

Spud Cup 2018
Windbag Marina – September 1-2, 2018

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Changes to the rules may be noted elsewhere in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. If the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are in conflict, the Sailing Instructions have precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at official notice board located under the event tent.
- 2.2 The race committee may provide unofficial communication, which is communication not governed by the rules, at any time by hail or over VHF. A request for redress may not be based on any aspect of unofficial communication, including content, timeliness, or failure to hear. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 2.3 The preferred VHF radio channel will be 72.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted one half hour prior to racing at the official notice board located under the event tent.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The schedule of racing is as follows:
Saturday, September 1:
8:30 am – Skippers Meeting under the registration tent
10 am – First signal
4 pm – No warning signals after this time (See Notice of Race Addendum #1)
Sunday, September 2:
9:30 am – First signal
2:30 pm – No warning signals after this time
3:30 pm – Awards presentations

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be made on the committee boat flag poles. The committee will attempt courtesy broadcasts on VHF radio channel 72.
- 5.2 In the event of an on-shore postponement, no starting signal will be made earlier than sixty (60) minutes following the lowering of the signal flag. This changes “Race Signals – AP and AP over H”.

6. RACING AREA AND RACE COMMITTEE SIGNAL BOAT

- 6.1 The racing area will be East to Northeast of City Beach.
- 6.2 The race committee signal boat will be the SSA pontoon boat. The race committee signal boat will be displaying the orange start/finish flag.
- 6.3 If necessary, an alternate race committee signal boat may be used.

7. FLEETS

- 7.1 Handicap fleets will be determined by quantity and type of boats entered.
- 7.2 The fleet lists will be announced at the Skippers Meeting prior to racing on Saturday.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Courses will typically be windward / leeward and may include gates, offsets, and gybe marks. See course map.
- 8.2 Marks A, B, L, X, Y, Z shall be left to port.
- 8.3 Courses will be 2 laps.
- 8.4 Short courses will be 1 lap. This changes RRS 32.2.

9. THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark buoy.
- 9.2 If a boat is subject to RRS 29.1, Individual Recall, or RRS 30, Starting Penalties, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number directly and on VHF. This is unofficial communication as in Sailing Instructions 2.2.
- 9.3 A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 9.4 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area when other boats are racing but have not yet started.
- 9.5 The race committee signal boat, when a starting mark, may maneuver to maintain the starting line at any time, including while anchored.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark buoy.
- 10.2 The race committee may adjust the finishing marks to maintain the finishing line without regard to RRS 33.
- 10.3 The race committee may designate an alternative finishing line for the cruising fleet. The finishing line will be announced at the Skippers Meeting prior to start of racing.

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 If no boat sails the course and finishes within 90 minutes after her start, the race will be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 11.2 Race Committee may designate a long distance course. Sailing Instruction 11.1 shall not apply to a long distance course.

12. PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

- 12.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress shall notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible after retiring or finishing. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 12.2 Written protests and requests for redress shall be delivered within the protest time limit to the race committee.
- 12.3 The protest time limit will be 45 minutes after the end of the last race for the class each day or 30 minutes after committee returns to the dock, whichever is later.
- 12.4 Hearings may commence at any time if parties are informed, present and prepared. A hearing time and place will be posted at the official notice board. The communication of the hearing shall be considered notice as required by 63.2.

- 12.5 A boat may take a One-Turns Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*, unless she is within 3 of her hull lengths of a mark she is required to leave on one side, in which case a Two-Turns Penalty may be taken. This changes RRS 44.1.

13. SCORING

13.1 Rule A2.1 applies. (See Notice of Race Addendum #1)

13.2 Time on time handicapping will be used for PHRF fleets, not One Design fleets.

14. SAFETY

14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

14.2 Competitors participate in racing entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

14.3 The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained prior to, in conjunction with, or after racing.