

# **THE FALCON CUP**

## **Frenchman's Bay Yacht Club**

August 10th & 11th, 2019

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

1.1 These instructions apply to all races held in The Falcon Cup Regatta and will supersede all others.

1.2 All races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current edition Racing Rules of Sailing

1.3 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and The Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will apply.

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

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Regatta Room on the main floor of the clubhouse.

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

3.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 45 minutes before the first scheduled race of the day, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 1700 on the day before it will take effect.

### **4. ADDITIONAL SIGNALS**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole by the main clubhouse.

4.2 Code flag "AP" Answering Pennant, when flown ashore with two sound signals, will mean the event or race is postponed. The first warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the 'AP' is lowered with one sound signal.

### **5. FLEET DIVISIONS**

5.1 Flying Sails will be Division 'A' and signified with the number '1' pennant, Non Flying Sails will be division 'B' and signified with the number '2' pennant.

### **6. RACING AREA**

6.1 The starting area of the Falcon Course will be approximately 3 miles SW of the channel entry lighthouse.

7. **RACING MARKS**

7.1 Yellow inflatable tetra marks will be used for marks 2, 3, and 4. Mark number 1 will be a pin mark, with orange flag, dropped by the committee boat.

8. **THE START**

8.1 The starting line will be between the orange flag on the committee boat and the pin mark, with orange flag, on the committee boat's port side.

8.2 A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A5. (NP)

8.3 After the first warning signal for the first race and prior to her own warning signal, a boat shall keep clear of the starting area that extends the length of the starting line ahead of and behind the starting line. It shall also extend one-half the length of the starting line past either end of the starting line.

8.4 There will be a 2 minute delay between a start and the warning signal of the next start.

8.5 Individual recalls will comply with RRS 29.1. The RC may announce via VHF Channel #68 the sail number or boat name of each premature starter. The failure to announce or the order in which boats are announced shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1. The committee boat will hoist the 'X' flag and may emit one sound signal.

8.6 A general recall will be announced by the hoisting of the First Substitute Pennant along with two sound signals. It may also be announced on the VHF channel #68. If the general recall is the first start of two fleets, the restart will be after the second fleet starts with a subsequent two minute delay.

8.7 The Z Flag Rule (RRS 30.2) will apply after a general recall.

8.8 To alert boats that a sequence of races will soon begin, the Falcon Cup battle flag will be displayed with one sound at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made. The battle flag will be taken down simultaneously with the first warning signal.

9. **THE COURSE**

9.1 Both the FS and NFS boats will be raced on the same course around yellow tetra inflatable marks. An outline of the course can be found in Appendix "A" All marks will be rounded to port.

9.2 There will be three course selections that the committee boat can use. One for light air, one for medium air and one for heavy air. The committee boat will display the respective division letter and course number for each race.

9.3 The FS boats will be designated by the letter "A" and the course number will be either "1" for light air (2 miles), "2" for medium air (4 miles) , and "3" for heavy air (6 miles). It will be a windward/leeward course. Marks to be rounded to port will be as follows:

Course "A" 1 - 2, 4, 1

Course "A" 2 - 2, 4, 2, 4, 1

Course "A" 3 - 2, 4, 2, 4, 2, 4, 1

9.4 The NFS boats will be designated by the letter “B” and the course number will be either “1” for light air (1.5 miles) “2” for medium air (3.5 miles) and “3” for heavy air (5 miles). They will be a variance of triangle/ windward/leeward courses. Marks to be rounded to port will be as follows:

Course “B” 1 - 2, 3, and finish as outlined in 10.1 shown below.

Course “B” 2 - 2, 3, 1, 2, 4, 1

Course “B” 3 - 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 4, 1

**10. THE FINISH**

10.1 Boats will finish between the pin mark with orange flag, and the orange flag displayed on the committee boat per the course diagram outlined in Appendix ‘A’. The B#1 course will finish between a red/orange floating ball (not shown on Appendix “A”) dropped astern of the committee boat.

10.2 If the RC does not plan to run another race, it will fly Code Flag “H” at the finish.

**11. SHORTEN COURSE**

11.1 The RC will have the option of shortening any race. The code flag ‘S’ will be shown under the Division Pennant of the race being shortened along with two sound signals. The RC will also announce the course change on VHF channel #68. In addition, a support boat will attempt to directly contact all racing boats in the affected fleet(s).

**12. TIME LIMITS**

12.1 No race will exceed 90 minutes in length.

12.2 A time limit of thirty (30) minutes after the first boat to finish in their respective fleet will apply. In this respect, the overall 90 minute time limit will not be exceeded. Boats failing to finish by the respective time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS35.

12.3 A race will be abandoned if no boats reach the first mark in 30 minutes.

**13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall notify the race committee after she has finished or retired and before going ashore.

**14. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

14.1 Boats are requested to notify the race committee either by voice or by VHF radio immediately after finishing or withdrawing of their intention to protest in that race, naming the boat(s) protested.

14.2 Protest forms are available at the Official Notice Board in the Regatta Room.

14.3 Protests will be lodged in writing at the Official Notice Board within one hour of the committee boats return to the dock.

14.4 Notice of protests to be heard will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the end of the protest time. This serves as notice as required by RRS 63.2.

14.5 Protest hearings will be held as soon as possible after being posted.

## 15. **SCORING**

15.1 The Regatta will be scored as a single series with one race required to be completed to constitute a series. If five races are completed there will be one drop race.

15.2 A boat that did not finish shall be awarded points for the finishing place one more than the number of finishers for that race. This changes RRS A4.2.

15.3 Should a tie take place, the club with the most combined first place finishes will win. If still tied, the FS boat with the best finish in the last race will determine the winner.

15.4 All scoring will be time on time.

15.5 In order for a race to be official, two boats must finish in the time limit.

15.6 Scores of the FS and NFS boats will be added together to determine the team winner of the Falcon Cup. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team.

## 16. **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

16.1 The VHF channel for this event will 68.

16.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

16.3 RC broadcasts regarding its intentions, the course to be sailed, start times, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the RC to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

## 17. **MEASUREMENT**

17.1 The PHRF-LO measurement system will be used. All boats must have a valid PHRF certificate.

## 18. **OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY**

18.1 The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole responsibility of the owner(s) and/or skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by experienced crew. He or she must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and gear; must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew is familiar with its location and use. It is the sole responsibility of the skipper of each boat to decide whether or not to start, continue, or retire from a race. The skipper is also reminded that he or she is responsible for the conduct of the crew and guests. The boat must also be fully insured for racing.

19. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

20. **PRIZES**

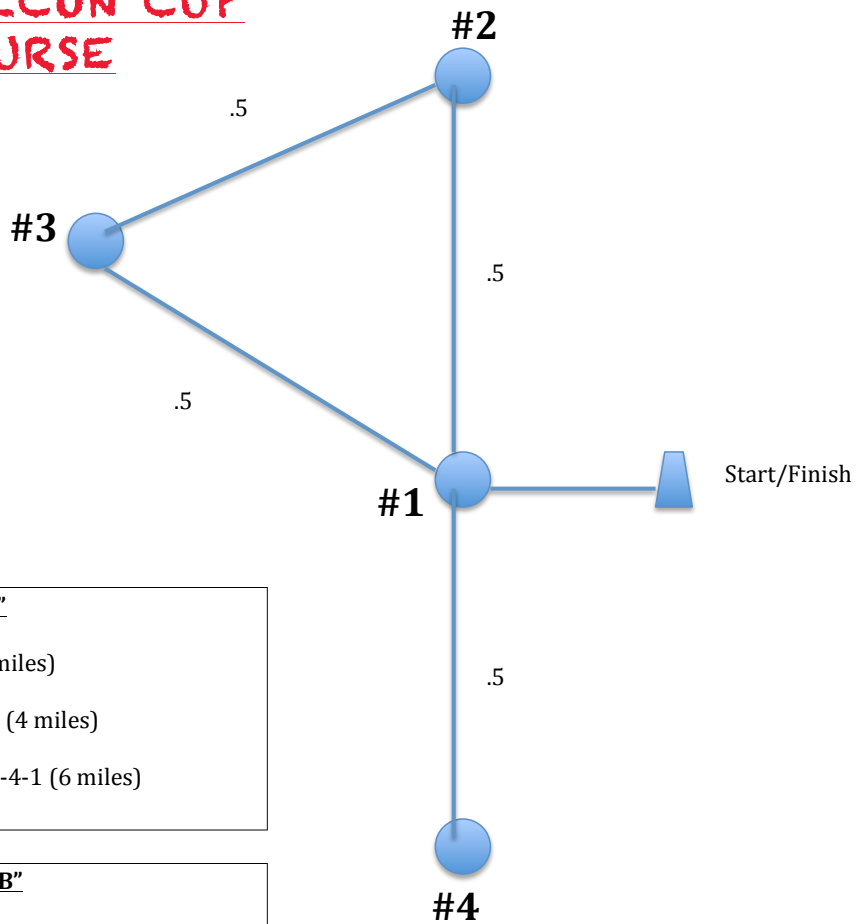
20.1 Prizes and awards will be given out on Sunday August 11th, 2019 after the final races are complete and the scores are tabulated. This will be no later than 1530 hours.

21. **SKIPPER'S MEETING**

21.1 The skipper's meeting will be held at 0915 hours on Saturday, August 10th, 2019.

APPENDIX "A"

FALCON CUP  
COURSE



**FS - COURSE "A"**

**A#1:** 2-4-1 (2 miles)

**A#2:** 2-4-2-4-1 (4 miles)

**A#3:** 2-4-2-4-2-4-1 (6 miles)

**NFS - COURSE "B"**

**B#1:** 2-3-1 (1.5 miles)

**B#2:** 2-3-1-2-4-1 (3.5 miles)

**B#3:** 2-3-1-2-3-1-2-4-1 (5 miles)