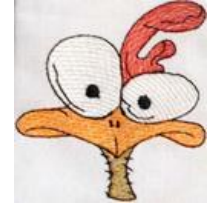


# 2024 Miller Fluster Cup

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Fleet 5 Competitive Sailing Club

3610 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, TX 77571



### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The notation [NP] in a rule in the NOR or SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking the rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the official noticeboard at: [regattanetwork.com/event/28168#\\_newsroom](https://regattanetwork.com/event/28168#_newsroom).

#### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1055 hrs. on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made “ashore” will be displayed on the water, from the mast of Trick Bag, Bow # 23.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed “ashore”, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 There is one race scheduled.
- 5.2 The competitors’ briefing is scheduled at 1055 hrs., at the HYC Beachcomber on the day of the race.
- 5.3 The **warning signal** for this race is scheduled at **1155 hrs.**
- 5.4 All classes shall start together at the signal.
- 5.5 In case of postponement, no warning signal will be made after **1605 hrs.** (4 hrs. prior to sunset).

#### 6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag for all classes shall be the Anarchy (organized chaos) class flag on a black field.



#### 7. THE COURSE

- 7.1 The course is described in the attached addendum, “Fluster Course”.
- 7.2 All marks are to be left on port, except for 2s which is to be left on starboard.
- 7.3 Each of three (3) different laps are required to complete the course.
- 7.4 The laps can be completed in any order, (the “conundrum” element).
- 7.5 A lap is defined as sailing from 2s/2p, rounding one of the other marks described below, and returning to 2s/2p.
- 7.6 2s/2p must be rounded at the end of each lap.
- 7.7 Each mark, F, J, and H must be rounded once to complete the course.
- 7.8 Prior to rounding marks 2s/2p and prior to finishing, a boat must rotate each crew position, including the helm, (the “organized chaos” element).
- 7.9 A boat that sails the same lap twice shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

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## 8. MARKS

8.1 Mark designations and their coordinates are described in the following table:

Mark	Description	Coordinates	Bearing & Distance From 2s/2p
<b>2s/2p</b>	Floating shapes: Start/Finish (gates)	29.64049, -94.99044	n/a
<b>F</b>	Floating Flamingo	29.62600, -94.98116	154° 1.0 nm.
<b>J</b>	Judges Stand, Fixed mark	29.62279, -94.99545	190° 1.1 nm.
<b>H</b>	High Range, Fixed mark	29.62987, -94.97023	125° 1.2 nm.
	Total Course Length		6.6 nm

8.2 If a gate mark is missing, the remaining gate mark shall be rounded leaving the mark to port.

## 9. THE START

9.1 The race will be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. This changes RRS 26.

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual Signal</i>	<i>Sound Signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Smiley flag displayed	Two	Warning signal
1	Class flag displayed	One	Preparatory signal
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

9.2 The starting line shall be between two floating shapes, Marks 2s and 2p.

9.3 All boats shall be at anchor, outside of the course, prior to the starting signal.

9.4 All boats shall have all sails lowered to the deck prior to the starting signal, (the “fluster” element).

9.5 All crew shall be in the stern half of their boat and aft of the traveler prior to the starting signal.

## 10. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between Marks 2s and 2p.

## 12. TIME LIMITS

12.1 If no boat has finished prior to 2005 hrs., (actual sunset), the race shall be abandoned.

12.2 Boats failing to finish prior to 2005 hrs., (actual sunset), shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

## 13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Hearing request forms are available from Tim Johnson. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to Tim Johnson’s truck within the appropriate time limit.

13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished or the race committee signals no racing today, whichever is later.

13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

13.5 A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## 14. SCORING

Scoring is in accordance with RRS Appendix A.

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## 15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 [NP] A boat that retires early from racing, prior to the end of racing for the day, shall notify the other racers on the water, or, if that is not possible, by telephone to Tim Johnson.

## 16. FURTHER INFORMATION

Tim Johnson Principal Race Officer [tim.johnson.hyc@outlook.com](mailto:tim.johnson.hyc@outlook.com)  
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# Addendum: Fluster Course

