



2017 LABOR DAY NIGHT RACE
Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions
Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL
September 1st, 2017

1 RULES

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing except that the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 shall not apply.
- 1.2 This is a Pursuit Race.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 1.3 This event is open to all vessels with current WFPHRF Rating Certificates, or provisional rating assigned by the DIYC Club Measurer (Brian Malone), endorsed for Category 4 or higher events.
- 1.4 Classes for this event will include: Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser, Non-Spinnaker, Multi-Hull, and Cruiser. Each class may be sub-divided as appropriate at the sole discretion of the regatta organizer; such sub-division is not grounds for redress.

3 ENTRIES

Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and paying the indicated entry fee to Davis Island Yacht Club before 1800 hrs. on August 31st, 2017.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the west end of the downstairs level of the club house. All notices will be posted prior to 1830 hrs. on 9/1/17.

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1830 on the day it will take effect.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located west of the clubhouse. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the first start time will begin 20 minutes after AP is lowered (see race committee for updated individual start time).

7 SCHEDULE

Competitors meeting will be held at 1815 hrs., September 1st, 2017 in the Clubhouse. The first warning shall be at 1900 hrs.

8 CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag for the initial start will be a Green Flag with the letter "G".

9 VENUE

The racing area will be that part of Hillsborough Bay lying due south of the Davis Island Yacht Club.

10 COURSES

The courses are shown in Addendum 1, which describes the marks in order and the rounding direction of each mark. Course A is the default course. Course A will be used unless modified at the skippers meeting and posted on the official notice board. If conditions necessitate a shortened

course the “S” flag will be flown from the finish boat next to a mark of the course. The finish line will be between the S flag and the mark of the course. In that case, corrected finish times will be calculated based on the shortened course length.

11 MARKS

The marks will be fixed marks located in Hillsborough Bay as listed in Addendum 1.

12 THE START & FINISH

- 1.5 Designated starting times will be listed in Addendum 2.
- 1.6 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and DIYC “**Mark A**”.
- 1.7 The time will be the local area **GPS** time.
- 1.8 The first vessel listed to start will be started using RRS 26; thereafter, each vessel will start at or after their designated time.
- 1.9 The Race Committee will endeavor to notify each group of boats of their pending start in the minute before it is scheduled, via radio communication on VHF Channel 72. Failure to make the announcement or failure to receive the announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 1.10 Vessels not *racing* shall keep clear of vessels that are *racing*.
- 1.11 The race committee will signal boats that are over early by displaying the X flag with one sound, and will attempt to hail the OCS boat(s) on VHF channel 72. Failure to hail shall not be grounds for redress. Failure to hear such hails shall not be grounds for redress. The order in which multiple OCS boats are hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 29.1.
- 1.12 Unless the course is shortened, the finishing line for ALL classes will be between the finish posts on the east and west side of the DIYC Basin entrance, the race committee will be positioned in the finish hut. Each vessel shall call out vessel name and sail number to announce her finish. Please attempt to illuminate your sail number for the race committee.
- 1.13 If no one is on station at the finish, a vessel should record her own finishing time per the US Sailing prescription to RRS 34 and the sail numbers or names of the vessels finishing immediately before and immediately after her.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 1.14 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.
- 1.15 Boats breaking RRS 31, Touching a Mark, will receive a 10% penalty. This changes RRS 44.3.
- 1.16 To accept the Scoring Penalty, a boat must comply with RRS 44.3 and deliver a completed form to the scorer or a member of the Race Committee to acknowledge the penalty within one hour of the last boat to finish.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 1.17 The time limit for the race shall be 2400 hrs, Friday, September 1st, 2017. Any boat not finished by this time shall be scored DNF, this changes RRS 35.
- 1.18 A vessel withdrawing from the race must notify the Race Committee on VHF channel 72 or by cell phone at the following number: **727-424-2127 and leave a message if there is no answer.**

15 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 1.19 Boats intending to file a protest shall notify the race committee within 20 minutes of their finish of their intent to protest, and identify the protested boat.
- 1.20 Completed protest forms shall be delivered to Davis Island Yacht Club no later than 1100 hrs Saturday, September 2nd. Completed protest forms should be sealed in an envelope and marked: ATT: Labor Day Race Committee then placed in the Fleet Captain’s box in the Members Room.
- 1.21 Hearings will be scheduled by the Chief Judge and will be held at DIYC.

1.22 Post-Race Penalties

- 1.1.1. If rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- 1.1.2. A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty (15% for breaking RRS 31) calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
- 1.1.3. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the scorer, a member of the Race Committee or the chief Judge, a written statement or email that states she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

16 SCORING

Unless the race is shortened, the order in which vessels finish the race shall determine their finishing places. If the course is shortened, each vessel's elapsed time, calculated from her individual start time and the actual course distance, shall be used to calculate her corrected time which will then determine her finishing place. WFPHRF RLC or provisional club ratings shall be used for calculating starting times and corrected times.

17 TROPHIES

Trophies will be distributed at DIYC Awards Banquet at DIYC. The number of trophies for each class will be based on the number of vessels participating in that class up to a maximum of three trophies per class according to the following table:

Number of Vessels	Number of Trophies
3	1
5	2
7	3

18 OTHER - SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL

- 1.23 All boats shall pass west of all Hillsborough Cut C marks north of and including #11.
- 1.24 Any competitor who challenges a vessel confined to the Tampa Bay shipping channels in such a way as to cause them to file a report, or who violates a moving or static safety or security zone resulting in the filing of a report will be penalized up to and including disqualification.
- 1.25 Any competitor throwing refuse overboard is subject to a penalty up to and including disqualification.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21 DIYC PARKING

The area surrounding the clubhouse is reserved for club members. All regatta parking is near the entrance east of the warning signs at the Marine Railway. This is a big weekend, please make sure you and your crew park in the proper designated areas.

22 AFTER-RACE PARTY

Once competitors finish Friday evening, you may come and enjoy complimentary sandwiches, salad and a keg of beer in the Regatta Bar downstairs.