/2 hour after returning to shore. Failure to comply with this Sailing Instruction

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may result in a DSQ for the race or entire regatta as determined by the protest committee. The Race Committee will attempt to monitor and communicate on channel 69.

SECTION 2. CLASS RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. The rules and regulations of one design and handicap classes must be kept on file by the race committee in advance of the regatta. Each vote shall conform to such rules in order to race, but it is the obligation of each fleet to observe and enforce its own regulations.
- B. No special agreements among boats, change of sail numbers, duplication or lack of sail numbers, shall be recognized unless accepted in advance by the RC.

SECTION 3: ALTERNATE PENALTIES: Appendix V, V1 shall apply

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns penalty.'

SECTION 4: PROTEST

Protest shall comply with rule 61. The protesting boat shall identify the protested boat to the RC and be acknowledged before leaving the race area. Protests are to be on forms provided by Race Committee and filed with the race committee no later than one hour after the race committee returns to the dock.

SECTION 5; SCORING

- A. Series scoring shall be the low point system as stated in rules 90.3 and appendix A, except that there will be no throw outs unless stated in advance. Ties shall be resolved by using rule A8.
- B. Scoring Letter Penalties per RRS A4.2 shall be revised as follows:
DNC, DSQ: Shall be scored = #Starters +1; all other letter penalties normally scored as Competitors +1 shall be scored #Starters +1.

SECTION 6. HANDICAPPING

Handicapping shall be as described in the NOR or per class rules.

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