

PLATINUM POINT YACHT CLUB

2009/2010 MONDAY RACES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

Monday Races will be governed by The Sailing Instructions and the UNITED STATES SAILING ASSOCIATION, "THE RACING RULES OF RACING 2009-2012 (RRS)".

2. ELIGIBILITY & FLEETS

Members and guests of the Platinum Point Yacht Club are eligible to participate in all Monday Club races. All boats must file a current West Florida PHRF rating certificate with the Race Committee. Boats without certificates will be given a provisional base rating until their West Florida PHRF certificate is received. All boats must display sail numbers on the mainsail. A Platinum Point Yacht Club member must be on board and in command of any boat participating in a race. Two divisions: Division A boats (**RED** Class Flag) and Division B boats (**WHITE** Class Flag) as assigned by the Race Committee, shall be listed on a "scratch sheet," periodically updated, and posted on the bulletin board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

These sailing instructions may be changed by the Race Committee. They will post new instructions or any changes on the bulletin board outside the Club Managers Office by 11:30 AM on race day. The changes shall be in effect for the next scheduled race.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Two races shall be held each Monday, as scheduled by the Monday Sailing Chairman, and the first race of the day will be scheduled to start at 1:00 PM (1ST warning 12:55 PM). The race Committee may delay such start by a reasonable amount of time to facilitate on site conditions with weather and readiness of the participants. No start shall be conducted after 3:00 PM. Make-up races, if needed, may be scheduled on days other than Monday.

5. RACE AREA

All Monday races will be West of the Burnt Store Marina entrance; a distance sufficient to clear the marine traffic near said entrance.

6. COURSES

There will be two possible racing configurations based on weather and support. The final decision will be posted on a **WHITE** board on the committee boat.

In Course #1, the "A" Division boats will sail one triangle followed by one windward and one leeward leg, for a total of (5) legs. In the "B" Division, the boats will sail one triangle for a total of (3) legs. See Attachment 1.

Course #2 consists of windward and leeward legs only. The "A" Division boats will sail 6 legs, three times around the course. In the "B" Division, the boats will sail 4 legs, twice around the course. See Attachment 2.

All courses will use the "RLC" rating.

7. MARKS

Marks will be inflatable balls or tetrahedrons. The Race Committee may use a stand off mark, either attached to the Race Committee boat or set separately by anchor. Said mark shall be left on the starboard side of each boat starting. The standoff mark is not used to sight the starting line.

8. THE START(S)

Races will be started between the course side of a starting mark and an orange flag displayed on the committee boat using rule 26. A Wake Up Signal of (5) short blasts will be given at (6) minutes before the start of the first class. The warning (Class flag) signal will be displayed at five (5) minutes before the start. Blue flag with a white square (preparatory signal) will be displayed four (4) minutes before the start, and lowered one minute before the start. The class flag will be lowered at the start.

A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

Note: The White Class Flag for the B Division will be raised at the same time the Red Class Flag is lowered for the A Division start. If necessary, B division could start first in the second race.

- 8.1 Prior to the warning signal of the first race, each boat shall sail past the Race Committee boat, check in with the sail number, number of crew aboard, and be acknowledged. Radio check-in is allowed when arriving late to the starting area.
- 8.2 Boats whose warning signal has NOT been made, SHALL keep clear of starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
9. **INDIVIDUAL RECALL**

Boats on the course side of the starting line at the start may be recalled. The Race Committee will give a signal of one horn blast and display the "X" flag (a white flag with a blue cross). The names(s) or numbers of each boat over will be announced on Channel 78 of the VHF radio when possible.
10. **GENERAL RECALL**

In the event the Race Committee signals a general recall, it shall do so by raising the **FIRST SUBSTITUTE** (BLUE AND YELLOW PENNANT) and sounding two blasts of the horn. The First Substitute will be lowered, together with one blast of the horn one minute prior to the new starting sequence, per instruction 8. The sequence for any remaining class shall be delayed accordingly.
11. **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the changed leg, although the new mark may not be in position. The change of course flag ("C") will be flown with repetitive sounds.
12. **SHORTEN COURSE**

The Race Committee may shorten the course by establishing a finish line at a mark of the course and display flag S (white with a blue square) and sound two horns. The finishing line will be between the mark and the staff displaying the flag S.
13. **THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between the staff of the orange flag on the Committee Boat and the course side edge of the inflatable nearby mark. The orange flag will also serve as the committee boat on station signal.
14. **TIME LIMIT**

The time limit will be one hour and thirty minutes for each fleet for each race. If no boat finishes within one hour and thirty minutes of the start of her fleet, then the race shall be abandoned for that fleet. If one boat in its fleet finishes within the time limit, boats not finishing within fifteen minutes after the time limit for its fleet shall be scored DNF. Expiration of finishing time limits shall be signaled by raising the class flag(s) and calling competitors on VHF channel 78. This modifies RRS 35.
15. **ABANDONMENT**

Lowering the orange flag and sounding three blasts of a horn will abandon any starting sequence or race in progress. The Race Committee will announce, by radio, either a new start will be conducted or to return to port. This modifies RRS 32.
16. **PROTESTS**

Any boat protesting another boat must conform to RRS 61. A request for redress shall conform to RRS 62. Protests must be filed, in writing, by 5:00 PM of the day the incident occurred, at the PPYC office.
17. **SCORING**

A high point scoring system will be used, including one point for finishing and one point for each boat defeated in any race. The final score will be derived from 70% of the total number of races per series. A time on time system $ET \times 650 / (550 + Rate)$ will be used to establish corrected time.
18. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

The Race Committee will monitor and make announcements to competitors on VHF Channel 78.

ANY COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN RACE COMMITTEE PERSONNEL OR BOATS WHICH MAY BE OVERHEARD BY COMPETITORS SHALL NOT BE GROUNDS FOR REDRESS OR PROTEST. THE RACE COMMITTEE HAS NO OBLIGATION TO COMMUNICATE BY ABOVE VHF RADIO.