



**Dogwood Regatta
Fairhope Yacht Club
Sailing Instructions One Design
March 28-29, 2026**

1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the current Prescriptions of U. S. Sailing, One Design class rules, and the NOR except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

1.2 Melges 15 substitution class rule C.3.2 is modified to allow substitution for this race.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located by the Tiki Bar beneath the Fairhope Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than thirty (30) minutes following the conclusion of the skippers' meeting on the first day of racing, and by 0900 hrs on each day thereafter.

3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Fairhope Yacht Club flagpole located on the beach.

4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than thirty (30) minutes'.

5. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

5.1 Radio communication between boats and the race committee during racing will be carried out on VHF. Competitors are advised to always monitor the channel for their course. The channel will be announced at skippers' meeting.

5.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.

5.3 Competitors may monitor the race committee channel, but communications between the race committee that may be overheard by a competitor shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 A maximum of eight (8) races is scheduled, with no more than five (5) races on the first day. One race constitutes a series.

6.2 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs on the last day of racing. Competitors are required to stand by, well clear of the finish line after finishing and await the next start or

further instructions from the Race Committee.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flag for each class will be identified at the Competitors Meeting.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The Race Committee will attempt to post the approximate compass bearing from the start to the first mark of the course on the Signal Boat. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress. Course diagram detailed in appendices

9. MARKS

9.1 Weather and leeward marks, and gate marks will be orange inflatable marks.

9.2 The starting pin for the M15/420 course and the Laser/Open Skiff course will be green tetrahedrons.

9.3 Change of course marks after the start will be yellow inflatable marks and will revert back to orange if further changes are necessary.

9.4 Off Set marks will be orange hippity-hops, the offset mark missing on a change of course will not be grounds for protest

10. SAFETY CHECK-IN

10.1 When the RC signal vessel displays Code Flag "L" prior to the first warning signal each day, competitors shall sail past the stern of the signal vessel on starboard tack and hail her sail number or bow number until acknowledged by the RC.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26. The starting order will be given at the skippers' meeting but may be changed as needed. Race Committee will attempt to announce via VHF any change in the order of starts, but class flags displayed from the signal boat shall take precedence over all announcements.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

11.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

11.4 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 61.4, A5.1 and A5.2.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue shape or flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Appendix V, 'Alternative Penalties', will apply. This changes RRS 44.1.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 If no boat has reached the first weather mark within twenty (20) minutes of their start, the race shall be abandoned.

14.2 If no boat has sailed the course and finished within sixty (60) minutes of their start, the race shall be abandoned.

14.3 Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish in her class will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) which is one (1) point greater than the last boat in the class to finish within the thirty (30) minute time limit. This changes RRS 35. A4, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the Signal Boat docks at the FYC. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

15.2 Hearing request forms are available at the official notice board and must be placed in the Protest Envelope within the protest time limit.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors when and where the hearings will be and the involved parties or named witnesses.

15.4 Protests will be heard in the order in which they are received and at the first reasonable opportunity.

15.5 On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for reopening of a hearing or request for redress no later than one half hour after being informed of the decision. This changes RRS 63.7.

16 SCORING

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System will be used.

16.2 One Design Classes: if six (6) or more races are completed a boat's worst score is excluded.

16.3 Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Per GYA 6(a), in all sanctioned Viper 640 events and all junior/youth events, USCG-approved Type I, II or III PFD's 100% dependent on foam for flotation shall be properly worn by all skippers and crewmembers while on board a competing boat while racing, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area or if not possible, at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 SUPPORT BOATS

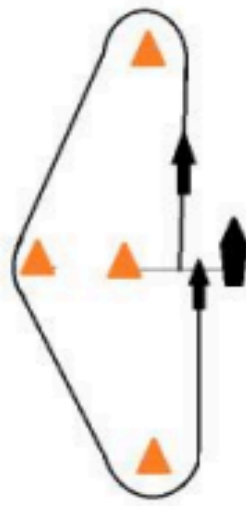
18.1 Coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area from the time of the warning signal for that class until all boats have finished. The penalty for failing to comply with

this requirement will be disqualification for all boats associated with the support personnel.

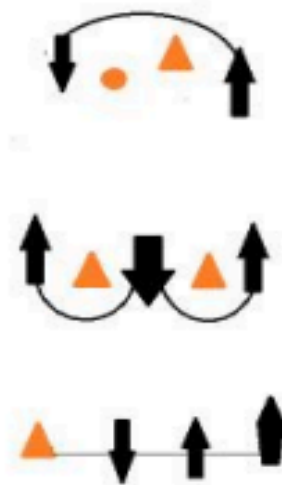
Appendix A



W
Windward/Leeward
twice (2) around



T
Modified Triangle



LA
Windward/Leeward
with offset and gate
twice (2) around