



2018 Sandusky Bay Bicentennial Regatta Formerly “The Great Sailboat Race”

Organizing Authority: Sandusky Sailing Club and Sandusky Yacht Club

Host: Sandusky Sailing Club

July 21, 2018

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”) except as modified by these Sailing Instructions and any notices.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the bar at the Sandusky Sailing Club patio.

2.2. Notices will attempt to be posted on the *Regatta Network* website.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1030 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole.

4.2. When flag AP is lowered ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 1 hour’ in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

Friday July 20

1700-2100 Registration and Pizza Party

Saturday July 21

0800-1000 Registration and check-in. Continental breakfast available

1030 Skippers Meeting

1155 First Warning Signal

1630 Awards at SYC

1700 Dinner at SYC

6. Class Flags

Class flags will be:

Dinghies- purple flag.

Multihulls- pink flag.

Keelboats- blue flag.

7. RACING AREA

Racing will take place on the waters of Sandusky Bay north and west of the entrance to the Sandusky Sailing Club.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The diagram in Attachment A shows the course around fixed navigational buoys in Sandusky Bay.
- 8.2. The first leg will be a short weather leg to an orange tetrahedron rounded to port.
- 8.3. No later than the warning signal the race committee signal vessel will display a red or green flag signifying marks to port or marks to starboard. No matter the flag color, the first mark shall be taken to port.
- 8.4. Marks in order (see SI 8.3): Start, Mark 1, R2, G7, G9, R24, R16, Junction Buoy E, Finish

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The first rounding mark will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 9.2. The starting and finishing marks will be a yellow cylinder.
- 9.3. The course marks shall be fixed red or green navigational buoys.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:
 - 10.1.1. The four Range Lights west of the Moseley Channel shall be kept to port when sailing out of Sandusky Bay and shall be kept to starboard when entering Sandusky Bay.
 - 10.1.2. The area between the entrance to Sadler Sailing Basin and the SSC race committee finish mark shall be kept to starboard.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26. The first warning signal may be preceded by a “wake-up” signal which will consist of a series of short horns one minute before the warning signal of the first start.
- 11.2. The Race Committee may attempt to use a rolling start.
- 11.3. The starting line will be between an orange flag displayed on the committee boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.4. A boat that does not start within 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.5. Any boat identified as OCS at her starting signal will attempt to be broadcast on VHF channel 72 by the race committee. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the SSC race committee buoy near the entrance to Sadler Sailing Basin and the course side of the port end finish mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. When a boat has its spinnaker drawing and may have broken one or more rules of RRS Part 2, she may take a One-Turn Penalty as modified: she shall drop her spinnaker completely, with the head below the gooseneck, while taking her penalty. This changes rule 44.1.
- 13.2. In all other cases than the one listed in SI 12.1, a vessel shall take the typical Two-Turns Penalty.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. Boats failing to finish within 2 hours after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the registration table in the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC Signal Boat dock time, which will be posted on the official notice board. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limits to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The USSailing Portsmouth Yardstick shall be used for handicap ratings of all racing vessels.

17. SAFETY REGULATION

- 17.1. Prior to the warning signal, each boat is required to check in with the RC boat sailing on starboard tack and hailing her sail number.
- 17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall neither make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and other forms of electronic communication.
- 18.2. Competitors are encouraged to have a VHF radio on board to hear instructions broadcast to all competitors during the race and for safety reasons. The Race Committee will communicate on channel 72.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. Prizes will be given to the first through third finishers in each fleet, provided that the fleet has a minimum of 3 boats registered.
- 19.2. A prize will be given to the overall winner of all fleets combined.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee and Sandusky Sailing Club 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.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.