

Halifax River Yacht Club
2017 Double-Handed Race
Notice of Race

1 RULES

- 1.1** The rules governing the 2017 Double-Handed Race will be: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the 2017 Double-Handed Race Notice of Race (NOR), the 2017 Double-Handed Race Sailing Instructions (SI), the 2017 World Sailing Regulations, the FCSA 2017 Rating Procedures and Racing Rules and any special instructions issued by the HRYC Race Committee.
- 1.2** Any changes to the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions will be posted at HRYC on the official notice board and will also be available at www.hryc.com.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1** Advertising shall be restricted in accordance with World Sailing Regulations.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** The Double-Handed Race is open to all single or multi-hulled sailing vessels, with a minimum of 21 feet LOA, having inboard or outboard auxiliary power, manned by an eligible captain and crew, and meeting all safety requirements of Section 11. The Race Committee may consider the qualification of a yacht by virtue of its history and/or survey.
- 3.2** Eligible yachts may enter by completing the entrance form and sending it, together with the required fee to:
- Halifax River Yacht Club
Attn: Race Committee
331 S. Beach Street
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-5089

4 FEES

- 4.1** Required fees are as follows:
- Entry fee shall be \$25.00. After July 1, 2017, there is a \$10 late fee. The entry fee shall be waived if entered in the 2017 Commodores Cup series. Entrants will have the use of Halifax River Yacht Club facilities on July 16.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1** The Double-Handed Race will be held on July 16, 2017.
- 5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Double-Handed Race will be 1155.

6 MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1** Each entrant who does not have a First Coast Sailing Assoc. valid rating shall fill out a FCSA Valid Rating application with their entry form and receive a FCSA Valid Rating. The fee for this rating is the responsibility of the applicant.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The sailing instructions will be emailed to the entrant with their FCSA Valid Rating, available at HRYC, and will also be available at www.hryc.com.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The course will be described in the Double-Handed Race Sailing Instructions. The race will occur in the vicinity of the Ponce Inlet sea buoy, as permitted by weather conditions.

9 SCORING

9.1 All yachts shall be scored using their HRYC Valid Rating and corrected *time on distance*.

9.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to reclassify any yacht at its discretion

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The Scoring Penalty, (RRS) 44.3 will apply. The penalty shall be one (1) percent of a yacht's elapsed time added to her corrected time. This changes Rule 44.3 (c) (RRS). A yacht taking a scoring penalty shall report it to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.

11 SAFETY REGULATIONS

11.1 All yachts are encouraged to comply with all World Sailing Regulations Category 4 requirements.

12 SUPPORT YACHTS

12.1 All support yachts shall stay outside areas where yachts are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all yachts have started the race, the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 A boat shall neither send nor receive any radio, mobile phone or WIFI network transmissions or use any other device, technology or other aid which is not available to all boats.

14 AWARDS

14.1 Trophies will be given as follows:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all classes with 5 or more boats competing
- 1st and 2nd in all classes with less than 5 boats competing
- 1st overall

14.2 Trophies will be awarded at the HRYC Annual Sailing Awards Dinner (to enable personalization) at HRYC on Saturday, November 18, 2017. Dress is responsible casual, and reservations are required.

15 INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000.00.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 The Race Committee will be in charge of all scheduled races. The Race Committee Chairman or his designate will have final decision over management issues of the race, including, but not limited to whether a yacht will be allowed to compete, penalties

(except protest – which will be over-seen by the protest committee), scoring, eligibility of yachts to race and time limits.

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.

Despite the schedule to race and despite the Race Committee's decision to race, it is ***ALWAYS*** the skipper's decision whether he, his vessel and/or his crew should participate in any race. The responsibility of the decision to race and any and all consequences lie ***SOLELY*** with the skipper, captain or owner/operator of the vessel. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF YOUR VESSEL AND ANYONE ABOARD! YOU ARE FURTHER RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS TAKEN BY YOUR CREW AND DAMAGE TO, OR CAUSED BY, YOUR VESSEL. THIS SHOULD ALWAYS GUIDE YOUR DECISION TO RACE AND YOUR ACTIONS WHILE RACING.** The Race Committee accepts ***NO*** responsibility for your decision to race and the consequences that accompany it.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1** For further information please contact:
- Halifax River Yacht Club
Attn: Race Committee
331 S. Beach Street
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-5089
www.hryc.com

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Any changes to the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions will be posted at HRYC on the official notice board and will also be available at www.hryc.com.
- 2.2 Communications via VHF radio shall be made on channel 72. All instructional communications via VHF radio will cease 10 minutes before the first warning signal.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of the race will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Any changes will also be posted at www.hryc.com.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 No Signals made ashore will be displayed at any time.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The Double Handed Race will be held on July 16, 2017.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Double Handed Race will be 1155.

6 THE COURSE

- 6.1 **There are three possible course options. The actual course will be determined by the Race Committee before the warning signal.**

6.2 **Option A: A race to a longitude**

From the start line, between the committee boat and Ponce R2, sail in an easterly direction to either longitude A, 080°43'00", or longitude B, 080°49'00". Cross that longitude and return to Ponce R2, leaving it to starboard. Longitude A or B will be chosen based on wind forecast/conditions for the day and will be announced on channel 72 prior to the starting sequence. A yacht finishes when R2 bears 000° from the helmsman's position. Line A provides a 20 mile course and will be the preferred course; line B provides a 10 mile course. Co-Skipper's may sail to the declared longitude (A or B) and return on any point of sail they feel gives them an advantage over the other yachts, they simply must cross the longitude line and return. All yachts are requested to show their GPS tracks in the event of any protest.

6.2 **Option B: A race to either the Sun Glow or Main St. pier**

From the start line, between the committee boat and Ponce R2, sail in a northwesterly direction, following the coast to the designated pier. If a mark has been placed off of the

pier, then it is to be rounded keeping it to port. If no mark is present, a boat has reached the pier when they are **within 200 yards** and they can sight along the northern side of the pier. The R/C may provide a latitude and longitude of a virtual mark location.

6.2 Option C: A race around buoys as provided in the 2017 Comodore's Cup Sailing Instructions, Appendix A.

7 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

7.1 There are no areas that are designated as obstructions unless amended by the Race Committee signal boat.

8 THE START

8.1 A common start for all fleets will take place at the designated time.

8.2 Races shall be started as stated below in section 8.3 (SI). This changes rule 26 (RRS). The starting line will be between the committee boat and the designated starting pin, to the east of Ponce Inlet.

8.3 The starting sequence will be as follows:

1. Five minutes before the start of the race a preparatory signal of a white flag will be raised and displayed for a period of one minute.
2. Four minutes before the start of the race the white flag will be lowered.
3. Four minutes before the start of the race a blue flag will be raised and displayed for a period of three minutes.
4. One minute before the start of the race the blue flag will be lowered.
5. The race will start upon the raising of the red flag one minute after the blue flag has been lowered.
6. One audible signal will be sounded upon the raising of all flags.
7. The raising of a flag constitutes the official signal

9 RECALLS

9.1 Display of code flag "X" and one sound signal shall signal individual recalls. A boat recalled shall be notified by hail and on VHF channel 72 if possible.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 A yacht finishes when she passes R2 **within two (2) boat lengths** to starboard and R2 bears 000* (due North) from the helm position. Yachts will take their own finish time (GPS time) and report it by text or phone to Chris Herbster at 386-679-6314, text messages are preferred.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.1 (RRS), will apply.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 Time limit for all classes in the Double Handed Race will be 6 hours.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1** Protest forms are available at HRYC and online at www.hryc.com. Protests shall be delivered within the protest time limit. All protests shall be filled on an HRYC protest form.
- 13.2** The protest time limit is 1200 on July 17, 2017. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 (RRS) and 62.2 (RRS).
- 13.3** Protests shall be filed in person at HRYC.
- 13.4** Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted at HRYC in accordance to instruction 13.2 (SI) to inform competitors under rule 61.1(b) (RRS).
- 13.5** Protests shall be scheduled within 5 days of being filled. All parties listed on the protest form will be advised of the date and time of protest. All protests hearings will be held at HRYC, 331 Beach St., Daytona Beach FL.
- 13.6** A list of boats that, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 (RRS) or have been disqualified by the Protest Committee, will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 13.7** Breaches of instructions 16 (SI) or 23 (SI) will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a) (RRS). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 13.8** Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4 (RRS).
- 13.9** All boats shall carry at all times a U.S. Sailing protest form and a standard protest flag.
- 13.10** All boats are strongly encouraged to use the RaceQs smartphone application (<http://raceqs.com/>) to track their boat in the races. This free application will allow competitors to replay the race, with an opportunity to see where they may have performed well, or poorly, with respect to the other boats in the fleet. In addition, since the application uses GPS time to report position and location it can serve as a verification of events on the water, possibly to verify the reported finish time, or interactions between boats in the event of a protest.

14 SCORING

- 14.1** Scoring shall be the low point system.
- 14.2** Additional scoring points:
- OCS (Over Course Side) # of contestants +1
 - DNF (Did Not Finish) # of contestants +1
 - DSQ (DiSQualified) # of entrants +1
 - DGM (Disqualified, Gross Misconduct) # of entrants +5
 - BFD (Black Flag Disqualification) # of entrants +5
 - TLE (Time Limit Expired) last place +1
- 14.2** All boats shall be scored using their FCSA PHRF rating and corrected *time on distance*.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1** Check-in: Boats shall sail within hailing distance of the Committee Boat, and state their boat name, sail number and fleet.
- 15.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by calling 386-679-6314.
- 15.3** All boats shall carry all the necessary safety equipment required by law, regulation, or class rules.
- 15.4** All boats competing in the Double Handed Race should comply with all ISAF Category 4 requirements.

15.5 Use of Autopilot

Due to the high chance of storms this time of year, the use of an autopilot will be allowed.

16 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 16.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the FCSA Rating Policies and Rules, the Sailing Instructions and all other rules and policies that apply. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 18.1** Official boats will be marked with a race committee flag.

19 SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1** All support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have started the race; the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1** A boat shall neither send nor receive any radio, mobile phone or WIFI network transmissions while racing that are not available to all boats.

21 PRIZES

- 21.1** Prizes will be given as follows:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all classes with 5 or more boats competing
- 1st and 2nd in all classes with less than 5 boats competing
- 1st overall
- NOTE: Both co-skippers on each winning boat will receive a trophy.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum of \$250,000.00 (USD) in coverage.