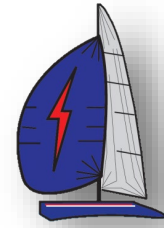


# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



**Ford Yacht Club**  
**Dacron Series**  
**June, July, & August 2023**



## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The series shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 A boat which has a US Military Veteran or Active Duty person, and/or a First Responder shall let the Race Committee know 3 hours before the event if they want a handicap adjustment. For each of these people(s), the yacht may be credited 5 seconds per mile. (Example – 2 veterans and 1 first responder would take a base rating of 180 to a new rating of +15 seconds for 195)
- 1.3 A boat that finishes first, will be hit 10 seconds/mile in the next race
- 1.4 A boat that finishes second, will be hit 5 seconds/mile in the next race
- 1.5 A boat who comes in last, and is not first or second, will be credited 10 seconds/mile in the next race

## **2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS AND INFORMATION MEETING(S)**

- 2.1 Updated ratings will be announced at the skippers meeting
- 2.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located at the Ford Yacht Club's Peg Spriggs Pavilion near the fuel dock in the West Basin.
- 2.3 Skipper's meeting will happen at 1230 hrs each day of racing at the Peg Spriggs Pavilion near the fuel dock in the West Basin.

## **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1230 hours on the day of the race.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals will not be made ashore, any communications before the race will take place at the skipper's meeting.

## **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The scheduled first warning signal of racing shall be approximately 1400 hrs

## **RACING AREA**

Racing area is located South of Grosse Ile and to the West of the international shipping channel.

## **6 THE COURSES**

- 6.1 Courses will be identified in attachment A. Attachment A will be available at the skipper's meeting.
- 6.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the corresponding signal identified in Attachment A for what course has been selected.

## **7 MARKS**

Marks will be identified in attachment A.

## **8 THE START:**

- 8.1 Races will be started using a pursuit style system with a single warning made 5 minutes before the first starting signal. When the FYC burgee is flying, the start sequence is active.
- 8.2 Start times and a detailed description of flags will be given at the skipper's meeting.
- 8.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in Attachment A.
- 8.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area until they are within 5 minutes of their given start time.

## **9 THE FINISH**

- 9.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in Attachment A.

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

For all classes, the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1*

## **11 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 11.1 Time limit for all class is 1700 hours.
- 11.2 Boats failing to finish by 1700 hours will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 12.1 Protest forms are available in the Ford Yacht Club lobby and at [www.fycsailing.com](http://www.fycsailing.com).  
Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the sail committee mailbox in the Ford Yacht Club lobby or submitted using the online entry at [www.fycsailing.com](http://www.fycsailing.com) within the appropriate time limit.
- 12.2 Intention to protest must be given to the RC boat after finishing your race.
- 12.3 Protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished for the Dacron Class.
- 12.4 Notices will be posted no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted.
- 12.5 Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

## **13 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 13.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

## **14 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 14.1 On board VHF radios are required for monitoring purposes. The RC will be monitoring VHF channel 71.

## **15 AWARDS**

- 15.1 Awards shall be presented at the FYC Awards Night.

## **16 Disclaimer of Liability**

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

## **17 INSURANCE**

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 (USD) per incident or the equivalent.