



2024 Charity Cup Regatta – Supporting St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

Organizing Authority: The Cleveland Yachting Club

July 27 & 28, 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – DROP MARK COURSE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event is governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), and the class rules for any one-design class for which a separate starting class or fleet has been established.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.3 Under RRS 87, Rule 16 of the Rules and By-laws of the South Shore Performance Handicap Racing Fleet, Rule 5 of the T-10 Class Rules, and Rule 7.1 of the J/105 Class Association Rules will not apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official Notice Board located near the Center Isle.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Except for instructions 3.2 and 3.3 below, any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than two (2) hours prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the location of a racing area shall be posted before 0900 on the day it will apply.
- 3.3 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the later of 1800 or the protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flagpole located south of the CYC clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in race signal AP. *This changes race signals AP*
- 4.3 The RRS Race Signals section “AP over a numeral pennant 1-9” is deleted in its entirety.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 A total of five (5) races are scheduled for the Event.
- 5.2 Back-to-back races are scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday.
- 5.3 The warning for the first race of each day will be at **0955**.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after **1330** on the last scheduled day of racing.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flags and order of start are as follows:

PHRF A Code flag #4 	PHRF B Code flag #5 	J/105 Code flag #6 	Fleet D Code flag #7 	Star / Other 1D Code flag #8 
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7 RACING AREA

The race area will be approximately 1NM East of the CYC “C” Mark.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in "Illustration 1" show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The Race Committee ("RC") intends to set a gate at the leeward end of the course. However, a single leeward mark may be set, in which case it shall be left to port.
- 8.3 The approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles to the first mark will be broadcast via vhf, prior to the warning signal for each race.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The starting mark shall be either a large **yellow** inflatable cylinder or an anchored vessel displaying a staff with an orange flag.
- 9.2 Mark 1 shall be an **orange** inflatable tetrahedron with an optional small hip-hop for an offset mark. Note: the offset is not depicted in the diagrams.
- 9.3 Leeward Mark 2P, and optionally gate 2S, shall be **orange** inflatable cylinders.
- 9.4 The finishing mark shall be a **yellow** inflatable cylinder.
- 9.5 The change mark for Mark 1 as provided in instruction 11.1, and 11.2 shall be a **yellow** inflatable cylinder.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying an orange flag as described in instruction 9.3.
- 10.2 The order of starts for the first race of each day is the order shown in paragraph 6, above. After the first race, the RC may start the classes in any order.
- 10.3 The RC may start two or more classes together, including for the first start of each day.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the sequence for other races. [DP][NP]
- 10.5 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes of her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes rules A4 and A5.*
- 10.6 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel for competitor communication as noted in instruction 20.1. Failure to make a broadcast, the order of sail numbers called, or the time of the broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11 COURSE CHANGES

- 11.1 **Before the starting signal** - If there is a significant wind shift during a series of starting sequences, the RC may signal a change of course for a class as follows: Flag C will be displayed from the signal vessel prior to the warning signal. The magnetic bearing of the new weather mark may be displayed and attention to the change of course will be made by multiple sound signals. The new Mark 1 will be **yellow**, but after a second change during the race, the changed mark will be **orange**. Flag C will be displayed during the starting sequence for each class to which the change applies.
- 11.2 **After the starting signal** - To change the next leg, as allowed by RRS 33, the RC will lay a new mark and remove the old mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark as described in instruction 9.4.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V will be in effect.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 If no boat in a class has reached the first mark under one hour, the race shall be abandoned for that class.
- 14.2 If no boat in a class has finished under two hours, the race shall be abandoned for that class.
- 14.3 A boat or boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat in her class finished will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A5 and A11.*

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 RRS 61.1(a) is changed so that "A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the RC finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested until acknowledged by the RC signal boat.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at race headquarters Center Isle. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there to a Judge or the Jury Secretary at the Judges Table within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3 For each class, the protest time limit is one (1) hour after the RC signal vessel for their course area docks after the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings shall be held inside the main Clubhouse. All parties to Protest Meetings shall meet at the Judges Table 10 minutes prior to their scheduled meeting time; Protest Meetings that do not have all Parties present at its start shall move to the end of scheduled Protest Meetings.
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*
- 15.6 If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, BFD or TLE on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than thirty (30) minutes after the after the penalties are posted or the end of the protest time limit, whichever is later. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

16 SCORING

- 16.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute an Event.
- 16.2 Boats scored TLE in accordance with SI 14.3 will receive points equal to the number of boats in her class finishing within the Time Limit as described in SI 14.1 plus one (1) point.
- 16.3 In the event of a tie, the tie will be resolved in favor of the boat responsible for raising the most money in connection with the Event prior to the conclusion of racing. *This changes RRS A8.*
- 16.4 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores (no "throw out"). *This changes RRS A2.*
- 16.5 Questions regarding scoring or a boat's rating may be resolved by the proper filing of a Scoring Inquiry Form which shall be available at the Judges table. If the resolution of the scoring issue proves unsatisfactory, the boat may request redress under RRS 62, subject to the time limits in paragraph 15.6.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 **Check-In** - All boats shall check in with the RC boat displaying the "L" flag on their assigned race area at least five minutes before the first warning signal of the day by sailing past the committee boat on starboard tack and hailing her class and sail number until acknowledged by the RC. [DP][NP]
- 17.2 **Retirement** - A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible. [DP][NP]

18 LAUNCH, HAUL-OUT RESRICTIONS AND TRAILER STORAGE

- 18.1 With the exception of Stars, once launched, no boat shall be hauled out of the water until after the last race Sunday, except for emergencies, without prior written authorization from the RC. [DP]

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1 All radio communications between the RC and the competitors shall be on the VHF channel **69 (changed from NOR)**.
- 19.2 Various race information may be provided by the RC as a courtesy to competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the RC's visual signals which shall govern the conduct of the racing. [NP]

19.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. [DP][NP]

20 PRIZES

20.1 First, second, and third prizes for each class will be awarded.

20.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority and/or individual classes.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Event.

COURSES - ILLUSTRATION 1

