

# SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual McIntosh Cup Regatta

November 16th & 17th, 2024

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

This regatta is organized by the Savannah Yacht Club

**2. ENTRIES**

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration on site from 0800-0955 on the Day of the Event, or, online at *Regatta Network*.

**3. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current “Racing Rules of Sailing”.

Any competitor observed discharging trash into the waters of the racing area will, after a hearing to confirm incident, be scored DSQ for that race.

A sailing club’s team score for the Old Pole Award will be the combined score of the club’s top finishers in Class A and Class B PHRF fleets. Skippers must be members of the club they represent. In case of dual membership, the skipper must declare at registration which club they will be representing.

Memorial Youth Trophy – There is no limit to the number of juniors that can be invited. A 1% PHRF rating benefit will be given for each junior crew up to a max of three. (3%)

Ratings will be assigned using US Sailing most recent PHRF reporting book.

**4. CLASSES**

Class A	Spinnaker equipped boats
Class B	Non-spinnaker equipped boats
Class C	J/24 One Design boats
Class D	Rhodes 19

The following colors are assigned to the class flags:

Class A	Yellow Flag
Class B	Green Flag
Class C	White Flag
Class D	Rhodes 19 Class Flag

**5. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board within 20 minutes following the end of the competitor’s meeting, or earlier.

**6. NOTICE TO THE COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the SYC Dock House.

**7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Shore signals will be made over VHF hailing channel one hour prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the day.

When AP is announced, “One minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes”. This changes Race Signal AP.

**8. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Sat: 1200, Sun: 1200 Warning for first class to start, indicated by their class flag. Other classes will start thereafter, as indicated by their class flag.

Starts for all races will be announced on Channel 71. *This does not forego each competitor’s individual responsibility to check the course board, sequences, and flags.*

No races to start after 1500 on Sunday.

**9. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be the Wilmington River, Wassaw Sound, and the Atlantic Ocean.

**10. COURSES**

Courses may be selected from the course Appendixes or using club or Government marks and will be appropriately displayed on a course board on Signal Boat. Unless shortened or otherwise modified, all classes will use same start/finish line. The Race Committee intends to announce courses over VHF Channel 71 prior to the Start of each Class, **NONETHELESS, the course board is the rule.** PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE COURSE BOARD.

*NOTE: Any and All Government Marks not being used as marks of the course, must be honored.*

**11. MARKS**

Marks will be Government marks or SYC Club marks, as outlined on the course board, except at the start and finish line, which will be a start/finish “Pin” mark.

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**12. THE START**

Races for each class, or combined classes, will be started using Rule 26 (RRS).

Before the First Warning Signal of the day, all skippers intending to race shall check in by sailing past the stern of the signal boat and hailing their boat sail number. Any boat failing to do so may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) for that race.

All boats shall compete in the Class for which they are registered.

Approximately 1 minute prior to Warning Signals for each Class, as a courtesy, the Race Committee will make several short sound signals.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the start “Pin” mark. The start Pin may be replaced with another RC boat displaying an orange flag on a staff.

A boat shall not start later than 15 minutes after her starting signal.

Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area and clear of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

### 13. RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1 The Race Committee will endeavor to recall OCS boats on Channel 71. The lack of a hail; the failure to hear a hail; the timeliness of the hail, or the order of the hail ***SHALL NOT*** be grounds for redress. General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2.

### 14. FINISHING LINE

Finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Signal boat or the SYC dock, and the start/finish “Pin” mark, or a vessel at anchor displaying a blue flag on a staff.

### 15. SHORTENING THE COURSE

The race committee may shorten course in accordance with RRS 32 at any government mark, or mark of the course. This modifies RRS 32.

### 16. TIME LIMITS

Each class/race will have an appropriate time limit. Boats finishing more than 90 minutes after the first boat in her class will be scored “Did Not Finish”. This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A5.

### 17. RETIREMENT

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the race area. If this is impossible, she shall report her retirement to the front office at SYC immediately upon arriving ashore. Radio contact with SYC to notify retirement is encouraged.

### 18. PROTESTS

A boat intending to protest shall do so in accordance with RRS 60, with these modifications:

Protests shall be written on forms available at the protest desk located in the Dock House and delivered there within the time limit. The protest time limit shall be 60 minutes, starting when the signal boat docks.

Protests will be heard in the order of receipt and as soon as possible.

Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are *parties* to a hearing or named as a witness. This posting shall constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2. Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: “A party to the hearing may ask for a Reopening of a hearing no later than 30 minutes (one-half hour) after being informed of the decision.”

### 19. SCORING

Two or more races are scheduled with one race constituting a series. Each boat’s score will be the total of all her race scores. No race will be excluded. This changes Rule A2. For the McIntosh Cup Regatta, trophies will be awarded to the first three boats in each PHRF and One-Design Fleets. Scoring will be calculated based on 2-day (Saturday and Sunday) race results.

A club’s team score for the Old Pole Award will be the combined score of the club’s best finishing position in Class A plus the club’s best finishing position in Class B. Any ties will be broken in favor of the club with the best finishing position in Class A. This changes RRS A2.

For the Barbara Ann/Hugh Bear Trophy, Class A and Class B will be scored using the modified rating based on the number of youth crewmembers up to a maximum of three.

### 20. PENALTIES

RRS Appendix V Alternative Penalties shall apply.

A boat which runs aground may use her engine to help free her-self without improving her position as allowed by RRS 42.3(i)

**21. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

While racing a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive special radio transmissions not available to all boats.

**22. MAXIMUM CREW/MINIMUM CREW**

There are no maximum crew limits for this Regatta.

The minimum crew will be: Class A, B, and C – 2, D – 2.

**23. COURTESY BROADCASTS**

Any information provided during the skippers meeting or changes to the SIs will also be relayed over the VHF Channel 71 prior to the first warning signal. The Race Committee may transmit the course designation and visual signals displayed by the Race Committee over VHF Channel 71. The transmitted information is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the course designation and the Race Committee's visual signals which govern the conduct of racing. This is a courtesy only and any errors or omissions in the information transmitted SHALL NOT be grounds for redress.

**24. ACCEPTANCE AND INCORPORATION OF RULE 42.3(i)**

The Race Committee has agreed that this Regatta will be sailed using rule 42.3(i) which states, "Sailing instructions may, in stated circumstances, permit propulsion using an engine or any other method, provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race." *Please note* ... honor in this is of utmost importance. The intent is to provide competitors with a reasonable opportunity to "break free" from a grounding, being able to re-join the race, having gained no advantage in the process.