

First
Coast
Sailing
Association

Eleventh Annual

INTERCLUB REGATTA

December 9, 2000

at

Navy Jacksonville Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES** - The series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the US SAILING, the rules of participating classes, (except as any of the foregoing are altered by these Sailing Instructions); and by these Sailing Instructions. The series is designated Category B.

2. **SAFETY:**

2.1 All competitors are required to conform with the U.S. Coast Guard regulations and the RRS personal floatation devices and other required equipment. All yachts are reminded that under fundamental rule 4 "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing."

2.2 Yachts shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel, commercial fishing vessels while fishing or vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Racing yachts interfering with other vessels may be subject to protest by the Race Committee or contestants and disqualification.

3. **CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 the day of the regatta.

4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole located on the south side of NJYC.

4.2 Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, displayed ashore with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed: do not leave the dock." The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

4.3 Code flag "Y" YANKEE when displayed before or with the warning signal means that personal floatation devices shall be worn by all competitors.

5. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:**

5.1 Five races per day are scheduled.

5.2 Class divisions and their starting order:

24 fleet have their own course.

Flying Scot fleet first start, JY15 fleet second start.

5.3 Schedule of Events:

Saturday December 9, 2000

Check In	0930-1000
Competitors Meeting	1000
Warning Signal race 1 all fleets	1054
Start J24 and Flying Scot	1100
Start JY15	1103
Race 2, 3, 4, 5	ASAP
Awards and dinner	At completion of all races.

6. **RACING AREA** - The racing area will be in the St. Johns River between the Buckman Bridge to the south and Piney Point to the north as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492.

7. **THE COURSE** - Courses will be as depicted on the accompanying page "STARTING SEQUENCE" and the side on which each mark is to be left. Courses will be indicated in a letter number combination on a white board at the stern of the committee boat. The letter denotes the course - the number the times around.

8. MARKS:

8.1 J-24 fleet: Marks A, B, and C will be inflated yellow balls.

Flying Scot and JY15 fleet: Marks A, B, and C will be a orange tetrahedrons.

8.2 The Start/Finish Line will be a line between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee/Signal Boat and an orange ball.

8.3 A limiting mark may be set close aboard the committee boat and at the same end of the line. No yacht shall pass between this mark and the committee boat. This mark is a limiting mark and not a mark of the course.

9. START:

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with Racing Rule 26 System 2. There will be three minute intervals between flags. The preparatory signal for each class shall be the warning signal for the next.

9.2 Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.

9.3 **The Start/Finish line is closed.**

10. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START - A change of course will be signaled before the leading yacht has begun the leg although the new mark may not be then in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

11. THE FINISH - For all courses the finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and an orange ball.

12. TIME LIMIT - The time limit for the first yacht in each starting class to finish is 1 hour from her start. Yachts failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first yacht in her class will be scored "DNF". This changes rule 35.

13. PENALTIES - The 720 degrees turns penalty, Appendix B1 section 1, will apply. Any yacht which exonerates herself from a minor foul in this manner shall notify the Race-Committee of such action at the finish line.

14. PROTESTS:

14.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at NJYC. They shall be filed with the Regatta Chairman. Protest time will end one hour after the last boat finishes. Protests will be heard in the approximate order received.

14.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board within 30 minutes following the protest time limit.

14.3 "Protest Mediation" may be used. Participation is entirely voluntary, and is not a pre-condition to participation in "protest hearing." See provisions in Instruction 15.

15. MEDIATION (rule 63 is changed by the following instructions):

15.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a Part 2 rule, a short mediation hearing shall be held prior to a protest hearing

15.2 After the written protest form is properly lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the mediator; no witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by mediation will be lodged with the protest committee.

15.3 A boat that accepts fault at the mediation hearing shall receive a penalty score of 30% of the number of boats entered (rounding 0.5 upward) added to her finishing position, except that she shall not be scored than DSQ. The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore two boats may receive the same score.

15.4 The mediator is neither the race committee nor the protest committee; therefore, decisions of the mediator cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed.

16. SCORING:

16.1 Individual Race Scoring - The Low-point Scoring System, Appendix A2 of the racing rules, will apply for this regatta.

16.2 Series Scoring - The points awarded for each race will be counted toward the clubs total score. The club with the lowest total score wins the series.

17. PRIZES - First and second place trophies will be awarded. The FCSA Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the first place club, to be displayed at their club for the year.