



2025 Sarasota Bay Cup

Bird Key Yacht Club, Sarasota, FL

Saturday, April 12, 2025

PHRF Pursuit Race Sailing Instructions

The notation [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. Rules
 - 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing and the US Sailing Prescriptions.
 - 1.2. In the event of conflict with the Regatta's Notice of Race and The Racing Rules of Sailing, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions
 - 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
 - 2.2. Oral changes to a sailing instruction may be communicated to each boat by the race committee on the water on VHF channel 71.
3. Communications with Competitors
 - 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at RN. Notices may also be sent to registrants by email and text through Regatta Network.
 - 3.2. On shore and on the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.
 - 3.3. [DP] [While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
4. Signals Made Ashore
 - 4.1. No signals will be made ashore.
5. Schedule
 - 5.1. The warning signal for the first start will be at 11:55 Saturday April 12 with the first boat starting at 12:00 GPS Time. As a pursuit race, each boat will be assigned a separate starting time.
6. Racing Area
 - 6.1. The racing area will be in Sarasota Bay from approximately New Pass Marker 19, north to Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) 17.
7. Courses and Marks
 - 7.1. Courses shall be selected from ICW marks and Sarasota Sailing Squadron race marks. The course and a chart of the race course will be provided at the competitors' meeting. All marks will be left to port unless a starboard rounding is indicated.

8. The Start
 - 8.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
 - 8.2. [DP] [NP] Boats should avoid the starting area until their individual start is imminent.
 - 8.3. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
9. The Finish
 - 9.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
10. Time Limit
 - 10.1. The race time limit for the first boat of each PHRF class to finish is 3.5 hours.
 - 10.2. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat of each class will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes RRS Rules 35 and A4 and A5.1 and A5.2.
11. Hearing Requests
 - 11.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat docks. The time will be announced on VHF channel 71.
 - 11.2. Notices will be announced on VHF channel 69 before, but no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable in the Bird Key Yacht Club, beginning at the time announced.
 - 11.3. Hearings are expected to be heard in person but may be changed to online. Instructions for online hearings will be provided by the protest committee.
12. Penalty
 - 12.1. All classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.
13. Scoring
 - 13.1. One race constitutes a regatta.
 - 13.2. A score of TLE shall be one (1) point more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but not worse than last place.
14. [DP] Safety Regulations
 - 14.1. Competitors are not required to check in with the signal vessel before the start of the race.
 - 14.2. A boat that retires from a race shall attempt to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
15. Prizes
 - 15.1. Prizes will be given for each class based upon the class selected in registration and the number of registrants in each class.