



Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Wednesday Night Series Races

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club (CHYC) races will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing and by the “Class Rules” of the WFPHRF. These races are Category 5 events in accordance with the “Class Rules”, unless otherwise specified at least one week prior to the start of the race.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 These Sailing Instructions and Notices to competitors will be provided at CHYC located at 4100 Lister Street Port Charlotte, FL. 33952 and posted on the CHYC website: <http://www.charlotteharboryachtclub.com> and/or distributed via e-mail.

3.0 CHANGES

- 3.1 The Race Management Committee may modify these sailing instructions by publication on the Club website and/or via e-mail to the competitors. Such notification should occur at least one week before the effective date.

4.0 RACING SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Races for the Wednesday Night Series will begin at 17:25 on June 03, 2009 thru September 30, 2009. Any change to the starting time will be published on the CHYC website and/or via e-mail to the competitors on Sunday prior to the following event.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY AND RATINGS

- 5.1 This race series is open only to owners and/or skippers who are currently full members of the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, area Yacht Clubs and other area Sailing Clubs.
- 5.2 Each participating boat must be registered with a CHYC Wednesday Night Series Entry form and a current West Florida PHRF rating certificate on file with the Series Chairman.
- 5.3 A 4 race only CHYC-issued provisional rating will be allowed in lieu of a WFPHRF certificate for first-time racers. This is an interim rating only for boats intending to obtain a WFPHRF rating.

6.0 SAFETY

- 6.1 Boats participating in these races must be equipped in compliance with USCG requirements. Additionally, boats must meet the equipment requirements specified for WF-PHRF Category 5 events, or the equipment requirement for the category of race that may be otherwise specified.
- 6.2 CHYC will not start a race when, in the judgment of the Race Committee or the Series Chairmen, sustained winds exceed 20 knots using the Sailflow <http://www.sailflow.com/> station at CHYC - Charlotte Hbr YC
- 6.3 Each boat must carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channel 71.
- 6.4 The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 71 for safety and emergency purposes.
- 6.5 Each boat shall carry no less than two persons aboard when racing.

7.0 FLEETS

7.1 These may include spinnaker, non-spinnaker, cruiser, and multi-hull fleets.

8.0 IDENTIFICATION

8.1 All boats participating in races must have large legible identification numbers displayed on their mainsail. Class flags are required to be flown.

Non-spinnaker/Cruising – **White** Class Flag

Spinnaker/Multi-hull – **Yellow** Class Flag

9.0 RACECOURSE DETERMINATION AND RADIO COMMUNICATION

9.1 Race Course **Red** Flag: -

Round Markers 2 and 4 to port

Start – Marker 2 – Mid Gate – Marker 4 - Finish

9.2 Race Course **Green** Flag:

Round Markers 4 and 2 to port

Start – Marker 4 – Mid Gate – Marker 2 - Finish

9.3 ***Mid Gate – Boats shall pass between the Mid Gate defined as the starting/finishing line in paragraph 10 below.***

9.4 A listing of Charlotte Harbor Markers, with distance and compass headings and a description accompany these Instructions.

9.5 The Race Committee may announce the race course via VHF radio on Channel 71.

10.0 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

10.1 The Starting Line will be between the orange flag displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and the Charlotte Harbor Marker “3A” at the port end.

10.2 The Finishing Line shall be between the orange flag displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the Charlotte Harbor Marker “3A” as the Finish mark.

10.3 The Race Committee may tether a buoy to the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat. This buoy and its tether shall be considered as part of a starting mark.

10.4 A boat that touches the Race Committee signal boat serving as a starting mark shall retire. This changes Rule 31.2. A tethered buoy shall be considered an ordinary mark for this purpose, with the penalty for touching as published in Rule 31.2.

11.0 STARTING SEQUENCE AND SIGNALS

11.1 Races shall be started in accordance with Rule 26, with a warning signal 5 minutes before each start.

11.2 The starting order will be Non-spinnaker / Cruising and Spinnaker/Multi - hull.

11.3 A series of sound signals will be made about one minute prior to the warning signal of the starting sequence for the first fleet.

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made. The Starting Area will extend 200 feet Perpendicularly (to windward & leeward) from the starting line and 200 feet radial from its ends.

12.0 INDIVIDUAL RECALL

- 12.1 The Race Committee may attempt to notify the boat or boats being recalled by hailing or broadcasting the sail number and/or name. Failure of a boat to see or hear recall notification or the timing and order of such hails will not be grounds for redress.

13.0 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat in each fleet to finish each race will be 90 minutes,
13.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in their fleet finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later. Kick the engines on and have some fun at the CHYC Wheel Room bar.

14.0 BOAT WITHDRAWAL

- 14.1 Any boat withdrawing from a race must notify the Race Committee and receive acknowledgment, by radio on VHF channel 71, or by other means.

15.0 NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT OF RACES

- 15.1 The Series Chairmen or the Principle Race Officer of the event may cancel or postpone a race early in the race day before the Race Committee Signal Boat has left its dock. The decision to cancel or postpone a race will be broadcast over VHF Channel 71 approximately 60 minutes, at 16:25 PM, before the scheduled time of the first start that day.

16.0 SCORING

- 16.1 A list of finishing order will be posted at the CHYC Bar area for the evening of the event

17.0 TROPHIES

- 17.1 No trophies are to be awarded. However awards may be made at the discretion of the Series Chairmen and/or the Race Committee Signal Boat for the weekly event.

18.0 PROTESTS

- 18.1 (modifies RRS 61.1(a))
- a. The term "protest flag" as used in Rule 61.1(a), RRS, shall be defined as follows: a flag, red in color, rectangular in shape or swallow-tailed, a minimum of five (5) inches on a side, and whose primary function is that of a flag, that is, a signaling device.
 - b. The protest flag shall be displayed vertically from the stern area of the protesting boat, in an elevated position, from a backstay or staff or, if neither is available, from another visible position at the stern.
 - c. At the finish of the race or after withdrawal from the race, a boat lodging a protest shall immediately inform the Race Committee of the name and sail number of the boat being protested and/or the skipper of the boat being protested.
 - d. Not later than 21:00 hrs. on the day of the race, the protesting boat shall deliver to the Series Chairmen or the Race Committee Signal Boat Captain a written protest, conforming to Rule 61.2.

18.2 Protest Pre-Hearings

- a. Protest hearings will be conducted within 5 days after the protest is filed.
- b. A pre-hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing.
- c. After the protest form is delivered, one designated representative (conforming to rule 63.3(a)) of each party will appear before a pre-hearing officer to be designated by the Protest Committee Chair. No witnesses are permitted.
- d. After hearing the testimony of each representative, the pre-hearing officer shall reach one of the following conclusions:
 - (1) There was no breach of a rule or the protest is invalid. If the representatives agree, the protest is withdrawn and cannot be reopened. If any representative disagrees, the matter goes to the protest committee for a hearing.
 - (2) There was a breach of a rule by one or more of the boats involved. The representative(s) of the offending boat(s) have the option of accepting a 40 percent scoring penalty calculated as in the rule 44.3(c) or submitting the matter to the protest committee for a hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter cannot be reopened or made the subject of a redress request.
 - (3) The matter should go to the protest committee for a hearing.
 - (4) The protested yacht may accept the penalty as calculated in rule 44.3(c) at any time prior to the commencement of the Protest Hearing
- e. When the protest is referred to the protest committee, the pre-hearing officer shall not be a member of the protest committee that hears the protest nor be called as a witness.

19.0 PENALTIES

- 19.1 RRS 44.1 will be in effect.

Charlotte Harbor NAVAIDs used as Race Marks

Distance (Nautical Miles) & Heading (Magnetic 2009)

From Mark	To Mark		
	2	3A	4
2		1.59 079°	2.11 082°
3A Start/Finish	1.59 259°		0.52 094°
4	2.11 262°	0.52 274°	

