



# CMCS COMMODORE'S CUP

## a SWFL BOTY Event

February 6, 2021

Ft. Myers Beach, FL

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the rules of West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Federation (WFPHRF), the Notice of Race (NoR), these Sailing Instructions (Sis) and any amendments to the NoR and Sis.
- 1.2 All US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.3 *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* are changed as described in the pertinent paragraphs below.
- 1.4 The notation “[DP]” in a sailing instruction designates that a penalty for a breach of this instruction is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 1.5 The notation “[NP]” in a sailing instruction designates that a boat may not protest a boat for an alleged breach of that instruction. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.6 **[NP]** For purposes of this regatta, if a boat does not have a valid WFPHRF certificate, the Rear Commodore of Racing will assign a rating, which will be valid for this event only.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

There may be emails sent out prior to the race start to validate the scratch sheet including division entered, contact information, and WFPHRF ratings.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions made before 1800 on the day before racing will take effect shall be emailed to all registered boats using the email address stated in the boat's registration information.
- 3.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions made after 1800 on the day before racing shall be announced via VHF Channel 72 approximately 30 minutes and again approximately 15 minutes before the first warning.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

There will be no signals made ashore.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES and POST RACE ACTIVITIES

- 5.1 The Race Committee (RC) will run as many races as conditions will allow. This changes the notice of number of races posted on CMCS's website. The RC may or may not run the same number of races for all classes.
- 5.2 The intended time of the warning signal for the first race is 1000hrs.
- 5.3 No warning signal shall be made after 1600hrs.

### 6 RACING AREAS

The racing area shall be in the Gulf of Mexico off of Ft Myers Beach in the vicinity of marker “SC” lighted mark and channel marks 1 and 2.

## 7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses including the order in which marks are to be passed. All rounding marks are to be left to port.
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel shall announce on VHF 72 the approximate compass bearing of the first mark of the course.
- 7.3 The course for a class will not be changed after the warning signal for that class. This changes RRS 33.

## 8 MARKS

Marks of the course shall be as announced by the RC.

## 9 CHECK-IN—SPECIAL NOTE

- 9.1 **[NP][DP]** All boats are to check-in by passing the stern of the RC Signals Vessel on starboard tack, hailing the boat's name, class entered, sail number, and the number of persons on board. Check-in will start approximately 30 minutes prior to the first warning signal.
- 9.2 **[NP]**The Rear Commodore of Racing may be on his sailboat racing, but will be helping to run and coordinate the races.

## 10 CLASS FLAGS

10.1 Class flags may be:

Class	Flag
Spinnaker	Code Flag "One" (white pennant with red dot)
Non-Spinnaker	Code Flag "Two" (blue pennant with white dot)
True Cruising	Code Flag "Three" (pennant with red, white, blue stripes)
Three Combined Classes	Code Flag "Six" (pennant with black and white stripes)

10.2 For one or more races there may not be a signal boat. In that case there will be no class flags. The class start order will be announced prior to each race by the RC on channel 72. The primary start mechanism will be announcements on the radio, including all warning signals, classes, and start signals for each race.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line may be between staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2 If there is no signal boat present then starting line shall be between the chosen government mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark
- 11.2 An attention signal (repeated sounds) may be made approximately one minute prior to the first warning of a series of starts.
- 11.3 The class starts may be combined and shall be described by a RC announcement on VHF 72.
- 11.5 Subsequent starts may be different from as described above.
- 11.6 If the classes are to have separate starts, the starts will be rolling starts. This means that the starting signal for one class will be the five-minute warning for the next class.
- 11.7 **[DP]**Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.
- 11.8 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her start, and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number on VHF channel 72. This changes RRS 29.1. The lack of a hail, the contents of a hail or the timing of the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line may be between staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Vessel and the finish mark.

12.2 If there is no signal boat present the finishing line will be between the chosen government mark and the finish mark

### **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 **[DP]** In keeping with the intent of having fun club racing, it is expected that skippers honor the rules of racing and that any time a boat has clearly created an infraction, she will take appropriate penalty turn(s) as soon as possible once she is well clear of other boats.

13.2 RRS Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of An Incident, will apply: The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turn Penalty.

13.3 RRS Appendix V2 Penalty Taken After A Race, will apply and is changed to: "After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race officer or sending an email to <jsgallagher59@comcast.net> that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). The notice must be delivered at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the protest time limit.

### **14 RACING TIME LIMITS**

14.1 If no boat in a class reaches the first mark of the course within 30 minutes of that class' starting time, the race for that class shall be abandoned.

14.2 If no boat in a class finishes after sailing the course within 90 minutes of that class' starting time, the race for that class shall be abandoned.

14.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class that has sailed the course and finished will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

### **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 **[DP][NP]** As a courtesy, boats intending to protest or request redress are requested to notify the RC by hail or by VHF channel 72.

15.2 Protests, requests for redress or reopening a hearing shall be delivered in writing to the race committee within the appropriate time limit. Scott Milligan at sbmill384@gmail.com, 863-228-1159 or Art Schuller at aschuller@benchmark-gc.com, 239-841-1060.

15.3 The protest time limit and the time limit for requesting redress based on an incident that occurred in the racing area is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes for the day.

15.4 There is no the Official Notice Board for this event. Therefore, the Protest Committee shall attempt to notify competitors verbally or via email or cell phone of any protests/requests for redress pertaining to this event. The Protest Committee shall contact those competitors who are to be parties or are named as witnesses in a protest/request for redress hearing and will provide them with the time and place of the protest hearing.

### **16 SCORING**

16.1 WFPHRF time on distance for buoy race ratings will be used.

16.2 The low point scoring system will be used for the day's regatta and high point scoring system for BOTY.

16.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.4 No race score shall be discarded in calculating the series score.

16.5 Boats to be scored TLE and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two (2) points by the RC without a hearing. The boat(s) will be scored no worse than if scored DNF. This

changes A 4.2, A5 and A11.

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

**[DP]** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible via VHF 72.

## 18 TRASH DISPOSALS

**[DP]** Trash shall not be thrown overboard.

## 19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.2 **[DP][NP]** All boats will be equipped with a working VHF radio, either fixed or handheld capable of receiving and sending on VHF channels 16 and 72. The Race committee will monitor and broadcast information on channel 72.

19.1 **[DP]** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.

## 20 PRIZES

20.1 The results of the day's races will be announced via email

20.2 There will be no prizes awarded for this event.

## 21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

***Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (the organizing Authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) 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, or in the case of minors, each competitor's parent or guardian agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.***

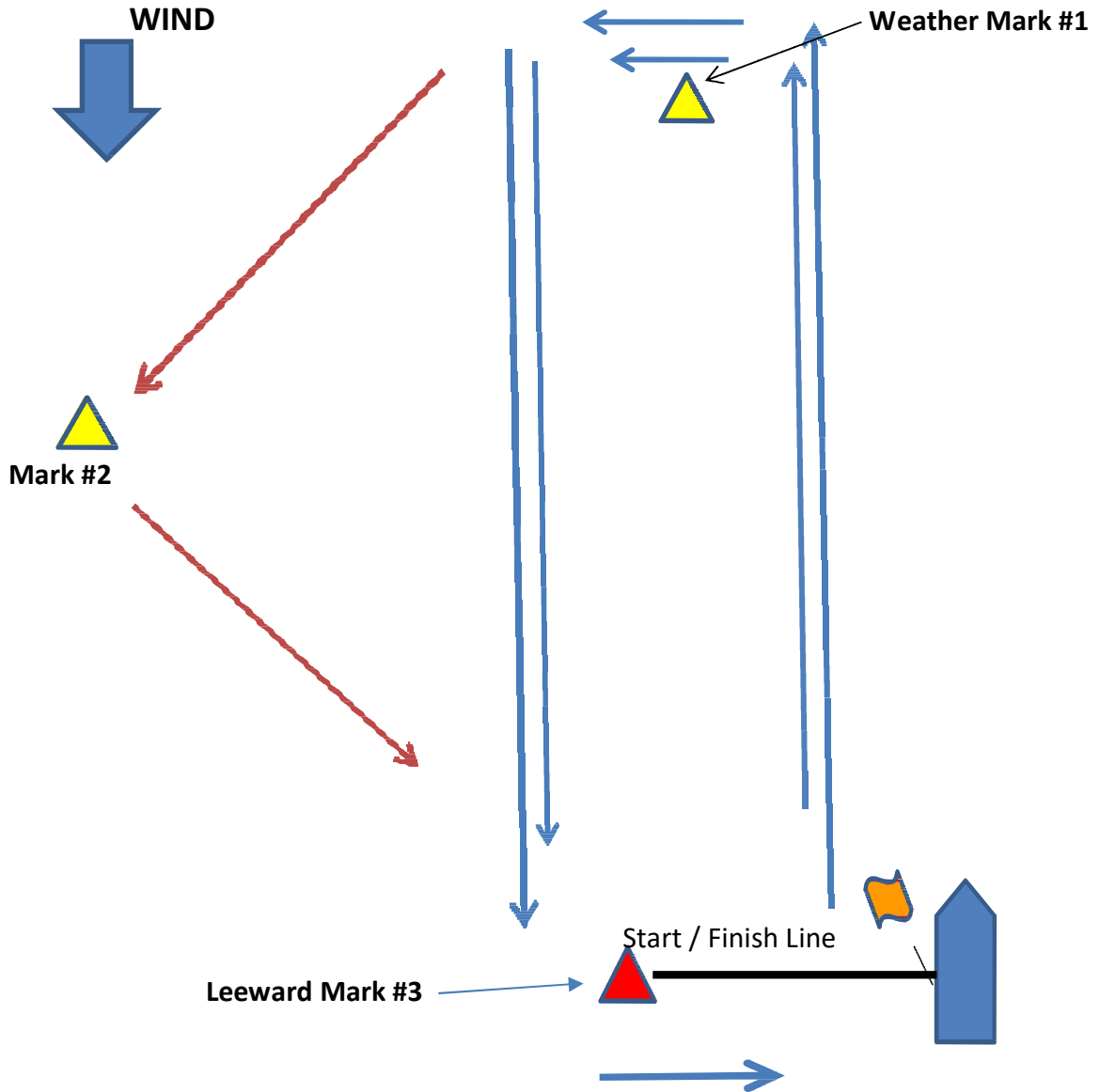
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# ATTACHMENT A—CMCS RACE COURSES

## SATURDAY BUOY RACES



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS		COURSE DESCRIPTIONS	
Windward – Leeward Courses		Triangle, Other Courses	
A	Start – 1 – Downwind Finish	D	Start – 1 – 2 – Reach Finish
B	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – Downwind Finish	E	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – Downwind Finish
C	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – Downwind Finish	F	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – Reach Finish

## NW Wind with reaching leg - EXAMPLE

