



2017 GPSC Sailing Instructions

Ladies Race

Friday, August 25, 2017

1.0 **Section 1 instructions are required by the U.S. Coast Guard**

- 1.1 **All Competitors shall not interfere with commercial shipping transiting the entire racing area at any time.**
- 1.2 When code flag "F" is displayed by the race committee, on shore or boat, the shipping channel downstream of the channel mark "G1" shall become a restricted area. Sec 1.3 then applies.
- 1.3 Any boat **inside** the restricted area when code flag "F" is displayed shall exit the restricted area while staying in conformance with the requirements of Sec 1.1. Boats shall not enter the restricted area **except** to expeditiously cross the channel while staying in conformance with the requirements of Sec 1.1.
- 1.4 Any boat not complying with Secs 1.1, 1.2 or 1.3 may be subject to protest by the race committee and may be reported to the Coast Guard.
- 1.5 Infraction of Secs. 1.1, 1.2 or 1.3 is not subject to protest by another boat (this changes RRS 60.1)

2.0 **RULES**

- 2.1 The races will be governed by rules as defined in the current "Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS) or as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 2.2 When there is conflict, the "Sailing Instructions" (SI) shall prevail over the Notice Of Race (this changes RRS 63.7)

3.0 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE BY RACE COMMITTEE**

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race committee end of the starting line located at the East Corner of Grosse Pointe Park Windmill Pointe Marina

3.2	Shipping Channel Off Limits Shortened Course	"F" Flag (Red Diamond on White Field) SI Section 1 is in effect while flag is up. "S" Flag (Blue Rectangle on White Field) will be displayed before the Preparatory signal of any class that it applies (This changes RRS 32)	SIREN (Both when hoisted and lowered.) 2 Long Sounds
	Recall Signal	"X" Flag (Blue Cross on White Field) for individual recall.	1 Sound
	Postponement Signal	"AP" Pennant (3 Red, 2 White Vertical Bars on Triangle Pennant) Races not started are postponed. The warning will be made 1 minute after removal of "AP"	3 Sounds
	Abandonment Signal	"N" Flag (Blue and White Checkerboard Pattern) All races are abandoned, return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal of "N" "N over A" Flags (Vertical Blue and White Swallowtail) All races are abandoned, no more racing today.	3 Sounds

4.0 **FORMAT OF RACING**

- 4.1 The GPSC Ladies Race is comprised of one (1) Class of competing boats using only a Jib or Genoa, Main and *Mizzen (*if standard for the boat).
- 4.2 Ladies Race to be run Friday, August 25th, 2017.

4.3	Sequence	Class	PHRF (JAM)	Class Flag	Standard Course	Shortened Course
	START 1	JAM			1	2

PHRF Handicapping is applied in scoring 'Time on Distance' calculations

5.0 **RACING AREA**

- 5.1 Addendum A '2017 GPSC Sundown Series', chart shows the general location, approximate range, approximate bearings in one direction and the approximate Latitude and Longitude of each mark of the course. The area is in the South Western portion of Lake St. Clair.
- 5.2 Race Course Descriptions

MARKS TO STARBOARD (Green flag or shape)		MARKS TO PORT (Red flag or shape)	
COURSE 1	Distance = 6.7 NM Start - B - C - A - B - C - Finish	COURSE 1	Distance = 6.7 NM Start - C - B - A - C - B - Finish
COURSE 2	Distance = 4.6 NM Start - B - C - Finish	COURSE 2	Distance = 4.6 NM Start - C - B - Finish
COURSE 3	Distance = 3.8 NM Start - B - A - Finish	COURSE 3	Distance = 3.8 NM Start - A - B - Finish

5.3 Buoy Descriptions and Approximate Locations

MARK A Lake St. Clair Navigation Buoy 2	MARK B Lake St. Clair Navigation Buoy 3
Approximate Position 42°21.904'N 082°53.872'W	Approximate Position 42°22.454'N 082°53.306'W
MARK C GPSC Orange Floating Buoy	
Approximate Position 42°21.865'N 082°52.799'W	
<i>* Note: Latitude and Longitude are in degrees and decimal minutes, not degrees, minutes and seconds.</i>	

5.4 **SHORTENED COURSE AFTER THE START:** If Code Flag "J" is displayed from a Race Committee boat near a rounding mark then boats shall round the course mark near the Race Committee boat and sail direct to the finish line. The Race Committee vessel displaying the visual signal will attempt by the use of a sound signal to alert the boats of the shortened course as the boats approach. This changes RRS 32 as it pertains to shortening the course.

6.0 **THE START**

6.1	<u>When it is 1 minute to 1st class: Warning (or a subsequent warning if a class starting sequence was stopped by the Race Committee), No flag raised. A few short horn sounds</u>		
	5 minutes to Start	Warning	Class flag <u>raised</u> , 1 sound
	4 minutes to Start	Preparatory	"P" flag <u>raised</u> , 1 sound
	1 minute to Start	1 Minute	"P" flag <u>lowered</u> , 1 long sound
	Class Start	Start	Starting class flag lowered & 1 sound next remaining class flag raised
The first warning signal will be at or about 1855 hours unless committee delays start.			

- 6.2 NUMERAL PENNANTS corresponding to the start number will be used as CLASS FLAGS
- 6.3 Races will be started with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

- 6.4 Start times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence or error of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 6.5 The starting line will be between the flagpole displaying the RC flag near the upstream corner of the Grosse Pointe Park marina seawall and a floating orange inflatable or ridged buoy near the channel.

7.0 THE FINISH

- 7.1 The finish line will be between the flagpole on the upstream corner of the Grosse Pointe Park marina seawall and an inflatable or rigid orange buoy near the channel.

8.0 TIME LIMITS

- 8.1 The time limit for all classes to complete their course, as required by rule 28.1, is 2 hours.
- 8.2 Boats failing to finish within 1 hour after the first boat in their class finishes, as required by rule 28.1, shall be scored 'Did Not Finish'(DNF). This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

9.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 9.1 Protest forms are available on line at www.gpsc.org or the U.S. Sailing website.
- 9.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the dockside Race Committee staff or the Grosse Pointe Park Windmill Pointe guardhouse within the appropriate time limit.
- 9.3 For each class the time limit for delivery of the written protest to either collection location is 2 hours after finishing or the time limit has expired (reference RRS 61.3).
- 9.4 The time and place of protest hearings, if any, will be posted on www.gpsc.org. The intention is to get them up within 48 hours of the completion of the race.

10.0 SCORING

- 10.1 Each series standing will be determined by the "QuickScore" Race Scoring Program utilizing its high point scoring method and calculations for race results and tie breaking.
Awarded for each race:

STARTING and FINISHING:	1 Point
EACH BOAT DEFEATED:	1 Point
DSQ, DNF, OCS, BFD, DNE:	0 Points , but count as boats defeated for the purpose of scoring other boats in the race.

- 10.2 For each class in a series; First, Second, and Third place flags will be awarded.

11.0 RETIRING FROM THE RACE

- 11.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. The race committee operates on **Channel 68** and can be contacted on this channel when able to do so, pending performance of other tasks.

12.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 The Race Committee communicates with the Mark Set and Patrol Boats on **Channel 68**. The start sequence countdown may be broadcast on this channel. GPSC Sundown Series SI 6.4 still applies in all cases.

13.0 CHANGES, ERRORS, OMISSIONS

- 13.1 Monitor www.gpsc.org Sundown Series race page in the race section of the website for changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI) to correct errors or omissions in the original SI document. Changes to class splits may occur up until the week of the first race **but not thereafter** due to late registrations. Report errors and omissions, or direct questions to gpsc.racechair@gmail.com.

- 14.0 **WAIVER OF LIABILITY** – Refer to RRS Appendix K, paragraph 20 and Appendix L, instruction 29. 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.
- 15.0 **CANADIAN/US WATERS** – This is our understanding of current (August 2017) Canadian/US border rules. Weaving in and out of Canadian/US waters does not require reporting to the respective authorities, unless a boat anchors or meets up with/rafts off of another boat. Skippers are advised to encourage their crew to carry proper identification documentation in case of questioning by Canadian/US authorities.

The Sundown Series Marks are in U.S. Waters Addendum A

