



# BLUEWATER BAY SAILING CLUB

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 2023 Start-a-Palooza

~~Saturday, 18 March 2023~~

Saturday, 8 April 2023

#### 1. RULES

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

#### 2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available electronically online at the official noticeboard.
- 2.2. The online official notice board is located at:  
<https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2023Startapalooza>
- 2.3. The competitor's meeting will be in-person at the Bluewater Bay Marina on **Friday evening** per the schedule written in 6. (below).
- 2.4. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 12:00 on the day they take effect. Changes made at the skipper's meeting will be posted following the skipper's meeting.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. The race is open to all PHRF rated boats. Entries without a GYA PHRF certificate will be assigned a rating by the Fleet Captain.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may register electronically at [nextSailor.com](https://nextsailor.com), at the following Link: <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2023Startapalooza>

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the end of the elevated dock that extends westward from the beach-area of the Bluewater Bay Marina Complex.
- 4.2. When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with, "not less than 30 minutes" for RRS race signals regarding "AP."

#### 5. CLASSES

- 5.1. The competition will feature one class: Non-Spinnaker.

#### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Friday, 7 April:  
5:30 PM In person Registration @ L.J. Schooner's Pavilion  
6:00 PM Competitor's Meeting
- 6.2. Saturday, 8 April:  
12:25 (est) First Signal



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\*\*Multiple starts and short races are planned with an emphasis on competitive (but safe) starting sequences. No sequence will start after 3:00 PM.

Prelim Results: ASAP following the last race @ L.J. Schooner's Pavillion

## 7. CHECK IN

- 7.1. Each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day.

## 8. RACECOURSE

- 8.1. The racing area will be located on the waters of the Choctawhatchee Bay and Rocky Bayou.
- 8.2. The course will be windward/leeward defined by dropped marks.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. To be described at the competitor's meeting.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1. The location of the starting line will be as described at the competitor's meeting. (Depends on the wind direction)
- 10.2. The races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.3. The starting line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the RC boat and an orange mark.
- 10.4. Since the emphasis is on starting practice, the first four practice starts will terminate after the line is clear, and the competitors will maneuver for the next start.
- 10.5. After the practice starts are complete, three short windward/leeward races will commence.
- 10.6. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal and she is identified, the RC may broadcast her sail number on the pre-briefed VHF radio channel. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, untimeliness of the hail, the order of hail, or failure to hail all or some boats shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

## 11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finish line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the RC boat and an orange mark (the same as the starting line).



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## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. RRS 44.1 is changed such that a Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by One-turn penalty for Part 2 and Rule 31 violations, except two turns when in the zone around a mark.

## 13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1. Protest forms are available from the race committee (as conditions and situation permits) and from the Fleet Captain.
- 13.2. Protests, request for redress, and request for reopening shall be delivered to the Race committee or Fleet Captain within the posted protest time limit.
- 13.3. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat has returned and the RC has returned.
- 13.4. Persons will be notified, and notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

## 14. SCORING

- 14.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply for as many W/L races are conducted.
- 14.2. No score shall be excluded.

## 15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1. Notify the Race Committee as soon as possible if retiring from the race.

## 16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1. The RC will transmit/receive with competitors on VHF channel 72.

## 17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Preliminary results and awards for the top three finishers and the best starting performance will be announced at L.J. Schooners after the race.

## 18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. RRS 3 States the following: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that each skipper is responsible for his/her vessel and crew.

## 19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- nextSailor website: <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2023Startapalooza>  
BBSC PHRF Fleet Captain [PHRF-Fleet-Captain@bbsc.com](mailto:PHRF-Fleet-Captain@bbsc.com) (702) 686-9042

## 20. REVISIONS: 1



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## **APPENDIX A: Racecourse Depictions**

N/A: To be described at the competitor's meeting.



## APPENDIX B: Starting Sequence per RRS 26

### 26 STARTING RACES

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
5*	Class flag	One	Warning signal
4	P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

\*or as stated in the notice of race or sailing instruction

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.



