



Sailing Instructions – Commodore's Cup Regatta – January 13, 2024

Created 4-18-2022

Updated 10/10/2023 5:04 PM

Overview: The 2024 Commodore's Cup Regatta will be a pursuit start venue featuring distance racing. The mark coordinates will be available and distributed via email from www.yachtscoring.com. Our racing area will lie between Gordon's Pass and Caxambas Pass.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current U.S. Sailing - *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Class Rules of the West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Federation (WFPHRF), the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. Contact is Bruce Harris, Sailing Fleet Captain, 908-642-4692 or bruce.harris8@gmail.com.
- 1.3 All US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.4 VHF broadcast on channel 72 per RRS 90.2 (c). Depending on radio traffic other channels may be used in order of priority; 72,69,68,78.
- 1.5 Information received from the RC on any channel shall be considered as being information available to all competitors.
- 1.6 There will not be signals made from the pier or ashore.

2. Official Notices

- 2.1 The official notice board is on www.yachtscoring.com. Search by regatta name or [click on this link](#)
- 2.2 The OA's may publish via email addenda to include, but not necessarily limited to, information regarding the following: scratch sheet, skipper contact, ratings being used and class assignments.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any changes to these SIs or the NOR made before 1800 on the day before racing will be distributed at the skippers meeting or via email.
- 3.2 Any change to the SIs made after 1800 on the day before racing shall be announced by the Race Committee via VHF Channel 72 approximately 30 minutes, and again approximately 15 minutes, before the first



warning.

3.3 Races cancelled if:

3.3.1 The actual wind speed at the starting line exceeds 20 knots <23 MPH>

3.3.2 The forecasted wind is in excess of 25 knots <29 MPH>

3.3.3 On-water race committee makes a judgement call

3.3.4 The on-water race committee will use best efforts to cancel a race well in advance of the fleet's arrival to the starting line.

3.3.5 Skippers should always make their own decision to race

3.3.6 No refunds

4. Eligibility

4.1 This regatta is open to self-righting mono-hull and multi-hull sailing yachts measuring a minimum overall length of twenty (20) feet.

4.2 [DP] A WFPHRF rating is required. For those boats without a WFPHRF rating, the OA may assign a rating to be used only for this event.

4.3 All participating boats must be able to show proof of a \$300,000 liability insurance policy.

5. Classes

5.1 The boats will be divided into four classes for scoring purposes as follows:

5.1.1 Class I: PHRF Spinnaker

5.1.2 Class II: Non-Spinnaker

5.1.3 Class III: True Cruising

5.1.4 Class IV: Multihull

5.2 There must be a minimum of three (3) entries in a boat's class in order to have her race results included for Boat of The Year (BOTY). This requirement does not apply to the scoring and awards for the regatta.

5.3 Based on the number of boats competing, class awards will be given to top finisher(s) in PHRF Spinnaker, in PHRF Non-Spinnaker, True Cruising and in Multihull.

5.4 If there are insufficient entries for any Class, accepted entries will compete in a similar Class.

6. Signals Made Ashore

6.1 There will not be signals made from the pier or ashore.



7. Schedule of Races

- 7.1 The warning on Saturday, January 13, 2024 is scheduled at 9:55 hrs.
- 7.2 Flags will not be displayed, and no sound signal or announcement by the Principal Race Officer "PRO" via VHF radio, to tell the boats finishing there will be "No more racing today."

8. Racing Area and Course

- 8.1 The racing area will be in the Gulf of Mexico south of Gordon Pass, and north of Caxambas Pass. The start and finish will be a line between Gordon Pass government marker 1 and a non-marked position 300 feet due west. Racers will round government marker 1 at Caxambas pass to port and finish at Gordon pass. The total distance of the race is 27.2 nm.
- 8.2 The course will be announced by VHF.
- 8.3 Race committee will consist of:
 - 8.3.1 Option #1 The PRO will be present on the assigned Committee boat monitoring VHF 72.
- 8.4 Government marks will be used to set the courses.
- 8.5 At five-minute intervals starting 20 minutes prior to the warning signal, the Principal Race Officer may announce the course, bearing, and distance to the first mark.
- 8.6 Marks will be government marks.
- 8.7 Turning marks shall be passed leaving them to port.
- 8.8 The starting and finishing mark will be a government mark and a point 300 feet due west of Gordon Pass Marker 1.

9. Starts

- 9.1 The starting order of the boats will be determined by their individual PHRF rating.
- 9.2 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the start and is identified by the Race Committee may attempt to hail the 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).

10. Finish Line

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between Gordon Pass marker 1 and a point 300 feet due west. Record your own finish time and text or email your finish time to: Jeff Gage 203-326-0075 or jeffrey.gage@cbre.com.



11. Check-In

11.1 Sailboats will check in by hailing the Race Committee on VHF channel 72. The boat name, class entered, sail number, the number of persons on board and other pertinent information is to be submitted.

12. Class / Signal Flags

12.1 Class flags and Signal flags will not be used.

13. Penalty System

13.1 [DP] In keeping with the intent of racing, it is expected that skippers honor the US Sailing "Rules of Racing "and that any time a boat has clearly created an infraction, will take appropriate penalty turn(s) as soon as possible once the boat 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 a skipper may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, the 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 Principal Race Officer or by sending an email to fbrown13@yahoo.com 954-648-5838 C, Fleet Commander, 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 boat's protest time limit.

14. Time Limits

14.1 [DP][NP] A boat that is retiring from a race must notify the Race Committee by VHF radio channel 72 or by calling cell telephone # (908-642-4692).

14.2 The Race Committee may assign a finish position to any boat that has not finished, provided that the boat's position can be determined in a reasonable manner. A boat whose finishing position has been so established will be notified by VHF radio channel 72. Finishes assigned in



this manner will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15. Scoring Inquiries, Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 [DP][NP] Boats intending to protest, or request redress should as a courtesy to notify the Race Committee on VHF channel 72 or call cell phone #908-642-4692.
- 15.2 Any of the referenced forms under this section are to be submitted to the Race Committee or Protest Committee or can be emailed to bruce.harris8@gmail.com.
- 15.3 A boat requesting clarification about the Report of the Race Committee must submit a Scoring Inquiry Form (found on <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/race-officers/materials-for-race-officers/forms-diagrams-equipment/>) within the protest time limit and go through the scoring inquiry process prior to filing a request for redress. A boat requesting clarification about her score(s), based on posted results must submit a Scoring Inquiry Form as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the posting and go through the scoring inquiry process prior to filing a request for redress. If after going through the scoring inquiry process, the competitor wishes to file for redress, the request must be delivered as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the outcome of the scoring inquiry hearing.
- 15.4 Protests, requests for redress or requests for reopening a hearing shall be delivered in writing to the Race Committee within the appropriate time and may be sent by text to the Race Committee at 908-642-4692 within the protest period. The protest form is available on <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/race-officers/materials-for-race-officers/forms-diagrams-equipment/>. The US Sailing "Protest Form" is not required provided that the following information is included: (1) boat protesting, and boat(s) protested, (2) where and when incident occurred and (3) description of the incident.
- 15.5 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 has finished the last race for the day.
- 15.6 The Protest Committee shall attempt to notify competitors by posting a notice on Swflsail.com or via email that a protest or request for redress has been filed. The Protest Committee shall inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a time and place agreeable to all parties.



16. Scoring

16.1 The order of finish will determine the scoring within each class.

17. Safety Regulations

17.1 [DP] A boat that withdraws from racing for the day shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible via VHF 72, via email (bruce.harris8@gmail.com) or by texting OA's cell phone (908-642-4692).

18. Trash Disposal

18.1 [DP] Trash shall not be thrown overboard.

19. Radio Communication

19.1 [DP][NP] All boats must 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.

20. Prizes

20.1 Awards for a class with three to four boats registered will be limited to a first-place award.

20.2 Awards for a class with five boats registered will be limited to awards for first and second place.

20.3 Awards for a class with more than six boats registered will be limited to awards for first, second and third place.



Boat Finish Form <print for use on your vessel>

Regatta Name	Scorers Name			
	Finish Time			
	Hour	Minutes	Seconds	Notes
Race #				
Your finish time				
Boat Ahead <name only>				
Boat Behind <name only>				

Race #				
Your finish time				
Boat Ahead <name only>				
Boat Behind <name only>				

Race #				
Your finish time				
Boat Ahead <name only>				
Boat Behind <name only>				

Race #				
Your finish time				
Boat Ahead <name only>				
Boat Behind <name only>				

Race #				
Your finish time				
Boat Ahead <name only>				
Boat Behind <name only>				

Please take a picture of this form and send it to the PRO or Race Organizer



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.

Note: The notation "[DP]" in a rule in this Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. The notation "[NP]" in a rule in this Sailing Instructions designates that a boat may not protest a boat for an alleged breach of that instruction. This changes RRS 60.1(a).