PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB



CHOO CHOO REGATTA and April 20 & 21, 2024 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.1 The total number of persons aboard a boat in an event shall be two (2), three (3) or four (4). The same number of crew shall be carried throughout all races of the event.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the north side of the PYC Clubhouse facing the harbor.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than 90 minutes before the first warning signal of the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3.1 In any case where there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the race committee boat at the Front Dock in the harbor of Privateer Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed <u>ashore</u>, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Five races are planned for the regatta. Racing is scheduled as follows: <u>Saturday April 20</u>

Race # 1 1300 Warning Signal. Other races to follow ASAP

Sunday April 21 First race of the day 1000 Warning Signal. Other races to follow ASAP

- 5.2 Extra races may be sailed each day at the discretion of the race committee.
- 5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1230.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a red flag with a white Flying Scot Logo

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Chickamauga Lake in the vicinity of Privateer Yacht Club.

8 CHECK-INS

Prior to the first race on each day, competitors will check in by sailing by the Race Committee Boat on the starboard tack and hailing the boat's sail number. When the Race Committee repeats the sail number the check-in is complete. The Race Committee Boat will display Code Flag "L" (black and yellow checks) when on station to take check-ins.

9 **THE COURSES**

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. There will be a windward offset mark and a leeward gate. The course will be designated on the Race Committee boat prior to the warning signal for each start.
- 9.2 If Course MWL4 is sailed, the starting/finish line will be open unless a blue "On Station" flag is flying on the committee boat.
- 9.3 If Course WL4 is sailed, Mark 2 is not a mark of the course on the first leg of the race.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons. The windward offset mark will be a smaller red ball.
- 10.2 IF Course WL4 is sailed, the finishing mark will be a small red ball.
- 10.3 If Course WL 5 is sailed, the finishing mark will be yellow tetrahedron.
- 10.4 If Course MWL 4 is sailed, the finishing mark will be the starting mark.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2 An attempt will be made to notify OCS boats over VHF Channel 71, but failure to notify or failure to hear the notification will not be grounds for redress.

12 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Subsequent legs may be changed without signaling to maintain the course configuration.

13 **THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the starboard side of the Race Committee vessel and the course side of the finishing line mark. After finishing boats should avoid sailing in the "course" area.

14 **TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1 The time limit for each race is 90 minutes. If one (1) boat finishes within the time limit, all boats in the class must finish within twenty (20) minutes of the first finishing boat.
- 14.2 Boats not finishing within 20 minutes of the first finishing boat will be scored TLE and given a score equal to the number of finishers plus one (1). This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A4.2.

14.3 If a boat in last place is delaying the next start, the Race Committee may order the race terminated and score that boat points equal to last place. This changes RRS 35 and A5(3).

15 **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

Protests shall be written on forms available on the Official Notice Board and delivered to the regatta chairman in the PYC Clubhouse within 30 minutes after the race committee boat docks. The race committee will sound a signal to signify the beginning of the protest period. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day at a location in or near the PYC Clubhouse.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Each boat's score will be the total of all race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 16.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and may do so by VHF radio.

18 **PRIZES**

Prizes for skipper and crew will be given for 1st through 3rd place for the Choo Choo Regatta.

19 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See the Rules of Racing Rule no. 4, Decision to race. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against Privateer Sailing Education Foundation, the regatta host, and Privateer Yacht Club, the property owner, their officers, directors, members, or committees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of The Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.

Monty Humphreys Principal Race Officer

Attachment A

<u>WL 4</u>







FINISH

WINDWARD-LEEWARD TWICE AROUND

START-1-2-1-2-FINISH

