



Lighthouse Charities Regatta

October 3, 2015

Waterford Yacht Club and Waterford Harbor Marina,

Kemah, Texas

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

THIS IS A NON SPINNAKER EVENT

1 RULES

This event will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2013-2016), the prescriptions of US Sailing Association.

2. ENTRIES

Competitors may enter the Regatta by completing the Registration Form and turning it in by Friday the 2nd of October 2015. Competitors will race in the PHRF class with ratings assigned as per the race committee per the US Sailing Race website and start according to their PHRF rating listed in the attachment to these instructions

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Race Information Notice Board located in the Ice House at the Waterford Harbor Marina between Piers 14 and 15.

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4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to these sailing instructions shall be posted before 1100 hours on the day it will take effect. Any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000 hours (8:00 PM) on the day before it will take effect.

5. IDENTIFICATION

Each boat will check in prior to the Start on VFH channel 68.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

There will not be any signals from shore.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races will be sailed according to the schedule in the Notice of Race, unless changed by the provisions of paragraph 4 of these Sailing Instructions. All times are GPS times.

8. RACE AREA

The race will be sailed around drop or fixed marks in the area bounded by Red Bluff Point, the Houston Ship Channel and Eagle Point.

8.1. The mark layout is shown in the Appendix:

- The Start / Finish line will be between Marker 1 and Marker 2 of the Kemah Channel A Committee Boat will be located outside the Markers

- 29° 33.074'N, 94° 59.529'W.
- Mark #1, is the South Boaters Cut #8 located at approximately:
 - 29° 32.417'N, 94° 55.082'W
- Mark #2, is the North Boaters Cut (High Range Marker) located approximately:
 - 29° 34.669', 94° 56.516'W

8.2. Boats shall not enter any Ship Channel. Ship Channels are designated as obstructions.

9. THE COURSE and MARKS

The course will be sailed from the Start line to Mark #1 and then to Mark #2 and then to the finish line. All Marks are to be left to Port. Approximately 9.5 NM

10. THE START

10.1 The Pursuit Line start is staggered, based on the boat PHRF handicap. The Warning/Preparatory signal is the display of the WYC flag. Five minutes before the Start the WYC flag will be raised with one sound. Four minutes later the WYC flag will be taken down with one sound signal. One minute later the WYC flag will be raised with one sound to start the race.

10.2. The planned Start time is 1300 (1:00PM) and all competitors will start at their assigned times thereafter.

11. RECALLS

There will be no recalls, all boats will start on the honor system at their assigned time.

12. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

13.1. No change to the Marks will be made.

13. THE FINISH

The Pursuit finish line will be the same line as the Start line with a staff displaying the WYC flag on the committee boat on the Port end and Kemah Channel Mark #1 on the Starboard end.

14. TIME LIMIT

The Pursuit Line time limit is **240 minutes**.

15. PENALTIES

A boat that has taken her Penalty Turns shall notify the Race Committee via VHF channel 68 at the first reasonable opportunity. At that time she shall also inform the Race Committee of the identity of the other boat involved in the incident.

16. PROTESTS

16.1. Intent to protest shall be signaled in accordance with RRS. The protesting boat shall also notify the Race Committee and be acknowledged before leaving the finish area.

16.2. Protests shall be written on forms available at the office (Ice House) of the Waterford Yacht Club and delivered there within one hour following the arrival in the harbor of the Race Committee boat for the racing line involved.

16.3. The times and locations of the protest hearings, along with the names of the boats involved will be posted.

17. SCORING

No scoring will be done. The first to finish is the winner.

18. SAFETY

19.1. Any boat that has checked in, and then withdraws before finishing the race, shall notify the Race Committee on the water, or, if that is not possible, the Waterford Yacht Club race committee at 281-636-8051, or **VHF Channel 68**.

18.3 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participating in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing Authority will not accept liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in connection with or prior to or after the regatta.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

19.1 A yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive special radio communications not available to all yachts. This does not apply to situations that threaten safety of life and/or property.

19.2 The Race Committee will monitor **VHF channel 68** for the Pursuit Line and in the case of abandonment of the race.