

TAMPA SAILING SQUADRON CLUB RACES 2017
Notice of Series and Sailing Instructions

1 SCHEDULE

When possible the race days were scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. The schedule of races are as follows:

Summer Series

July 22
August 5 & 19
September 2 & 16
October 7 & 21
November 4 & 18

Winter Series

December 9 & 23
January 6 & 20
February 3 & 17
March 3 & 17

2 RULES

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. For all classes using WFPHRF handicaps, the WFPHRF Class Rules are in effect.

3 CLASSES

Spinnaker
Non-spinnaker
Cruising

- A boat may declare a cruising spinnaker for each series which will reduce it's non-spin offset by 50%.
- Cruising spinnakers shall be tacked to the deck.

4 ENTRIES

Each competitor must submit an entry form and WFPHRF certificate. If the competitor does not have valid WFPHRF certificate a rating will be assigned by the Racing Fleet Captain.

5 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official racing notice board on the porch at TSS. Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted as a Notice and announced at the skippers' meeting. Changes in the schedule of races or race days will be posted as Notices and announced at the skippers' meeting.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Club's flagstaff. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than one hour after AP is lowered. Any postponement signaled ashore lasting more than 90 minutes means races are abandoned that day.

7 ORDER OF STARTS AND CLASS FLAGS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Class Flag:</u>
Cruising	Pennant #5

Non-spinnaker Pennant #2
Spinnaker Pennant #1

(Classes may start together or separately at the discretion of the Race Officer)

8 RACING AREA

The race committee boat will anchor in the waters off Apollo Beach and will be identified by a Race Committee flag and/or an orange flag.

9 COURSES and MARKS

Potential courses marks will be as described and depicted on the attached diagram. A combination of these marks will be selected depending on wind speed and direction to create a course for each race. The mark identifier and rounding direction will be given at the skipper's meeting before each race.

10 START AND FINISH LINES

The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a floating mark. The finish line will be between a floating inflatable mark and a flag on the Race Committee boat. Before the start of the first race, all yachts shall pass the stern of the Race Committee boat on a starboard tack and check in with the yacht name, sail number and division or class.

11 TIME LIMIT

A boat finishing or failing to finish one hour after the first boat in the Cruising class finishes shall be scored DNF.

12 SCORING

Races will be scored using the "time on distance" method. A boat that did not come to the starting area will be scored points one more than the number of boats, in their class, that started the race. A boat is allow 2 throw outs per series.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The race committee will monitor channel 68. Any vessel wishing to retire shall notify the Race Committee on VHF channel 68 and receive confirmation from the Race Committee that the Race Committee understands that the vessel is withdrawing.

All competitors are required to have a VHF radio on their vessel.

14 AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the winner of each class for each series.

The "Club Championship" will be awarded to the winner of the combination of the series in each class.