



## 1. RULES

- 1.1 Sailing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (World Sailing), the prescriptions of the CYA, the rules of each class concerned and by these sailing instructions.

## 2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 In order to participate in the FPSC FIASCO regatta, you must have registered by the registration cut-off date (11:59 pm, June 30, 2023). Failure to comply with this requirement will result in being scored DNC (Did Not Compete) in any event sailed when these conditions are not met.

## 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 All notices to competitors will be posted online [www.fiftpointsailingclub.com](http://www.fiftpointsailingclub.com) prior to 0800 on July 2, 2023.
- 3.2 During the race, communication will use **VHF channel 72** and will be monitored by the organizers. In the event no response is received, communication should be done via email to the race organizers ([info@fiftpointsailingclub.com](mailto:info@fiftpointsailingclub.com))
- 3.3 Starts will utilize the following VHF channels.

**Fifty Point: VHF 69**

**BHYC: VHF 72**

**RHYC: VHF 71**

## 4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes in the sailing instructions shall be made via email to the competitors with links to the SI's online.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE OR ON THE WATER

- 5.1 Signals will not be made ashore.
- 5.2 Communication with participants prior to 0800 on Sunday, July 2, 2023, will be done via email with links to the Notice Board at [www.fiftpointsailingclub.com](http://www.fiftpointsailingclub.com).
- 5.3 Communication on water will occur via **VHF channel 72**.

## 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Sailing will commence at **10:00 am EDT on Sunday, July 2, 2023** with the first boat.
- 6.2 Boats will start at their assigned time, as determined from their PHRF handicap. Starting times are assigned based on Time on Distance and are provided in **Appendix B – Start Times**.
- 6.3 The curfew for racers to be finished is **18:00 EDT on July 2, 2023**. Boats finishing after this time will be scored DNF.

## 7. THE COURSE

- 7.1 Refer to the mark locations (**Appendix A**) and course descriptions of these instructions for the course layout and the approximate distance between marks.
- 7.2 The course will be communicated to participants prior to the start via email.

## 8. MARKS

- 8.1 Turning marks are designated as per **Appendix A** and are of various shape and size with approximate GPS locations.
- 8.2 The course consists of 3 marks (all Fleets) inclusive of the start/finish. These marks coincide with the Start/Finish lines at each point.
- 8.3 All marks are rounding marks.
- 8.4 Mark roundings can be done either to port or starboard, however they must be done so that ***the boat must pass outside the triangle inscribed by the race marks*** denoted in Appendix A.
- 8.5 Following the start, marks can be rounded in any order, subject to 8.4.

## 9. THE START

- 9.1 Times listed are calculated based on PHRF handicap and Time on Distance.
- 9.2 The start line will be between the two marks positioned at each turning location (see Figure 1). The starting area is defined as the area surrounding the start line that extends three (3) boat lengths beyond the port and starboard ends of the line as well as three (3) boat lengths above and below the start line. **All yachts not starting within 1 minute should remain outside of this area.**
- 9.3 Participants are responsible for ensuring that they do not start early. If a boat is deemed to have started early, it must return to the start line in order to restart. Boats that do not restart will be scored with a 20% time penalty.
- 9.4 Participants will be provided with a Starting time following registration cutoff on June 30, 2022.

## 10. EXCLUSION ZONE

- 10.1 An exclusion zone encompasses the Grimsby Small Arms Firing Range.
- 10.2 The exclusion zone is bounded by markers WT and WY, located approximately 1.5 nm from shore, at 43.2457N, 79.6024W and 43.2414N, 79.5915W and the shoreline and is marked with yellow markers approximately 0.1 nm apart.
- 10.3 **Boats entering this exclusionary zone, will be scored DSQ without a protest hearing.**

## 11. RECALLS and RETIREMENTS

- 11.1 Boats retiring during the race are required to inform the FIASCO organizers *on VHF Channel 72 as soon as possible* after retiring.
- 11.2 In addition, please contact the local Race Committee at each starting Club and email the race organizers ([info@fiftypointsailingclub.com](mailto:info@fiftypointsailingclub.com)).

## 12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 12.1 The course will not be shortened or lengthened.

## 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line will be between the marks designating the Start/Finish line.
- 13.2 In the event a Race Committee boat is present at the finish, the finish line will be between the RC boat and the turning mark.
- 13.3 **Each boat shall record its own finish time, as well as the name of the boat finishing directly ahead and the boat finishing immediately behind.**
- 13.4 Finish Times are to be sent to organizers as soon as possible after finishing and must be received by 19:00h on July 2.

**Finish times should be entered on the website below.**

The QR code below will take you to this site or enter the URL below.



<https://bit.ly/FIASCO21>

## 14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The curfew for racers to be finished is **18:00 EDT on July 2, 2023.**
- 14.2 Boats finishing after the curfew time will be scored DNF.

## 15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protests are strongly discouraged.
- 15.2 All protests should be presented to the regatta organizers who, in turn, will take them to the protest committee.

- 15.3 The jury will hear protests on the same day/evening they are received and will rule on the outcome within 90 minutes of the final hearings.
- 15.4 The decision of the jury is final.
- 15.4 In the event of protest, each boat must make available a GPS track depicting the boats track through the course. Failure to provide a verifiable track may result in DSQ.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 Yacht finish times will be handicapped using the PHRF - LO time-on-distance scoring system.
- 16.2 In the event of contesting results, each boat must make available a GPS track depicting the boats track through the race course. Failure to provide a verifiable track may result in DSQ.

## **17. FLEETS**

- 17.1 Each skipper will declare his/her yacht as 'flying sails' or 'non-flying sails' at least three (3) days prior to the race. He/she will maintain that designation until the Regatta is complete.
- 17.2 Boats without PHRF certificates will be placed in the "Cruising Fleet" and not eligible for the Overall award.
- 17.3 If a boat in the "Cruising Fleet" does not have a valid PHRF certificate, a rating will be assigned based on similar boats within PHRF-LO. If no similar boat is found, the US Sailing PHRF database handicap will be used.
- 17.3 Boats in the "Cruising Fleet" are free to either sail FS or NFS but the organizers must be notified at least three (3) days prior to the race. If the race organizers are not notified, the lower rating will be used to calculate start time.

## **18. MEASUREMENTS AND HANDICAP RATING**

- 18.1 Any yacht with unmeasured sails, which could affect its PHRF - LO rating may be required to have its sails measured.
- 18.2 The race committee reserves the right to inspect any member's yacht to verify its rating and compliance with club rules.
- 18.3 Measurement and handicap rating will be as per the current PHRF-LO handicapper's manual and by-laws.
- 18.4 Handicap grievances will be resolved in accordance with PHRF-LO by-laws.

## **19. PRIZES**

- 19.1 Awards will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place boat in each fleet.
- 19.2 The Overall Fiasco Award will be given to the boat that finishes across the finish line first, in accordance with these Sailing Instructions.
- 19.3 Boats entered into the Cruising Fleet are not eligible for the Overall award.

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

- 20.2 By participating in this Regatta, all participants are aware of the inherent risks of sailing and agree to not hold the organizers liable for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 20.3 All Skippers are expected to make their participating crew aware of this Disclaimer of Liability and all participating crew agrees to abide by the above statement.

## **21. INSURANCE**

- 21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1M per incident or equivalent.

## Appendix A – The Course

### 1. All Fleets: Distance = 22.1 nm

- a) Bronte Fixed Mark
- b) RHYC Inflatable Mark
- c) FPSC Fixed Mark #4

*\*Marks can be rounded in any order*

Mark	GPS Coordinates*	Description
FPSC Start/Finish	43°14.30 N 79°38.52' W	Tall, white cylinder and orange inflatable.
RHYC Start/Finish	43°17.50 N 79°46.50' W	Yellow inflatable tetrahedron.
BHYC Start/Finish	43°23.00' N 79°42.00' W	White conical marker.

*\* Mark locations are approximate.*

