

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



## CATALINA 22 2016 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



May 21 - 26, 2016

Hosted by Catalina 22 Fleet 77 and Fort Walton Yacht Club  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida

### 1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the FWYC clubhouse patio.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be announced at the competitors meeting and posted on the official notice board immediately. Thereafter, any changes to the sailing instruction will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water by hail on the designated VHF channel in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c) while properly displaying code flag L.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the FWYC flagpole.
- 4.2 When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes the Definition of Race Signals.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing: May 23 to May 26, 2016.

5.2 Events:

Saturday May 21	0930-1630	Registration
Sunday May 22	0930-1630	Registration
	1300	Practice Race
	1730	National Meeting and Awards Ceremony
	1830	Skippers Meeting with Dinner
Monday May 23	0830-0900	Final Registration
	0955	Spinnaker Fleet warning signal
	1255	Gold/Silver Fleet first warning signal of the day
Tuesday, May 24	0955	Spinnaker Fleet warning signal
	1255	Gold/Silver Fleet first warning signal of the day
Wednesday, May 25	0955	Spinnaker Fleet warning signal
	1255	Gold/Silver Fleet first warning signal of the day
	1725 (Optional)	FWYC Wednesday Night Fun Race

Thursday, May26

0955

Spinnaker Fleet warning signal

1255

Gold/Silver Fleet first warning signal of the day

1600

No warning signal after this time

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

Spinnaker Fleet: Green with C22 insignia  
Genoa Gold Fleet: Gold Flag with C22 insignia  
Genoa Silver Fleet: Silver Flag with C22 insignia

## 7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be in Choctawhatchee Bay east of FWYC.

## 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will post the course by displaying either a numeral pennant 4 or 5 corresponding to the course number designations on the course diagram.
- 8.3 The race committee will broadcast the course, bearing and distance information before the warning signal. Failure to broadcast or to receive this notification shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.4 If mark 1a is missing, boats shall sail to mark 2 after rounding mark 1.
- 8.5 If one of the leeward gate marks is missing and not replaced by a mark boat in its place displaying code flag "M" and making repetitive sounds, boats shall sail round the single leeward mark to port.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1 The starting marks will be race committee boats with a staff displaying an orange flag.
- 9.2 The offset mark will be an orange ball.
- 9.3 Rounding marks will be orange tetrahedrons except for a change of course.
- 9.4 New marks used for changing a leg of the course, as provided in RRS 33, will be yellow tetrahedrons. Subsequent legs will be changed to maintain the course shape using original marks.
- 9.5 The finish mark will be a race committee boat with a staff displaying an orange flag at one end of the line and an orange tetrahedron at the opposite end of the line.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end and the starting mark on the port end. In the event that the port end mark boat is not on station, it will be replaced by an inflatable mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her start signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5 and the Definition of Start.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is defined as 100 yards in all directions from the starting line.

## 11. RECALLS

- 11.1 Individual recalls and boats disqualified under RRS 30.3 will be broadcast on the designated VHF channel using bow/sail numbers. This is in addition to and changes RRS 29.1 and 30.3.
- 11.2 The race committee will broadcast the bow/sail numbers of all boats observed to be OCS at the start twice; it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions subsequent to the start.
- 11.3 Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.4 Failure to carry a VHF or failure to complete the transmission clearly or otherwise shall not be grounds for redress.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 The race committee may adjust the angle of a gate without making any signals.
- 12.3 The race committee shall attempt to broadcast any course changes over the designated VHF channel. Failure of a boat to hear such notification or failure to broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 12.4 A course change for the final leg of a race will be signaled by a race committee boat in the vicinity of the last rounding mark(s). It will display code flag "C" over "F" and a signal board with the direction and/or leg length change to the finish line and make repetitive sounds. This signal (C over F) applies only to the boats sailing their final (finishing) leg. The change will be signaled before the leading boat of a class has begun the leg, although the finish line may not yet be in position.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the finish mark.
- 13.2 The Signal Boat will display the code flag "R" at the finish line if the race committee intends to start another race on the same day. The next signal will be made one minute after code flag "R" is lowered with one sound signal. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 13.3 Flag "A" displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today" This changes RRS race signals.

14. **PENALTY SYSTEM:** Rule 44.1 shall apply.

## **15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 15.1 The target time for races is 45 to 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.2 The overall time limit will be 2 hours for the first boat to finish
- 15.3 The time limit for the first boat to round Mark 1 is 30 minutes.
- 15.4 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available on the official notice board and lodged with the protest committee representative within Protest Time which will begin when the RC boat docks and end 60 minutes later. The RC Signal Boat will make a sound signal upon docking. The docking time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 16.3 Notices of scheduled protests or requests for redress hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or may be parties affected by a request for redress. This will constitute notice to all parties under RRS 63.2 and its Prescription.
- 16.4 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 Seven races will be scheduled for the Gold and Silver Fleet with three races constituting a Regatta. Four races will be scheduled for the Spinnaker Fleet with one race constituting a Regatta.
- 17.3 No race scores will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.
- 17.4 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore via radio contact from the FWYC clubhouse.
- 18.2 A boat and its crew shall at all times keep clear of all commercial vessels and shall not maneuver in any manner which would cause a commercial vessel to be unable to sail their proper course or carry out their commercial functions in a normal manner.
- 18.2.1 A boat whose actions or maneuvers result in a Danger Signal (5 Horns or Sounds) from a commercial vessel, shall be protested.
- 18.2.2 A boat in violation of Sailing Instruction 18.2 can only be protested by the race committee. This Changes RRS 60.1 and 60.3.
- 18.2.3 The penalty for breaking this Sailing Instruction 18.2 shall be disqualification from the entire regatta.

## **19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without a prior written request and written approval of the race committee PRO.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment, with the exception of sails, will not be allowed without a prior written request and written approval of the race committee PRO. Granted approval does not relieve the approved change from separately meeting class rules requirements and being subject to SI 20.0.

## **20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a class measurer, or his assigns, to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **21. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

All boats must be launched by 10:30 am on Monday, May 23 and remain in the water unless written permission is granted by the race PRO.

## **22. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 22.1 The race committee will use VHF channel 72 to hail competitors regarding start times, starting infractions, and information important to racing. Failure of the transmission, failure of any boat to receive or properly interpret this information, or any errors or omissions on the part of the hailed messages shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 22.2 The race committee may not acknowledge any radio transmission except in the case of an emergency, and may not enter into dialogue with competitors.

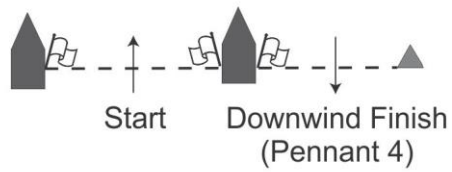
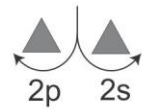
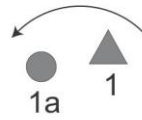
## **23. DISCALIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4 Decision to Race. Each competitor is solely responsible for his own safety and, by participation, agrees to sail and utilize FWYC facilities at his or her own risk. 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 regatta or related activities.

## **24. INSURANCE**

The boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

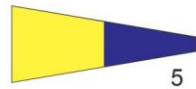
# COURSE DIAGRAM



## Course



Pennant 4: Start, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1, 1a, Finish



Pennant 5: Start, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, Finish