

Fort Pierce Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions: Spring Regatta Races Saturday, April 9, 2022 Sunday, April 10, 2022

1 RULES

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 ENTRIES

This race is open to all vessels **with a valid PHRF Rating. Melbourne Yacht Club ratings** will be used as the rating standard; ratings by other authorities will be evaluated and adjusted if deemed necessary.

Pre registration is required by 5 April to VC FLEET.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be announced by VHF Channel 72 on the water and may be displayed at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club notice board. Modified instructions may be distributed at the Skippers Meeting on Friday, April 8 at 8 PM at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be made verbally on the water on channel 72 or at the March 15th Skippers Meeting

5 SCHEDULE OF THE EVENT: Saturday, April 9

First Start 10:30 a.m.
Dinners Friday April 8 1900, 1730 at FPYC Clubhouse
Awards

Sunday, April 10

12:00
1730 at clubhouse
1830 at clubhouse

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The scheduled start time for the races are as above. However the long race starting at 10:30 may be changed to Sunday, and start for a short race Saturday changed to 12:00, due to tide and weather considerations involving registered participants. Warning signal will be given verbally over Ch72 5 minutes prior to start time. Synchronization time check will be conducted verbally over Ch. 72 15 minutes prior to start time.

7 RACING AREA

Races will take place offshore in the vicinity of Fort Pierce Inlet.

8 THE COURSES

Saturday
Course 9 (Rated Distance 25.2 NM):

Or

Course 8 (Rated Distance 18 NM):

Or

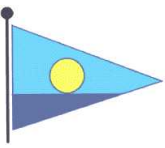
As designated by the Race Committee at the Skippers Meeting or on the water per #4 or possibly long race changed to Sunday if requested by registered participants.

Sunday – TBD from course 1-12 of race courses provided. Check possible starting time change!

Note: Races may be terminated by the race organizing authority at any mark of the course if conditions (e.g., super light winds or stormy weather) warrant.

9 FINISH TIMES

Take your own finish time (time of finish, not elapsed time) using GPS Time, announce it on Channel 72 within 5 minutes of finish, text to race captain, 781-718-7216 if confirmation of radio communication is not received on the race course, and report it to the Race Committee at the club after the race.



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10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 10.1** Protest form is at the end of this document. A boat intending to protest shall notify and confirm that the protested boat has acknowledged protest within 3 minutes of the protest incident. Notification must be made to the Race Committee within the same 3-minute window.
- 10.2** For each class, the protest time limit for filing is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the final race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 10.3** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a time and location to be announced.
- 10.4** Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 10.5** A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the Protest Committee will be posted before the protest time limit.

11 COMMUNICATIONS

All boats should always monitor VHF Channel 72 and 16 during the race. All hails of fouls and/or protests will occur on channel 72 within 3 minutes of foul and or protested incident. Do not assume a hail has been received unless you receive confirmation from the hailed boat.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1** **Fishing vessels at Mark 10A and R2 shall be treated as obstructions and avoided in a safe manner.**
- 12.2** *All boats are required to make avoiding contact with another boat their priority on the course.* If a boat believes another boat has broken a rule in an encounter, avoid contact first and follow up by hailing a foul to the other boat. If the other boat concurs, take a two-turn (720) penalty as soon as possible while keeping clear of all other boats. If the other boat does not take the penalty, the hailing boat has the right to file a protest under section 10 above. All skippers are asked to ensure their crew members monitor for danger and understand and follow this “avoid first” procedure.
- 12.3** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 12.4** Per Rule 42.3i, propulsion may be used to get clear after grounding or colliding or potential collision with a vessel or object, providing through such use the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

13 SCORING

- 13.1** Scoring will be done on a low point system, e.g. highest placing boat will receive one point, second highest, 2 points, etc.
- 13.2** Ties for first place in the overall regatta will be resolved by scoring first place finishes in the individual races as 0.75 points. In the event that there is still a tie, total corrected time will be used to determine the winner.
- 13.3** DNF vessel will be scored one more point than the number of boats that started in that class, in that race. DSQ will be scored one more point than the number of boats that came to the start line for that class, for that race, whether they started or not. DNR will be scored one more point than the total number of boats that raced in any of the races in the regatta in that class.

14 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 race.

Protest Form

Also use for requests for redress and reopening

Fill in and check as appropriate

Date & time received _____

Received by _____ Filing no. _____

Protest time limit _____

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1. EVENT _____ Date _____

2. TYPE OF HEARING

- Protest by boat against boat
- Protest by race committee against boat
- Protest by protest committee against boat
- Request for redress by boat or race committee
- Consideration of redress by protest committee
- Request by boat or race committee to reopen hearing
- Consideration of reopening by protest committee

BOAT PROTESTING, OR REQUESTING REDRESS OR REOPENING

Class _____ Sail no. _____ Boat's name _____

Represented by _____ Tel. _____ Email _____

BOAT(S) PROTESTED OR BEING CONSIDERED FOR REDRESS

Class _____ Sail no. _____ Boat's name _____

INCIDENT

Where and when the incident occurred _____

Rule(s) alleged to have been broken _____

Witness(es) _____

6. INFORMING PROTESTEE How did you inform the protestee of your intention to protest?

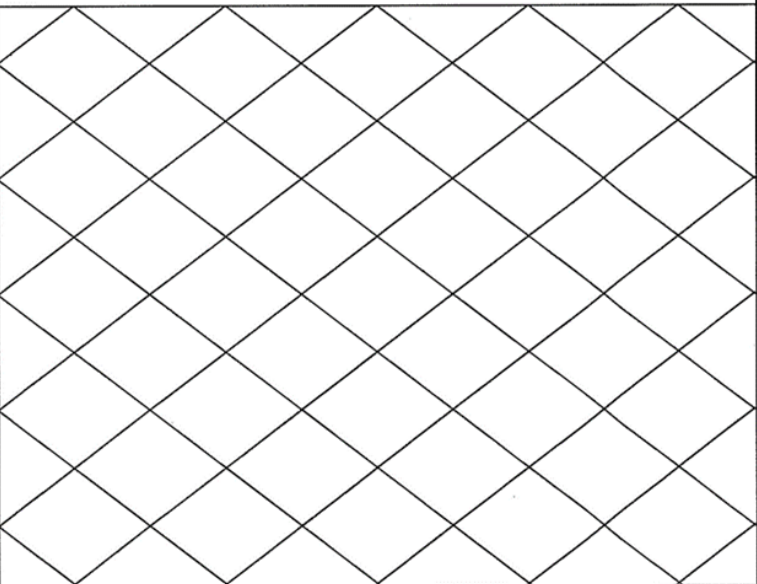
By hailing When? _____ Word(s) used _____

By displaying a red flag When? _____

By informing her in some other way Give details _____

7. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT (use another sheet if necessary)

Diagram: one square = one hull length
Show position of boats, wind and current direction, marks.

	
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