



Race for the Case
Hosted By:
Gulfport Yacht Club
May 26th, 2024

Sailing Instructions

RULES

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*
2. Any questions regarding these sailing instructions shall be submitted to the Sailing Office located the lower deck. Answers will be posted on the official notice board ASAP.
3. The Skippers Meeting will be at 11:30am the day of the race on the lower deck of GYC

CLASSES

1. PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, Multi-Hull, & Portsmouth will be sailed.
2. The Race Committee has the ultimate authority over what class a boat will be scored in.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the PCYC flagpole located on the south lawn.
2. Flag "AP" with two sounds (one sound when lowered) means "The race is postponed. The warning signal for the next race will be made not less than forty-five (45) minutes after 'AP' is lowered." This changes Race Signals AP.

THE START

1. The starting area will be south of PCYC.
2. The starting line will be between the orange flag on the PCYC Pier and an orange tetrahedron or orange ball set to the South.
3. Boats shall not start before their assigned start time. (see Start Time Sheet)
4. All boats shall check-in with the Race Committee before the start.
5. Individual recalls will be signaled with an "X" Flag.

THE COURSE

Start between orange flag on PCYC south pier and orange mark just to the south

1. Leave #2 of the Pass Christian East Channel to port
2. Leave #61 of the Gulfport Ship Channel to port
3. Honor all channel markers in the Gulfport small craft harbor
4. Finish between a blue flag on the GYC guest pier and the flag pole at the city fuel dock.

THE FINISH

1. The finish will be between the blue finish flag located at the GYC Guest Pier and the Flag Pole at the city fuel dock.
2. All boats must finish within 4.5 hours after its assigned starting time.

WITHDRAWING

A yacht which withdraws from the race or intends not to start shall inform the Race Committee or the Regatta Desk as soon as possible.

PROTESTS

1. All boats protesting during the race shall notify the competitor at time of incident, the race committee immediately upon finishing the race (or at the first reasonable opportunity).
2. The protesting yacht shall fly a protest flag off of the backstay if intending to protest. This changes the RRS.
3. Protests must be filled Race Committee within one hour of the protesting boat's finish time.
4. Hearings will be done in a "Three Minute Justice Format". Three judges will listen to each party for approximately one minute then, have a brief deliberation to decide outcome.

RESPONSIBILITY

1. It is each competitor's exclusive and individual responsibility to decide whether or not to race, continue racing, to wear life jackets when conditions warrant, and to otherwise provide for his crews safety.
2. All boats are required to carry all USCG required safety equipment.
3. Neither Gulfport Yacht Club nor its members accept responsibility for loss of life, injury to participants or others, or for loss or damage to any yacht participating in this regatta.

COMMUNICATION

1. The race committee will monitor VHF Channel 68.
2. GYC Waterfront Director, Robert Adams 251-656-6847