



# BLUEWATER BAY SAILING CLUB

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 2022 Grand Finale.

Saturday, 5 November 2022

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

#### 2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available electronically online at the official noticeboard.
- 2.2. The online official notice board is located at:  
<https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2022GrandFinale>
- 2.3. On the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio, channel 72, or as announced at the competitor's meeting.
- 2.4. The competitor's meeting will be in-person at the Bluewater Bay Marina per the schedule written in 6. (below).
- 2.5. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 12:00 on the day they take effect. Changes made at the skipper's meeting will be posted following the skipper's meeting.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. The race is open to all PHRF rated boats.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may register electronically at [nextSailor.com](https://nextsailor.com), at the following Link: <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2022GrandFinale>

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the end of the elevated dock that extends westward from the beach-area of the Bluewater Bay Marina Complex.
- 4.2. When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with, "not less than 30 minutes" for RRS race signals regarding "AP."

#### 5. CLASSES

- 5.1. The competition will feature two classes:
  - 5.1.1. Spinnaker Class
  - 5.1.2. X-Class – "back calculated" rating of known boats/crew. Any boat choosing to participate in X-Class will have a rating assigned by the fleet captain.
- 5.2. Class flag(s) will be announced at the competitor's meeting.



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## 6. SCHEDULE

### 6.1. Saturday, 5 November:

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| 10:00           | Registration @ L.J. Schooner's Pavilion |
| 10:30           | Skipper's meeting                       |
| 12:25           | First Warning                           |
| Prelim Results: | ASAP following the last race            |

## 7. CHECK IN

- 7.1. Each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day.

## 8. RACECOURSE

- 8.1. The racing area will be located on the waters of the Choctawhatchee Bay and Rocky Bayou.
- 8.2. The first part of the course will be windward/leeward defined by dropped marks. The second part of the course will be "random leg" defined by government marks and dropped marks to be described at the competitor's meeting.
- 8.3. The exact racecourse will be communicated at the competitors meeting and via Notice to Competitors on nextSailor message board.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. To be described at the competitor's meeting.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1. The location of the starting line will be as described at the competitor's meeting. (Depends on the wind direction)
- 10.2. The races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.3. The starting line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the RC boat and an orange mark.
- 10.4. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal and she is identified, the RC may broadcast her sail number on the pre-briefed VHF radio channel. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, untimeliness of the hail, the order of hail, or failure to hail all or some boats shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

## 11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying the orange flag on the RC boat and the Wednesday night mark.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM



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- 12.1. RRS 44.1 is changed such that a Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by One-turn penalty for Part 2 and Rule 31 violations, except two turns when in the zone around a mark.

## **13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1. Protest forms are available from the race committee (as conditions and situation permits) and from the Fleet Captain.
- 13.2. Protests, request for redress, and request for reopening shall be delivered to the Race committee or Fleet Captain within the posted protest time limit.
- 13.3. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat has returned and the RC has returned.
- 13.4. Persons will be notified, and notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

## **14. SCORING**

- 14.1. Each boat will receive a corrected time for each of three "races" included in the one continuous race course:
- 14.1.1. Windward/Leeward course:
  - 14.1.2. Random Leg course:
  - 14.1.3. Combined Course:
- 14.2. The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 14.3. No score shall be excluded.

## **15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 16.1. The RC will transmit/receive with competitors on VHF channel 72.

## **17. PRIZES**

- 17.1. Preliminary results and awards will be announced at L.J. Schooners after the race.

## **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 18.1. RRS 3 States the following: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

## **19. BERTHING**



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19.1. Please contact the Fleet Captain to coordinate reservations, local knowledge, and arrangements to dock, anchor, or provide a launch for transport.

## 20. FURTHER INFORMATION

Grand Finale nextSailor website: <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2022GrandFinale>

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## 21. REVISIONS