



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## Flying Scot® North American Championships (NAC)



July 13 – 18, 2019

### Hosted by Pensacola Yacht Club

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Organizing Authorities: Flying Scot® Sailing Association (FSSA) & Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC)

#### 1. **RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* (RRS).
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4b will not apply.

#### 2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse ballroom A.
- 2.2. The Race Committee (RC) will use VHF channel 72 for radio communications with competitors.

#### 3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be posted before 0900 on the day they will take effect, except that any change in the racing schedule will be posted before 1800 the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located in the center of the PYC'S lawn.
- 4.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the Race Signal AP. This changes "Race Signals".

#### 5. **SCHEDULE**

- 5.1. A competitors' meeting for the Junior Championship will be held Sunday, July 14, at 1000 in the clubhouse ballroom A.
- 5.2. A competitors' meeting for the NAC will be held Sunday, July 14, at 1800 in the clubhouse ballroom A.
- 5.3. Races are scheduled as shown in Addendum 1.
- 5.4. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."
- 5.5. If three (3) or more races have been completed by the Championship Division by the end of the day on Wednesday, July 17, no warning signal will be made after 1300 on Thursday, July 18. However, this time limit will be extended to 1500 if three races have not been completed by the end of the day on Wednesday. See FSSA Class Rules, Bylaw Article B-IX, Paragraph 5c.

#### 6. **CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1. Class flags will be:
  - 6.1.1. Division 1 – White flag with a blue FS insignia.
  - 6.1.2. Division 2 – Red flag with a white FS insignia.
  - 6.1.3. Divisions 1 and 2 are identified in Addendum 1.

## **7. RACING AREA**

- 7.1. The racing area will be on Pensacola Bay just south of the entrance to Bayou Chico Channel.

## **8. COURSES**

- 8.1. The courses to be sailed are Windward-Leeward as illustrated in Addendum 2.  
8.2. There will be an offset mark at the windward mark.  
8.3. There will be a leeward gate. Boats shall sail between the gate marks in the direction from the previous mark and round either mark. If a gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.  
8.4. Except for the leeward gate, all marks shall be rounded to port.  
8.5. The course designation will be displayed on the stern of the RC signal vessel.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1. The windward mark and gate marks will be orange tetrahedrons.  
9.2. Change marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. If the course is changed again, the original marks will be used.  
9.3. The offset mark will be a red ball.  
9.4. The starting marks will be a red tetrahedron and an RC vessel.  
9.5. The finishing mark will be a red tetrahedron and an RC vessel.

## **10. SAFETY CHECK-IN**

When the RC signal boat displays Code Flag L and prior to the first warning signal each day, competitors shall sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail number until acknowledged by the RC. Only the RC may protest alleged breaches of this sailing instruction. Each time a boat breaks this sailing instruction, it will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The second time, and every time thereafter that a boat breaks this sailing instruction, the penalty shall be applied to the first race of the day on which the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> infraction occurred, and shall be the worse of: 1) the Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) or 2) another penalty. This changes RRS 60.1 and 60.3.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1. At registration, each boat will be assigned to a Fleet (A, B, C, or D) and given a colored pennant, which shall be flown from the leech of the mainsail at least 12 inches and not more than 36 inches above the clew during the Qualifying Series. Fleet A = Yellow; Fleet B = Green; Fleet C = Pink; Fleet = Purple. For the Championship Series, only boats in the Challenger Division shall display their colored pennant.  
11.2. Each boat shall sail with its assigned Fleet in the Qualifying Series and start in its assigned Division in the Championship Series.  
11.3. Prior to the first warning signal of each day, all boats shall check in by sailing past the stern of the RC signal vessel on starboard tack and hail their sail number until acknowledged by the RC. A boat failing to do so will be notified of its failure and for a subsequent infringement may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.  
11.4. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.  
11.5. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end, and the course side of the starting mark on the port end.  
11.6. As a courtesy, the warning signal for both Divisions may be preceded by a VHF announcement to alert competitors that a starting sequence is about to begin.  
11.7. During any starting sequence, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.  
11.8. As a courtesy, the RC may, after the starting signal, hail the bow numbers of OCS boats via VHF Radio. The delay of such hails, the order of hailing, the failure of the RC to hail, or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).  
11.9. A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her division's starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

## **12. CHANGED OR SHORTENED COURSE**

- 12.1. If a changed or shortened course affects only one Division, the RC will display the class flag for the Division affected along with flag "C" or flag "S". If no class flag is displayed, flag "C" or flag "S" applies to both Divisions.

- 12.2. No course will be shortened to fewer than two windward legs, the second of which will be at least as long as the first.

### **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1. The finish will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13.2. Boats that retire before finishing should inform the RC as soon as possible and may do so by VHF radio on the designated channel.

### **14. TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1. The following time limits apply independently for each Division:
- 14.1.1. The time limit for the first boat to pass the first mark will be 45 minutes, and for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 120 minutes.
- 14.1.2. If either of these limits is not met, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.1.3. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish in each Division will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) as described in the SCORING section below. This changes RRS 35 and A11.

### **15. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

- 15.1. Penalty At The Time Of An Incident: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 15.2. Penalty Taken After A Race: After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

### **16. PROTESTS, REDRESS & DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS**

- 16.1. Protests: Protest forms will be available inside the clubhouse, and shall be filed within 60 minutes of the RC signal vessel docking time, which will be posted on the official notice board. The order of protests will be posted within 15 minutes of the end of the protest time. Protests will be held inside the clubhouse approximately in the order received.
- 16.2. Appeals: In the event a boat wishes to appeal a decision of the Protest Committee in the Qualifying Series, it shall follow the instructions in FSSA Class Rules, Bylaw B-IX Paragraph 9.
- 16.3. Assignments to the Championship Series: If no races are sailed in the Qualifying Series, competitors will be assigned to the Championship Division or Challenger Division by the National Championships Committee (NCC). The FSSA may consider each helmsperson's preference made during registration when making Division placement decisions. Competitors may request to be placed in the Championship Division, subject to approval of the appointed representative of the NCC. Such requests shall be in writing, give the reason, and be made within 1 hour of the time the Division assignments were posted.
- 16.4. Redress Request: If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, or BFD on the official notice board, a request for redress shall be made no later than 30 minutes after posting or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.5. On the last day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing or 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 RRS 62.2 and 66.

### **17. SCORING**

- 17.1. The final standings of the Qualifying Series will be used to assign boats to the Championship Division and the Challenger Division of the Championship Series as follows:
- 17.1.1. The top 50% will be assigned to the Championship Division. If an odd number of boats is registered, the number of boats to be assigned to the Championship Division will be calculated by dividing the number of registrants by two and rounding up to nearest whole number.
- 17.1.2. If boats are tied at the split between Divisions, all such boats shall be assigned to the

Championship Division.

- 17.2. The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply with the following modifications:
- 17.2.1. Three (3) races are scheduled for each Fleet in the Qualifying Series. One (1) completed race by all Fleets constitutes a Series.
  - 17.2.2. All races will be scored in the Qualifying Series and Championship Series; no scores will be excluded within each series.
  - 17.2.3. Scores from the Qualifying Series will not carry forward to the Championship Series.
  - 17.2.4. Five (5) races are scheduled for each Division of the Championship Series. If fewer than three (3) races are completed in either Division, the Series will be declared a non-championship for that Division. The perpetual trophies will not be awarded, but the keeper trophies may be awarded.
  - 17.2.5. A boat scored TLE will be awarded points two greater than the last boat in that Division to sail the course and finish within the 30 minute time window. This changes RRS 35, A4, A4.2 and A5.
  - 17.2.6. Qualifying Series: A boat scored DNC, DNS, OCS, UFD, BFD, DNF, RET, DSQ or DNE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats assigned to the two Fleets for the race in which the penalty occurred. This changes RRS A4.2 and A9.
  - 17.2.7. Championship Series: A boat scored DNC, DNS, OCS, UFD, BFD, DNF, RET, DSQ or DNE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats assigned to its Division. This changes RRS A4.2 and A9.

**18. SUPPORT BOATS**

A competitor shall not use support or spectator personnel or their equipment, including tow boats, while away from the dock unless they have been pre-approved by the Protest Committee, RC, or made available to all competitors by the Organizing Authority.

**19. TROPHIES**

The **Gordon K. Douglass** perpetual trophy will be awarded to the National Champion. Additional awards will be awarded to helmspersons and crews of the 1st through 10th place boats overall in each of the Championship and Challenger Divisions. In addition, keeper trophies will be awarded to the helmsperson and crews of the first-place boats in each race of the Qualifying Series and both Divisions of the Championship Series. Perpetual and other trophies may be awarded.

**20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

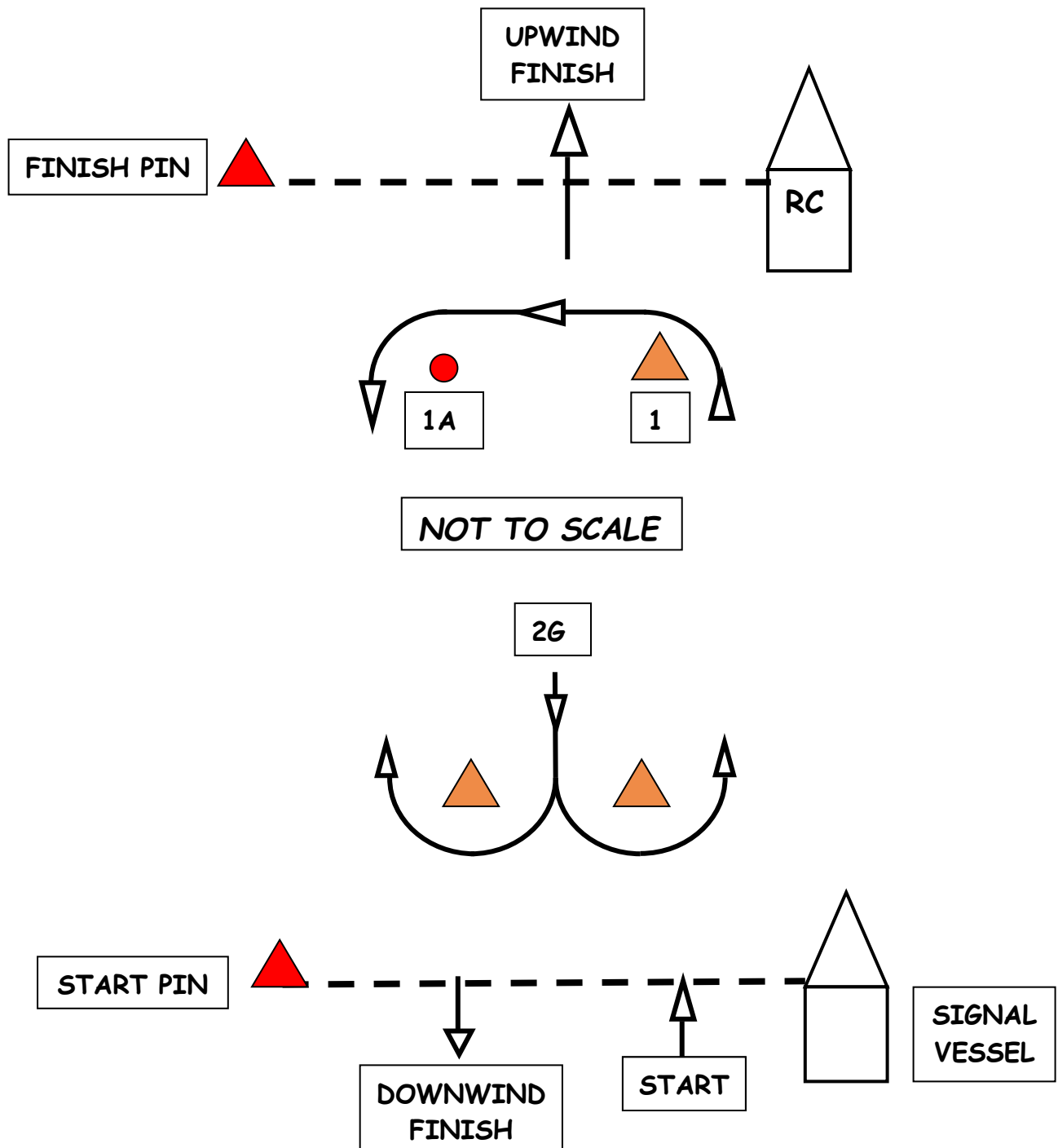
Competitors participate in this regatta and the related events entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authorities will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with. prior to, during or after the regatta.

## ADDENDUM 1

Event	Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal	Division/Fleet	Division
Junior Championship	Sunday July 14	1200 Additional races to follow	Junior & Collegiate	Division 1 Division 2
Qualifying Series First Race	Monday June 11	1200	B & A C & D	Division 1 Division 2
Qualifying Series Second Race	“ “	To follow prior race	B & C A & D	Division 1 Division 2
Qualifying Series Third Race	“ “	To follow prior race	B & D A & C	Division 1 Division 2
Championship Series Race 1	Tuesday June 12	1200	Championship Challenger	Division 1 Division 2
Championship Series Race 2	“ “	To follow prior race	“ “ “ “	“ “ “ “
Championship Series Race 3	Wednesday June 13	1200	“ “ “ “	“ “ “ “
Championship Series Race 4	“ “	To follow prior race	“ “ “ “	“ “ “ “
Championship Series Race 5	Thursday June 14	1200	“ “ “ “	“ “ “ “

## ADDENDUM 2

### WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSE DIAGRAM



COURSE 3: START-1-1A-2G-FINISH (upwind)

COURSE 4: START-1-1A-2G-1-1A-FINISH (downwind)

COURSE 5: START-1-1A-2G-1-1A-2G-FINISH (upwind)

NOTE: MARK COLORS AND SHAPES ARE SCHEMATIC ONLY.