



**J/30 Mid Winter Championship  
New Orleans Yacht Club  
March 14-15, 2015**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016, J-30 class rules (except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions) and these sailing instructions.

**2. ENTRIES**

This regatta is open to any J/30 owner who is a member of the J/30 class in good standing, and has submitted a complete entry form and paid all fees by close of registration.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the club's hallway.

**4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change(s) in the sailing instructions will be posted at least one (1) hour before the race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 hours on the day before it will take effect.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm located in the dry storage area of NOYC.

**5.2** Code flag "AP", Answering Pendant, raised with two sounds means "The race is postponed". The warning signal will be made not less than thirty (30) minutes after "AP" is lowered with one sound.

**6. SCHEDULE of EVENTS**

**Friday March 13, 2015**

1700 to 2000 Registration & Sail Measurement

**Saturday March 14, 2015**

0900 Skipper's meeting

1030 First Warning Signal, additional race(s) to follow.

As many races as weather permits will be attempted on Saturday.

No races started after 1600.

**Sunday, May 18, 2014**

1030 First Warning Signal, additional race(s) to follow.

No races started after 1400.

Awards ceremony will be as soon as practical following the conclusion of all races.

## **7. CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be shown at the skippers meeting.

## **8. RACING AREA**

The racing areas will be on the South shore of Lake Pontchartrain. Details will be given at the skipper's meeting.

## **9. COURSE[S] and MARKS**

The courses may be windward/leeward, "W"; gold cup, "G"; or Olympic, "O". Course designations will be made on the race committee boat. The numeral following the "W", "G" or "O" indicates the number of laps.

Marks will be inflatable, orange inflatable cylinders. A change mark will be inflatable, yellow cylinder.

## **10. STARTING**

**10.1** Races will be started between the race committee boat displaying an orange pennant and the nearby mark.

**10.2** Races will be started according to RRS 26.

**10.3** A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

## **11. INDIVIDUAL RECALL**

If a boat is on course side (OCS) at the start, after signaling individual recall the race committee may hail her sail number by voice or VHF. Hailing is a courtesy only and competitors may not protest the RC for hailing or not hailing. This changes RRS 29.1.

## **12. GENERAL RECALL**

The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed.

## **13. CHANGE OF COURSE TO THE NEXT LEG**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark, or move the finishing line, and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **14. ABANDONMENT AND CANCELLATION**

Will be in accordance with RRS 32.

## **15. THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between the flag on the committee boat and the closest mark.

## **16. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 will apply.

## **17. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit will be no more than thirty (30) minutes to the first mark. Yachts finishing more than thirty (30) minutes after the first yacht finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

## **18. PROTESTS**

- 18.1** Protest forms will be available in the regatta office at NOYC.
- 18.2** Protest time limit is 60 minutes after the committee boat has docked.
- 18.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 18.4** Protests will be heard in the NOYC Board Room.

## **19. SCORING**

- 19.1** Two (2) completed races constitute a series.
- 19.2** The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS 2013-2016 will apply, except that a boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races with 1 (one) throw out if 6 (six) or more races are completed.

## **20. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 20.1** All boats must check in with the Race Committee before their first race of the day.
- 20.2** Each competitor is responsible for his/her own safety. Moreover, each skipper is responsible for the seaworthiness of their yacht. It shall be the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race. The skipper accepts this responsibility by entering the race.
- 20.3** It is the responsibility of the skipper and crew to determine when life jackets will be worn. The New Orleans Yacht Club, its officers, members and employees do not assume responsibility and no signals governing the wearing of life jackets will be made.
- 20.4** **A yacht which retires from a race shall report this action to the race committee BEFORE leaving the course area or, if that is impossible, to the New Orleans Yacht Club Office IMMEDIATELY after arriving ashore. Failure to report will subject the skipper of a violating yacht to a minimum (twenty-five dollar) \$25.00 fine and or other penalties.**

## **21. OTHER**

The use of profanity or vulgarity on the race course will not be tolerated and will be reason for suspension or expulsion from future racing and/or fine(s).

**HAVE FUN**

Drink plenty of water  
And don't forget to wear your sunscreen!