

Sail Charlotte “Tune Up” Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday Fun Races

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 Collision avoidance is the responsibility of all involved. There are no “rights” in a collision.
- 1.2 Review the right of way rules in Chapman on Piloting or another authoritative source.
- 1.3 Review the simplified race rules for beginners (Adobe document Tune Up rules of racing).

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Future notices will be posted on the Punta Gorda Sailing Club web site.

3.0 CHANGES

- 3.1 Course or race dates changes will be posted on the PGSC web..

4.0 RACING SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The “Tune Up” Series starts Saturday Nov. 7th and continues each Saturday thru May 2010.
- 4.2 There is NO TUNE UP on Regatta weekends hosted by any club on Charlotte Harbor. Review the PGSC web site calendar regularly to recognize these and plan for these exceptions

5.0 ELIGIBILITY AND RATINGS

- 5.1 This race series is open to all sailboats.
- 5.2 Participants who do not have a PHRF time correction rating may obtain a non official rating good only for “Tune Up”. E-mail pwcboats@aol.com with info about your boat make/size/sail inventory for an approximate rating.
- 5.3 WFPHRF or any other rating is not required but will help you correct your elapsed time around the course. Your corrected elapsed time versus other boats can help you improve strategy and technique as you “Tune Up” the boat and how it is sailed.

6.0 SAFETY

- 6.00 Safety is the responsibility of the Skipper. Conditions that are safe for one boat may not be for another. Each skipper should utilize a VHF radio to access local weather forecasts before leaving the dock. Each skipper should have a safety plan that is discussed with the crew before leaving the dock. This includes a self rescue plan since no safety boats are provided.
- 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 The “Tune Up” mark set boat will not set a start line when NOAA forecast sustained winds exceed 20 knots or gusts exceed 25 knots. This

determination will be made 1 hour before start time.

- 6.3 Each boat must carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channel 69.
- 6.4 The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 69 for safety and emergency purposes.
- 6.5 It is the responsibility of the Skipper to judge the correct crew number and skill for safe operation at each event.
- 6.6 Boats are to keep 200feet away from the start line until 5 minutes before their start. Boats are to keep a safe distance from all recreational and commercial vessels and from government navigational aids.

7.0 FLEETS

- 7.1 Subject to revision based on number of participants so that start area room is safe.
- 7.2 Based on past attendance the following fleets and starts are established
 - . Start 1 boats under 24 ft LOA
 - . Start 2 boats 24 to 30 feet LOA
 - . Start 3 boats 30 to 42 ft LOA
 - . Start 4 boats over 42 ft LOA and all Multihulls

8.0 IDENTIFICATION

- 8.1 Boats requesting information of the mark set boat should hail on VHF 69 and identify by boat name and LOA

9.0 RACECOURSE DETERMINATION AND RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 9.1 Course flags may not be available and the course will be called “red” or “green” on VHF 69 15 minutes before the first start. Every effort will be made to make the start be to windward and have the leg be a beat or at least a close fetch....so the course can be recognized accordingly.

- 9.2 Race Course **Red** Flag: -

Round Markers 2 and 4 to port

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

Race Course **Green** Flag:

Round Markers 4 and 2 to port

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

Race course extended

When the majority of boats finish before 1400 hrs, a second start sequence will be proposed on VHF 69 and the course will be announced.

- 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 mark set boat will announce the course via VHF radio on Channel 69.

10.0 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

- 10.1 The Starting Line will be between the inflatable mark and the Charlotte Harbor Marker "3A" . The start line will be in a quadrant between west thru north east of "3A" to allow a start formation with minimal impact on Fisherman's Village and other in channel traffic.
- 10.2 The Finishing Line is between the inflatable mark and the Charlotte Harbor Marker "3A" .
- 10.3 Contact with the inflatable mark is grounds for disqualification. To be exonerated sail in a 720 degree circle and cross the line from the correct direction.

11.0 STARTING SEQUENCE AND SIGNALS

- 11.1 Starting time is the skippers responsibility. The time is based on GPS or cell phone time.
- 11.2 In the case of a "drifter start" boats over early are encouraged to continue on and use actual line crossing time in elapsed time calculation. Return to the line is not necessary or safe.
- 11.2 The normal starting times are: Start 1 @ 1200 hrs, Start 2 @ 1210 hrs, Start 3 @ 1220 hrs, Start 4@ 1230 hrs
- 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 none

13.0 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 Target completion of "Tune Up" is 1530 hrs.

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 When possible, cancellation of a specific date will be posted on the PGSC web.

16.0 SCORING

- 16.1 Scoring for boats with PHRF ratings or estimates will be available by sending elapsed time to pwcboats@aol.com. Posting of results is TBD but discussion at the following weeks Afterglow is anticipated.

17.0 TROPHIES

- 17.1 No trophies are to be awarded.

18.0 PROTESTS

18.1 None. Do not incur the ire of your fellow sailors!

19.0 Afterglow

19.1 The purpose of "Tune Up" is to enjoy sailing with others and to share successful methods and strategies. This sharing is best done soon after the event.

19.2 Tune up will commence at 1630 hrs in Live Oak Park on Bay Shore Rd Pt Charlotte. We will gather at the elevated building with picnic benches below. Bring a snack and refreshments for yourself. The expected duration is about 1 hour

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°	

