



2018 Rhodes 19 National Championship
October 3 - 7, 2018
Southern Yacht Club – Organizing Authority
New Orleans, LA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Appendices T and V will apply.
- 1.3. The following rules are changed within this document. Other documents may change other rules.
 - Race Signal AP
 - Rule 35
 - Rule 60.1(a)
 - Rules 62.1(a) and 62.2
 - Rule A4 and A5

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Grill on the second floor of Southern Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the A frame flag halyard located in the launching area just west of the Clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes” in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1.

Date	Race	First Warning Signal
Thursday, Oct. 4	Practice Race	1400
	Skippers' Meeting	1800
Friday, Oct. 5	Races	1000
Saturday, Oct. 6	Races	1000
Sunday, Oct. 7	Races	1000

5.2. No warning signal will be made after 1430 on Sunday.

5.3. The maximum number of races scheduled is eleven. Up to four races may be sailed on each day.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a solid yellow flag.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Lake Pontchartrain approximately 1 nm north of the Southern Yacht Club.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. SI Addendum 1 illustrates the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9. MARKS

9.1. Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be orange tetrahedrons. The offset mark near Mark 1 will be an orange sphere.

9.2. New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be yellow tetrahedrons. However, in all cases the offset mark near Mark 1 will be an orange sphere.

9.3. The starboard end starting mark will be the Race Committee vessel. The port end starting mark may be a green sphere or an anchored race committee vessel (the pin boat).

9.4. The finishing marks will be a Race Committee vessel at one end of the finishing line and a nearby green sphere at the other end of the finishing line.

10. CHECKING IN

Before the warning signal of her first race each day, a boat shall sail past the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee. A boat failing to do so may receive, without a hearing, a 20% scoring penalty for the first race in which she competes on that day, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). This changes rules A4 and A5.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark, unless SI 11.3 applies.
- 11.3. If an anchored pin boat is in place, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat.
- 11.4. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 11.5. The race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or subject to starting penalties under rule 30 using VHF channel 68. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing vessel and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes, or if the first boat to sail the course does not finish within 120 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the Protest Desk, located in the Baldwin Room on the second floor of Southern Yacht Club. 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 Race Committee Signal Boat docks. The protest time limit (filing deadline) will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practical.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Notices of

protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b). Hearings will be held in the Baldwin Room (same location as the Protest Desk.)

- 15.4. Breaches of instructions 10, 17, 20, and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, except as modified below:
 - a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - c) Three races must be completed to constitute a series.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. A boat that retires from a race or that intends not to start a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the course area, or if that is not possible, notify a SYC official immediately upon reaching shore.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the protest committee.
- 18.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the protest committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

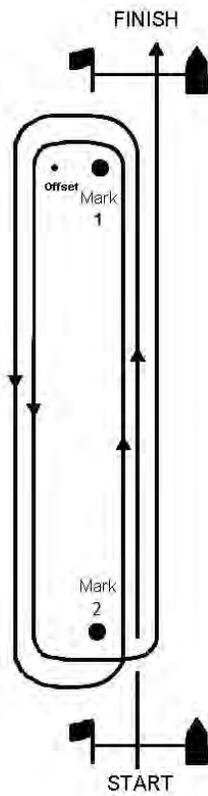
Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

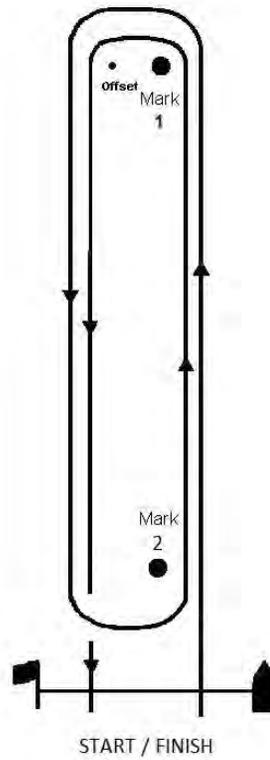
ADDENDUM 1

Course "W 2.5"

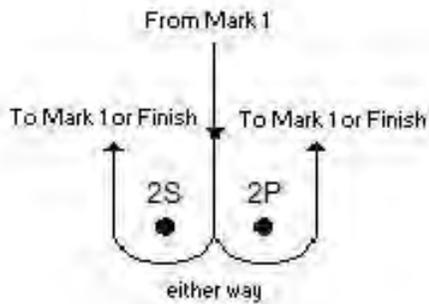


Start – 1 – (2S or 2P) – 1 – (2S or 2P) – Finish

Course "W 2"



Start – 1- (2S or 2P) – 1 – Finish



Detail of Leeward Gate