



NOTE: THIS MAP IS PROVIDED TO SHOW THE GENERAL AREA OF THE START, RACE COURSE, AND FINISH OF THE DAUPHIN ISLAND RACE. THIS MAP SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES.

52nd ANNUAL DAUPHIN ISLAND RACE
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS --- APRIL 24, 2010

1. RULES

1.1 This race will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, the current prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association, Individual Class Regulations and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, these Sailing Instructions will govern.

1.2 All boats must be sixteen (16) feet or longer by design to enter and participate. All boats entered must have proper identification on sails in accordance with Racing Rule 77.

1.3 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Buccaneer Yacht Club before 1200 CDT on April 22, 2010. Official registration deadline for the DI Race and the Return Race is 1200 CDT, Thursday, April 22, 2010. Registrations will be accepted after that date and time (up until the Skippers' Meeting) for any boat whose registration is not received by the Race Committee by 1200 CDT, April 22, 2010 will pay \$75.00 registration fee. No registrations will be accepted at or after the skippers' meeting. Only boats declared eligible by the Dauphin Island Race Registration Committee will be allowed to participate.

1.4 All boats must comply with U.S. Coast Guard and State of Alabama Marine Regulations regarding lifesaving and safety equipment.

1.5 All participants shall abide by the Navigational Rules International/Inland (COMDTUNSTM16672.21), "a vessel of less than 20 meters in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway". Any boat which impedes commercial shipping shall be subject to disqualification.

1.6 Each boat must display designated Dauphin Island Race number as prescribed in the Dauphin Island Race number instructions. Failure to do so may be grounds for disqualification.

1.7 Boats sailing in a non-spinnaker class may only race with one headsail tacked at the usual tack point. Staysails are permitted if tacked no closer than 1/3 J behind the jib tack point. Cutter rigs, rated as such, may set staysails at the tack point provided by the vessel's manufacturer or designer.

1.8 Race distance will be computed by the Race Committee and shall not be subject to protest.

1.9 Attendance at the Skippers' Meeting is not required, but highly recommended.

2.0 OFFICIAL FLEETS AND CLASSES

2.1 It is the skipper/owner's responsibility to ensure that all information provided on the entry form is complete and accurate, as this data will be used to determine rating, fleet and class.

2.2 One-design classes will be comprised of five (5) or more boats. Classes with fewer than five entries will race in the handicap class or fleet designated by the Registration Committee.

2.3 Yachts sailing PHRF must possess a valid PHRF rating certificate. The Registration Committee reserves the right to examine this certificate. PHRF classes will be determined by the Registration Committee based on the current rating certificate and other data required to complete registration.

2.4 The 2008 Portsmouth Yardstick will be used to determine the Portsmouth classes by the Registration Committee. The rating is based on information provided on registration forms. Portsmouth ratings will be D-PN numbers with no wind factor allowances. Boats sailing Portsmouth shall conform to their class rules and shall declare all genoas in excess of 155% of J. Boats equipped with such genoas will be assigned a rating equal to their D-PN number times 0.993. A boat normally equipped with a spinnaker entered as non-spinnaker shall be assigned a rating equal to her D-PN number times 1.010. Boats not listed in the Yardstick shall be assigned a D-PN number which is not subject to protest.

3.0 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Official notices will be posted on the notice board at Buccaneer Yacht Club. Such notices, when posted, shall be considered as having been delivered to each contestant. Responsibility for noting information posted rests solely on the participants.
- 3.2 When a notice to contestants has been posted, code flag "L" will be displayed from the Buccaneer Yacht Club yardarm.
- 3.3 Signals made ashore prior to the start of the race will be displayed from the Buccaneer Yacht Club yardarm. Signals made ashore after the start shall be made from a pole at the Jaycee Rodeo Headquarters site on Dauphin Island.
- 3.4 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions shall be posted no later than 1800 CDT the day before it will take effect.
- 3.5 No oral instructions will be given from any Race Committee boats.

4. APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 Division I - PHRF Classes

- 0925 CDT - Warning Signal (Code Flag 1)
- 0926 CDT - Preparatory Signal (Code Flag I)
- 0929 CDT - One-Minute Signal (Preparatory flag down)
- 0930 CDT - Start

4.2 Division II - Portsmouth Classes

- 0940 CDT - Warning Signal (Code Flag 5)
- 0941 CDT - Preparatory Signal (Code Flag I)
- 0944 CDT - One-Minute Signal (Preparatory flag down)
- 0945 CDT - Start

4.3 Division III - One-design & Multihull

- 0955 CDT - Warning Signal (Code Flag 6)
- 0956 CDT - Preparatory Signal (Code Flag I)
- 0959 CDT - One-Minute Signal (Preparatory flag down)
- 1000 CDT - Start

- 4.4 In the event of General Recall or Postponement, all succeeding starts shall be moved back accordingly.

5.0 RACE COURSE

- 5.1 The map included as a page of the race brochure reflects the general area of the race course.
- 5.2 North of Middle Bay Light, all yachts must stay to the east of the eastern ship channel markers.
- 5.3 South of Mobile Ship Channel Marker #37, all yachts must stay west of the western ship channel markers.
- 5.4 Boats are only allowed to cross Mobile Ship Channel between Middle Bay light and Mobile Ship Channel marker #37.
- 5.5 Participating boats must give way to commercial traffic while in the vicinity of the Mobile Ship Channel. (See rule 1.5)

6. THE START

- 6.1 The start line shall be between staffs or masts displaying orange flags on two (2) Race Committee boats located approximately 3 miles west of the Mobile Ship Channel or 30-33.7 x 87-58.90. The Race Committee will make every effort to coordinate signals on both ends of the starting line; however, the signals from the boat on the western end of the line shall govern.
- 6.2 a secondary line will be established approximately 100- 200 yards north of the actual starting line, each end marked with a four foot yellow tetrahedron. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the

starting area (between the starting line and this secondary line) and clear of all boats whose warning signal has been made. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

6.3 Races will be started by using Rule 26.

Warning Signal- Class Flag

Class Flag Division 1 --Code flag 1

Code Flag Division 2 --Code flag 5

Code Flag Division 3 --Code flag 6

Preparatory Signal- Code Flag "I"

Starting Signal- Removal of Class Flag - Start

6.4 Racing Rule 30.1 (1 Flag Rule) shall be in effect at all starts as follows: If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the line or its extensions during the minute before her starting signal, she shall sail to the pre-start side of the starting line around either end before starting.

7. RECALLS AND RESTARTS

7.1 Individual and General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Racing Rule 29.

7.2 It is the sole responsibility of each boat to make a proper and timely start. Boats failing to do so will be scored as "Did Not Start" (DNS).

7.3 When a general recall has been signaled, the start(s) for succeeding Division(s) will be postponed accordingly.

8. CHASE BOATS

8.1 Chase boats will be identified by a Race Committee flag and are considered to be an extension of the Race Committee. They may assess penalties accordingly.

9. ABANDONMENT OR CANCELLATION 9.1 If the Race Committee deems abandonment or cancellation necessary, it shall be done in accordance with Racing rule 27 and Rule 32.1.

10. THE FINISH

10.1 The finish area will be located approximately 1/4 nm northeast of Intracoastal Waterway Marker #B near the Dauphin Island Bridge. There will be two (2) finish lines.

10.2 The finish line for Division I will be between a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an orange four foot tetrahedron to the East of the Race Committee boat.

10.3 The finish line for Division II and Division III will be between a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a yellow four foot tetrahedron to the West of the Race Committee boat.

10.4 Boats finishing on the improper side of the Race Committee boat or failing to comply with Racing Rule 77 (Identification on Sails or Dauphin Island Race Numbers) or Rule 1.6 of these sailing instructions may be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF).

10.5 It is each Skipper's responsibility to ensure proper identification of his/her boat to the Race Committee at the finish.

10.6 Boats finishing on the wrong side of the Committee Finish Boat will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF).

11. TIME LIMIT

11.1 The cut-off time will be 1730 CDT, except in the case of a significant postponement of the start. In that case, the cut-off time will be extended accordingly, in 1/2 hour intervals. No boats will be finished after the cut-off time and shall be scored as "DNF". This changes Rule 35.

12. PROTESTS

12.1 All protests shall be made in accordance with Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing. A proper protest flag for this event shall be defined as a code flag "B" or a red rectangular flag, of sufficient size and flown in such a manner as to be clearly identified by nearby yachts and/or the Race Committee as a notification of intent to protest. Rule 61.1 and Rule 61.2 do not apply and this modifies Rule 61.

12.2 The Race Committee must be advised of the intent to file a protest and the protested boats sail number upon finishing.

12.3 Protests shall be files on US Sailing Protest Forms within two (2) hours of the protesting yacht's recorded finish time. Protest Forms will be available at the Rodeo Site. Protests will not be accepted after 1930 CDT.

12.4 Only protests that affect winning positions will be heard on the day of the race. All other protests will be scheduled at a later date and time.

12.5 A schedule of protests shall be posted on the wall of the main building at the Jaycee Rodeo Headquarters, giving the order and approximate time at which protests will be heard, by 1930 CDT. Such posting shall constitute notice to the parties to each protest.

12.6 Any protest involving questions of compliance with individual class rules must be accompanied with a true and correct copy of such class rules. Failure to comply will result in denial of the protest.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

13.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 68.

13.2 A boat shall neither make or receive special radio transmissions not available to all boats. This does not preclude distress signals or notifications of retirement.

14. RETIRING FROM THE RACE

14.1 Any boat retiring from the race shall notify the Race committee via Channel 68 or Buccaneer Yacht Club race finish chairman Donnie Brennan at (251) 404-2616 as soon as possible. This notification shall include her boat name, class and Dauphin Island race number.

15. MISCONDUCT DURING EVENT

15.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to convene a hearing under Racing Rule 69 for any competitor whose conduct during the event constitutes, in the opinion of the Race Committee, a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship.

16. ENVIRONMENTAL

16.1 Any boat which discharges waste or discards trash into the water shall be subject to disqualification.

17. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES – RRS PART 2

17.1 The "Two-Turn Penalty" (Rule 44.1 and 44.2) shall apply.

18. SCORING

18.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with RRS Appendix (A3)

19 AWARDS

19.1 Trophy presentation will be held as soon as possible after 2030 CDT on the day of the race.