CMCS Sailing Instructions 2021

Naples to Ft. Myers Beach Offshore Race

February 19, 2022 at 10:00 am

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Applicable class rules are those of the West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Federation (WFPHRF).
- Any changes to the Notice of Race and/or these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the yachtscoring.com website (https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13236) no later than 24 hours before the race.
- 1.3 There may be emails sent out prior to the race start to notify skippers of changes and validate the scratch sheet including division entered, contact info, and WFPHRF.

2. Classes and Ratings

- 2.1 This race will have up to four classes PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-spinnaker, PHRF Cruising, and PHRF Multihull if there are enough racers entered. A minimum of three boats with current PHRF certificates is needed to constitute a class for purposes of the BOTY scoring.
- **2.2** There will be a single start for all classes at 10:00 am.
- To remind all, there may be a horn signal one minute prior to the five-minute count down starts (six minutes before first start). All starts will be synchronized to GPS times starting on a minute. The countdown sequence will have a horn at 5:00, then 4:00, then 1:00 then start!
- 2.4 All horns and communication will be broadcast over the radio on channel 72
- 2.5 Ratings for this race will be the WFPHRF rating for RLC races.
 NOTE: If a boat does not have a valid WFPHRF, the rear commodore of racing will assign a rating. This rating will not be subject to address.

3. Entry and Fees

3.1 Register for this race https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13236 . The cost is \$35.00. There will be no official after-race party.

4. Course

- 4.1 The starting line will be between a mark set approximately 200 yards directly west of the Naples Pier and the west end of the pier. Please respect the fishermen's lines near the pier.
- 4.2 A single start for all classes will occur at 1000 with the first warning at 0955. The race will be monitored by Scott Milligan from his boat, "Pepper" via VHF Channel 72 (863-228-1159). Pepper will be participating in the race so all starting sequence horns will be broadcast via radio. There will be no flags.
- **4.3** Please stay clear of the fisherman at the pier.
- 4.4 The finish is between the San Carlos Bay Day Beacon G1 (26 25.93N 81 58.12W) and San Carlos Bay Channel Light R2 (26 26.71N 81 57.88W) markers north of the "SC" mark. The "SC" mark is NOT a mark of the course.
- **4.5** Racers are to report their finish times via VHF 72 to:

Scott Milligan "Pepper" (sbmill384@gmail.com, 863-228-1159). If you cannot communicate via VHF please text the finishing times to Scott.

5. Check In

5.1 All boats are to check-in via VHF channel 72 with Scott Milligan, "Pepper", 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.

6. Time Limits, Finishing

- **6.1** A boat that withdraws should contact the committee boat with its intentions.
- **6.2** There is no time limit for this race.

7. Radio Communication

- **7.1** 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.
- **7.2** All boats are <u>strongly</u> encouraged to carry a cell phone.

8. Penalties, Protests and Request for Redress

- 8.1 It is expected that skipper know the rules of racing, but it is also expected that this is fun club racing. Any time a boat has clearly created an infraction it is generally expected that they will take a penalty turn at the earliest safe time and proceed.
- **8.2** A boat intending to protest or request redress shall notify the RC by hailing or by VHF after the finish, but before leaving the racing area.

For further information contact:

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