



**PCYC PHRF Regatta
&
GYA J/22 Championship
August 3rd-4th, 2024**



**Pass Christian Yacht Club
120 South Market St., Pass Christian, MS**

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the notice of race and the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located upstairs inside the Pass Christian Yacht Club (PCYC). At the end of each day of racing, the Race Committee (RC) shall post its docking time as well as any RC actions. Notices of protest hearings and requests for redress shall be posted here within 20 minutes of the expiration of protest time.
- 2.2 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions (SI's) shall be submitted in writing to the regatta desk located upstairs inside the Pass Christian Yacht Club (PCYC) no later than 90 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the first race of the day. Written answers shall be posted on the official notice board 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race of the day it will take effect.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs shall be posted 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race of the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the South side of PCYC.
- 4.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes.' This changes RRS race signals AP.

5 CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 J/22 – J/22 Class Flag
- 5.2 PHRF – GYA Flag
- 5.3 Optimist – Optimist Class Flag
- 5.4 Melges 15 – Green Flag

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The One Design Course will be South and East of the harbor.
- 6.2 The PHRF racing area will be in the Mississippi Sound South and East of PCYC.
- 6.3 Optimist course will be South and East of PCYC. Off the beach by the pool.

7 CHECK IN

Prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. Failure to do so may result in a 20% penalty in the first race. (DP) This modifies RRS A5.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the race courses for the One Design Course including the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 On Capdevielle Viper 640 Course, no later than the warning signal, the RC will display the course to be sailed and approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3 On PHRF Course, the course will be announced on VHF CH 68 prior to the Warning Signal and displayed onboard the RC boat.
- 8.4 The courses for PHRF will be in a separate handout available at the competitor's meeting.
- 8.5 The courses for the Optimist will be described at the competitor's meeting

9 MARKS

- 9.1 On Design Course- Mark 1 will be orange tetrahedron. Mark 1a (offset) will be an orange ball. Mark 2/Start Mark will be a green tetrahedron.
- 9.2 On Design Course- New marks on Courses W & L will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.3 On Design Course- The finish mark will be a small orange tetrahedron.
- 9.4 Marks for the PHRF will be designated in a separate handout.
- 9.5 Marks for the Optimist will be described at the competitor's meeting

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 On Design Course- The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the Start Mark (green tetrahedron).
- 10.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This modifies RRS 63.1, A4, and A5.
- 10.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC may broadcast her sail number on a VHF radio channel 68. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, the order of the hail, or the failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC shall lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 A new windward mark will not have an offset.
- 11.3 The Race Committee may adjust the windward mark + or – 10 degree without signaling a change.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 On Design Course- The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the nearby small orange tetrahedron off the starboard side.
- 12.2 The finish line for the PHRF will be between the flagpole on the and the red day beacon to the south and west of the PCYC pier.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V, 'Alternative Penalties,' both V1 and V2 shall apply. This changes RRS 44.1.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 One Design Course- The time limit for the first boat to reach the first weather mark is 30 minutes.
- 14.2 One Design Course- The time limit for the first boat to finish is 60 minutes.
- 14.3 One Design Course- Boats still racing and failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.4 For the PHRF Fleet the time limit will be 7 hours.

15 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protests forms shall be available at the regatta desk upstairs at PCYC. Protests, request for redress and request for reopening shall be delivered there within the posted protest time limit.

- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, in each fleet, or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The protest time limit shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3 Notices of protests and requests for redress shall be posted as soon as possible, but no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.4 Hearings will be held in the PCYC Board Room and will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This is in addition to the requirements of RRS 62.2.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The RRS Appendix A4.
- 16.2 A score of TLE will be two points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but not worse than last place. This changes RRS A4 and A10.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.2 All boats shall comply with USCG and State safety equipment regulations. It is the responsibility of each skipper to determine if they should start a race or continue racing. This does not supersede any class rules or regulations that may require wearing life jackets while on the water. A boat which retires from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.3 In the interest of safety or to avoid unreasonable delays, the RC, at its discretion and with concurrence of the judges, may order a capsized boat rescued and scored DNF.

18. RESPONSIBILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority, nor the host club, nor the race officials, shall accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19 SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 yards outside the areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 20.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats. This includes the use of cell phones.
- 20.2 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will use Channel 68 to provide information to competitors. Oral instructions may be given by the Race Committee on the water via VHF radio.

21 CONTACTS

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