



BAY YACHT CLUB

Corpus Christi, Texas



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS COMMODORE'S CUP REGATTA Saturday, August 28, 2010

1. RULES

- 1.1. This race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012 and the 2009-2012 Prescriptions of US Sailing* except as any are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. RRS 44.1, 55, 61.3, 77 and A2 are changed as follows:
 - 1.2.1. Rule 44.1 *Penalties* to allow a One-Turn Penalty for breach of a rule of RRS Part 2.
 - 1.2.2. Rule 55 *Flags* will not be enforced.
 - 1.2.3. Rule 61.3 *Protest Time Limit* - see paragraph below entitled PROTEST TIME LIMIT.
 - 1.2.4. Rule 77 *Identification on Sails* will not be enforced.
 - 1.2.5. Rule A2 *Series Scores* - see paragraph below entitled SCORING.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1. The regatta is open to monohull sailboats owned or chartered by members of Bay Yacht Club, Corpus Christi, Texas.
- 2.2. Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and entry fee of \$35.00 to the Principal Race Officer before 9:30 a.m., August 28, 2010.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS - Notices to competitors will be posted on a notice board in the BYC Clubhouse.

4. CLASSES and CLASS FLAGS

- 4.1. The racing class will be PHRF 150 (non-spinnaker) Class. If sufficient boats enter, the class will be divided by handicap into "A" and "B" divisions.
- 4.2. Class flags will be:

PHRF 150 Class	Red
-- OR --	
If the Class is divided into Divisions, then	
"B" Division	Red
"A" Division.	Green

5. SCHEDULE AND NUMBER OF RACES

- 5.1. Registration from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m., Saturday August 28, 2010 at the Bay Yacht Club.
- 5.2. Skippers meeting at BYC shortly after close of registration.
- 5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of the day is:

PHRF 150 Class	11:00 a.m.
--- OR ---	
PHRF 150 Class "B" Division	11:00 a.m.
PHRF 150 Class "A" Division	11:05 a.m.
- 5.4. Two races are planned. A third race may be sailed if time permits. The Race Committee signal boat will display the Second Substitute flag as boats are finishing a race if another race will be started.
- 5.5. The warning signal for the next race will be made as soon as practicable after the preceding race is finished. The Race Committee shall alert boats that the next race will soon begin by displaying an orange flag accompanied by a series of short sound signals approximately 2 minutes before beginning the starting sequence. Classes / divisions will start in the same order as the first race.

6. RACING AREA, RACE MARKS, RACE COURSES

- 6.1. The racing area will be Corpus Christi Bay.
- 6.2. Race marks will be fixed well heads and navigation marks shown on the 2010 Corpus Christi Bay Race Course chart and the following.
 - 6.2.1. The starting and finishing marks will be the Race Committee signal boat and an orange buoy.
 - 6.2.2. An orange buoy designated "A".
- 6.3. There are two well heads at the location of Mark "2". Both shall be considered as the mark and both must be taken to the proper side when rounding the mark.
- 6.4. The race course, the approximate magnetic compass bearing of the first leg, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which marks are to be left will be displayed at the stern of the Race Committee signal boat before each race.

7. THE START

- 7.1. Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the following signals. Time shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and Sound</i>	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	Code flag "P"; 1 sound	4
One Minute	Flag "P" removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

The warning signal for each succeeding Class or Division shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding Class or Division.

- 7.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end of the line and an orange bouy at the port end of the line.
- 7.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other racers.
8. THE FINISH - The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the port end of the line and an orange bouy at the starboard end of the line.
9. PENALTY SYSTEM - Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
10. HANDICAP SYSTEM: PHRF Time on Distance using Corpus Christi Bay PHRF handicaps.
11. SCORING
- 11.1. As many races as are started constitute the Regatta.
- 11.2. There will be no discard race. This changes Rule A2.
12. PRIZES - Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in the Class or first three places in each Division if the Class is divided. Awards will be presented at BYC after the Commodore's dinner on the evening of race day.
13. VHF RADIO COMMUNICATION
- The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 72. Competitors may use Channel 72 to communicate with the Race Committee concerning matters of health and safety. The Race Committee may report visual signals displayed and other pertinent information over VHF Channel 72. This information is provided as a

courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter their responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals which govern the conduct of the race. Errors or omissions involving such courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.

14. PROTEST TIME LIMIT - Promptly after completing any race and before leaving the finish area, a boat that intends to protest another boat shall notify the Race Committee of the name or sail number of the boat(s) that she intends to protest and the reason therefor. The protesting boat shall subsequently deliver a written protest, in accord with RRS 61.2, to the Race Committee within thirty minutes of the time the Race Committee signal boat docks after the last race of the day. This SI takes precedence over Rule 61.3.

15. SAFETY

- 15.1. A boat that has registered but decides not to compete or a boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 15.2. Each boat shall be equipped with safety gear as required by federal and state regulations and all crew members must be made aware of the locations and methods for use. This is a responsibility of the skipper.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4 "*Decision to Race*". The race organizers (Bay Yacht Club, its officers, directors, trustees, committee members, measurers, judges, agents and representatives) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event.