

# Point Yacht Club

## Lost Bay Regatta

### Conditions & Sailing Instructions

#### 1.0 SITE

On shore at The Point Yacht Club, 6606 Co Rd 95, Josephine, AL, sailing on Perdido Bay.

#### 2.0 RULES

The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the Notice of Race, and these Conditions and Sailing Instructions unless otherwise altered or amended herein. In the event of any conflict the Sailing Instructions will govern. The Regatta is designated Category A under Advertising Code, ISAF Regulation 20.

#### 3.0 ENTRIES

3.1 Eligible boats shall have a valid PHRF Certificate issued by the GYA-PHRF Rating Committee for PHRF Class entry. Boats without a valid PHRF Certificate may be assigned a provisional rating by the Race Committee which is not subject to protest or appeal. This modifies RRS Rule 75 and 78.

#### 4.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Yacht Club.

#### 5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the Point Yacht Club. Code flag "AP" Answering Pennant, with two sound signals, means: "The race is postponed. Do not leave the harbor area". The time of the warning signal for the first start will be posted on the Official Notice Board before the lowering of the "AP", which will be accompanied by one sound signal.

#### 6.0 CLASS PENNANTS

Class ribbons will be made available at the skipper's meeting and must be flown from a visible position on the backstay on all boats from the time of the first warning signal until the boat is no longer racing. Boats with no backstay shall fly the ribbon from a visible position at the stern. Failure to display the ribbon will result in disqualification.

#### 7.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Race Committee may alter, delete or add any item in the Notice of Race, these Conditions and Sailing Instructions, as prescribed by RRS Rule 86 and 88.2. At the discretion of the race committee, oral instructions may be given on the water via VHF Channel 68. Any written change to the Conditions and Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the end of the Skipper's Meeting.

#### 8.0 SAFETY

8.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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 or prior to, during or after the regatta.

8.2 It is the responsibility of the skipper and crew to determine whether PFDs will be worn. The Point Yacht Club does not assume this responsibility, and no signals governing the wearing of life jackets, or other such devices, will be made.

8.3 Prior to the first warning signal, every boat shall check in by passing astern of the Race Committee Signal Boat on starboard tack by hailing and displaying her sail number.

8.4 Any boat abandoning the race shall immediately notify the Race Committee via VHF radio, channel 68 or, if that is not possible, notify a Race Committee member immediately upon arriving ashore.

8.5 Crew limits recommended on each boat's GYA PHRF certificate are invoked for each boat sailing in PHRF classes.

#### 9.0 COURSE

The course will be communicated by either a Notice to Competitors, or by oral and/or visual instructions by the Race Committee no later than the warning signal for the first class to be started.

#### 10.0 DISTANCE

The course distance will be 6 to 14 miles with the actual distance determined by the Race Committee after placement of the marks and will not be subject to protest.

#### 11.0 MARKS OF THE COURSE

Marks will be temporary orange tetrahedrons, except a new mark or course change mark shall be yellow.

## **12.0 THE START**

12.1 The starting sequence will be as described in the RRS Rule 26. Class groups will start in this order (1) A,B (2) C,D (3) E,F. Further instructions will be provided at the skippers' meeting.

12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby temporary mark.

12.3 Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.

12.4 A yacht failing to start no later than 10 minutes after the start signaled for her class shall be scored DNS (Did Not Start).

## **13.0 RECALLS**

Individual and General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with the RRS Rules 29.1 and 29.2. In addition the Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of individual yachts to be recalled both on VHF channel 68 and orally. Failure of the Race Committee to hail, inability to hear the hail, or the order of yachts hailed will not be grounds for redress.

## **14.0 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

There will be no change of course for the non-spinnaker division. The race committee may choose to change the windward mark for the seventh leg only for the spinnaker division with a new yellow mark.

## **15.0 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the nearby temporary mark.

## **16.0 TIME LIMIT**

Boats failing to finish by 5:00 pm will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **17.0 PENALTY SYSTEMS**

RRS Rule 44.1 and 44.2 will apply (two turns).

## **18.0 PROTESTS**

RRS 61.1A is amended to include the following: A boat intending to protest shall display a red flag, come within hail of the race committee boat at the finish or at first opportunity and hail "protest". If a boat is disabled and unable to come within hail, the boat shall inform the race committee by radio at first opportunity or in person within the time limit. Protests shall be written on USSA forms available at the race office/registration desk and delivered there no later than one (1) hour after the Race Committee docks. The Race Committee will appoint an arbitration Judge. All protests will first be

reviewed by the Judge with both parties present. Should one of the parties prefer a protest committee hearing instead of arbitration, the arbitration hearing will not be conducted, and the protest will be referred to the protest committee.

## **19.0 SCORING**

Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, except that there shall be no throw-out. This changes RRS A2. One race is scheduled.

## **20.0 COMMUNICATIONS**

20.1 The Race committee may not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirements, protests, penalties reports, or requests for emergency assistance. The Race Committee will use the following VHF Channel for communication: Channel 68.

20.2 Race Committee broadcasts concerning its intentions; the course to be sailed, starting times; course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make broadcast, the timing of the broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under RRS62.1 (a).

## **21.0 PRIZES**

21.1 Mono-hull boats: Trophies will be awarded to each boat placing first, second and third in each Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker class and first in each fleet. Also the Paul Schreck Perpetual Trophy and the Paul Mueller Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to first in fleet for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker respectively.

21.2 Multi-hull boats: Trophies will be awarded based on the number of entries. Multi-hull boats are not eligible for perpetual trophies.

## **22.0 NON-SPINNAKER CLASSES**

22.1 HEADSAILS: A single headsail of the maximum size used for PHRF Rating, or smaller, may be carried and shall be tacked at the usual tack point with its luff attached to the forestay by the means provided by the sail maker.

22.2 WHISKER POLES: Whisker poles shall not exceed 160% of the "J" dimension shown on the vessel's GYA-PHRF Certificate.

22.3 THE FOLLOWING SHALL NOT BE FLOWN: Spinnaker, Pole less Spinnaker, Blooper, Gennaker.

22.4 STAYSAIL: Staysails may be flown only as provided in cutter rigs, yawl and ketch rigs.

22.5 CUTTER RIGS: Cutter rigs rated as such by the GYA-PHRF Rating Committee shall set staysails to the tack point provided by the vessel's manufacturer.

22.6 YAWL AND KETCH RIGS: Yawl and ketch rigs may fly mizzen staysails.

