2018 AROUND EGMONT KEY CLASSIC REGATTA

BRADENTON YACHT CLUB PALMETTO FLORIDA SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2019 REVERSE HANDICAP EVENT

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. No national prescriptions will apply
- 1.3. The current WFPHRF class rules will apply. This is a WFPHRF category 4 event.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, RRS or WFPHRF, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located by the pool.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE AHORE

- **4.1.** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the southeast corner of the Yacht Basin at Bradenton Yacht Club.
- **4.2.** When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes RRS 26.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Check-In: Friday, February 22, 2019 from 1700-1930
- 5.2. Competitor's Meeting: Friday, February 22, 2019 at 1930
- 5.3. Warning Signal: Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 0955
- 5.4. Individual start times will be distributed before the end of the Competitor's Meeting.
- 5.5. Should the race be abandoned for any reason, it may be rescheduled for the following day.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- **6.1.** The Bradenton Yacht Club burgee will be used as a class flag for the starting sequence.
- **7.** RACING AREA

7.1. The start shall be located in lower Tampa Bay in the vicinity of ICW Marker #2 and will go around Egmont Key and return.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. Course A: The course will start between the Committee Signal Boat and a temporary mark in the vicinity of Marker #2 in Tampa Bay. The first leg shall be from the Committee Signal Boat to a gate between Marker G3 off of Egmont Key and a temporary mark. Thence to Marker G1 bell leaving it to starboard, thence to R14 leaving it to starboard, thence to R18 leaving it to starboard thence to G3 and a temporary mark forming a gate, thence to the finish in the vicinity of G2.
- 8.2. Course B: The course will start between the Committee Signal Boat and a temporary mark in the vicinity of Marker #2 in Tampa Bay. The first leg shall be from the Committee Signal Boat to a gate between Marker G3 off of Egmont Key and a temporary mark, thence to R18 leaving it to port thence to R16 leaving it to port, thence to R14 leaving it to port, thence to G1 bell leaving it to port, thence to G3 bell and a temporary mark forming a gate and thence to the finish in the vicinity of G2.
- 8.3. If the Race Committee is not present, note your finish time from GPS time and if possible the boat finishing before you and the boat behind you.
- 8.4. Either course's rum line is approximately 21.2 nm in length.

9. MARKS

- **9.1.** The start and finish line mark will be a tomato shape.
- **9.2.** The temporary gate mark will be a tetrahedron shape.
- **9.3.** The remaining marks will be fixed government marks.

10. CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

- **10.1.** Before the start of the race, each boat shall check-in with the race committee by passing on the starboard side of the signal boat.
- 10.2. Radio check-ins will be accepted on VHF channel 72.
- 10.3. All boats shall give their boat name, sail number and division.
- **10.4.** Only the race committee may protest boats for not checking in properly.

11. THE START

- **11.1.** Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- **11.2.** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

- **11.3.** Boats whose starting time is not within the next 5 minutes shall avoid the starting area during the start times for other racers.
- **12.** THE FINISH
 - **12.1.** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.
- **13.** TIME LIMITS
 - **13.1.** Boats failing to finish within sixty (60) minutes after the first boat in its class that sails the course will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5.
 - **13.2.** Boats failing to finish thirty (30) minutes prior to sunset on the day of the race will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5. The scheduled time of sunset will be announced at the Competitor's Meeting.
- **14.** PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS
 - **14.1.** Protest forms will be available next to the official notice board.
 - **14.2.** A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area or ask redress should notify the race committee finish boat of her intention at the finish line, including the sail number of the boat being protested. This changes RRS 61.
 - **14.3.** The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the finish committee boat's docking time.
 - **14.4.** Scoring inquiries will be accepted for thirty (30) minutes following the posting of the scores on the official notice board.
 - **14.5.** The organizing authority may schedule protest hearings at any time following receipt of protests. Such information shall be posted on the notice board.
- **15.** SCORING
 - **15.1.** The Low Point System of Appendix A of RRS will apply.
 - **15.2.** In the case of a shortened race, it will be re-scored as PHRF time/distance based on elapsed time.
 - **15.3.** Results will be included in the SBYA Boat of the Year Series.
- **16.** SAFETY REGULATIONS
 - **16.1.** A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17. RADIO COMMUNICATION
 - **17.1.** The race committee will monitor and make announcements on VHF channel 72.
- **18.** PRIZES

- **18.1.** Prizes will be awarded at Bradenton Yacht Club following the protest time limit and any protest hearings that may be scheduled that day.
- 19. DIŚCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
 - **19.1.** 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.
- **20.** INSURANCE
 - 20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.