

# 2023 COASTAL CUP SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 1 RULES

**1.1** The 2023 Coastal Cup race shall be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*, except as modified by the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. The Golden Isles Sailing Club is the Organizing Authority for this race.

**1.2** Rule 42.3(h) is changed to allow the use of the engine to get clear after grounding or collision, and, in accordance with Rule 42.3(i), if a collision is imminent, the engine may be used just long enough to avert the collision, provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race. The appropriate penalty for the collision that was averted is still required. In addition, Rule 42 is changed to allow engine use with a motoring penalty as described in Paragraph 8 below.

**1.3** Rule 52 is changed so that races may be sailed with the assistance of self-steering gear, electric or wind.

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting and/or on the water over VHF Channel 71.

## 3 SCHEDULE

EVENT:	DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:
Skippers' Meeting	Friday, May 12	7:00 PM	Fernandina Harbor Marina
Start of Race	Saturday, May 13	9:00 AM	St. Marys Channel
Awards Ceremony	Saturday, May 13	7:00 PM	Morningstar Marina

**4 COURSE** The course will be from the starting line to the finish line, with the following stipulations: At St. Andrews Sound, yachts must leave marker "STA" (N 30° 55.51' / W 81° 18.93') to port. At St. Simons Channel, yachts must leave marker "5" (N 31° 05.09' / W 81° 18.41') to port. The approximate race distance is 26 nautical miles.

## 5 START

**5.1** The race will be started using a 5 minute sequence as follows:

Warning Signal	Horn	5 min to start
Preparatory Signal	Horn	4 min to start
One-minute Signal	Horn	1 min to start
Start	Horn	Start

The horn signals will be broadcast over VHF Channel 71.

**5.2** The starting line will be the imaginary line between markers "14" and "16" just outside the St. Marys Channel jetties.

## 6 FINISH

**6.1** The finish line will be the imaginary line between markers "13" and "14" in the St. Simons Channel.

**6.2** Finish times are to be taken when the yacht's HELMSMAN passes through the finish line. Leave marker "13" to port. Take your own time USING YOUR GPS and call your time in to the race committee aboard CONTENTE using VHF channel 71 or telephone (912) 222-6131.

## 7 TIME LIMIT

**7.1** The race ends at 6:00 P.M. Yachts finishing after that time will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

**7.2** Yachts withdrawing from the race before finishing shall notify the race committee by radio or by telephone (912) 222-6131.

## **8 MOTORING PENALTY**

**8.1** So that yachts may finish within the time limit in the event of unfavorable wind, the engine may be used for propulsion with the following stipulations.

**8.2** Motoring is allowed no sooner than 30 minutes after the start of the race, and any time thereafter. A vessel's speed in knots may not exceed its hull speed while the engine is in gear propelling the boat. Hull speed is defined as  $1.34 \times \text{Square Root (LWL)}$ , where "LWL" is the length of the waterline in feet.

**8.3** The skipper shall record the GPS Latitude and Longitude position of the boat and the GPS time on each occasion when the engine was put in gear and was taken out of gear. A minimum of 30 minutes shall be recorded each time the engine is put in gear.

**8.4** Record the total engine in-gear propulsion time (Motoring Time) in MINUTES and report that value to the race committee with your finish time.

**8.5** A motoring penalty equal to  $(0.40 \times \text{Square Root (LWL)} \times \text{Motoring Time})$  will be added to the corrected finish time.

## **9 SCORING**

**9.1** The Low Point Scoring System, rule A4, will apply.

**9.2** The PHRF Handicap System will be used for calculation of corrected finish times.

**9.3** Awards will be presented after the race at Morningstar Marina.