

St. Petersburg Sailing Association and Tampa Sailing Squadron

TransBay Race

June 12, 2010

DISTANCE RACE – ALL DIVISIONS

- 1 **RULES.** This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (Rules), applicable One Design Class Rules, and the West Florida PHRF Class Rules, except as any of these may be altered by the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 2 **ENTRIES.** Entries shall be made on the TransBay Race entry form (available at www.spsa.us). Fees and mailing instructions are as listed on the entry form. There is no “in person” registration or skippers’ meeting; registration is by mail.
- 3 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.** Please refer to SPSA website www.spsa.us for the entry form, Notice of Race, scratch sheet, Sailing Instructions, with the race course, and any Notices or Amendments, all of which will be posted no later than 2000 hrs. on Friday, June 11.

In case of severe weather, all inquiries as to whether the race will be run should be made to TSS @ 813-645-8377. There is no “rain date” or rescheduling date.

- 4 **SCHEDULE.** There will be no Skippers’ Meeting or “in person” registration. Registration is by mail. Notices will be posted on www.spsa.us no later than 2000 hrs. on Friday, June 11.

Saturday 6/12/2010: All divisions sail a distance course. The first warning signal will be at 1155 hours.

- 5 **RACING AREA.** The racing area will be as described in the attached course.

COURSE and MARKS. The designated course to be sailed will be posted with these Sailing Instructions at www.spsa.us The course is incorporated herein by reference. The course is as described on the attachment, which depicts the course to be sailed, the positions of the start line and finish line, the positions of the marks, the order in which marks are to be rounded and the sides on which the marks are to be rounded.

The start line will be between a flag on the Race Committee boat and G'3" Fl G 4s (East of the airport). The finish line will be between a flag on the Race Committee boat and an inflatable mark positioned at 27°46.900'N 082°27.100'W. Course length is 11.45 n.m.

The GPS positions on the course diagrams are according to charts and may not be accurate. Any inaccuracy of the attached diagrams or GPS positions of the marks is not grounds for redress.

- 6 **START.** Before starting, all racers shall pass the stern of the Race Committee boat on a starboard tack and check in with the yacht name, sail number and division.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

The first warning signal will be at 1155 hours. The “L” flag will be displayed before the first warning and

may be displayed before additional warnings. The “L” flag will be lowered (with 1 sound) one minute before the warning.

Order of starts

Class flags

Spinnaker(s)

SPSA class flag

Non-spinnaker(s)

Number Pennant “1”

True Cruising(s)

Number pennant “2”

Multi-hull(s)

Number pennant “3”

One-Design Class

Number Pennant “4”

- 7 **RECALLS.** Racer(s) failure to receive the flag, sound signal and/or radio hail shall not be grounds for redress. **Individual recall:** The Race Committee may attempt to hail a boat for an individual recall, but failure to notify a racer is not grounds for redress. **General recall:** A class that has a general recall shall start after the last scheduled class or a previously recalled class.
- 8 **SHORTEN COURSE.** IF, IN THE RACE COMMITTEE’S SOLE DISCRETION, WEATHER, TIDE, WIND OR ANY OTHER CONDITION(S) WARRANT SHORTENING THE RACE, THE RACE COMMITTEE WILL SHORTEN COURSE BY POSITIONING A RACE COMMITTEE BOAT AT A MARK OF THE COURSE. THE FINISH WILL BE AN IMAGINARY LINE BETWEEN A FLAG ON THE RACE COMMITTEE BOAT AND THE MARK. THIS CHANGES RULE 32.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS. Race Committee will monitor Channel 68.

Racers wishing to retire shall notify TransBay Race Committee on VHF channel 68 and receive confirmation from the Race Committee that the Race Committee understands that the vessel is withdrawing. Competitors so doing will give the name of their vessel, their sail number and their division.

While racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile or cellular telephones.

12 PROTESTS.

In addition to flying a red protest flag, a protesting yacht must inform the Race Committee of its intention to protest after crossing the finish line and before leaving the finishing area.

Protest forms are available at TSS. **It is the protestor’s responsibility to hand deliver a copy of the protest form to Bob Sardo or John Sleasman, not later than 1900 on the day following the incident. This changes RRS rules 61.3 and 62.2.**

Hearings will occur after the regatta. Parties involved will be notified of the date, time and place of the protest hearing and are responsible for arranging for witnesses.

13 SCORING. The race will be scored using time on distance.

One race is scheduled and one race constitutes a regatta. There are no throw outs.

Any competitor who challenges a vessel confined to the Tampa Bay shipping channels in such a way as to cause them to file a report, or who violates a moving or static safety or security zone resulting in the filing of a report, will be scored DSQ. This changes Rule 63.1.

Any competitor who throws refuse overboard is subject to protest by racers or Race Committee and possible disqualification by Race Committee.

14 RESULTS AND TROPHIES. Preliminary results will be announced and trophies will be presented at Saturday's party at TSS. Final results will be posted after any protest or redress hearings and may affect the trophies awarded at the party. The number and ranking of trophies will be based on the number of entries. The following are planned:

Entries	Trophies
1-3	1 st place
4	1 st and 2 nd place
5+	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place

ATTACH COURSE