



Sailing Instructions

2019 Distance Race

April 20, 2019

Privateer Yacht Club

1. Rules

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

2. Entries

Competitors may enter by notifying race committee of their intent to race at least 30 minutes before the start. There is no monetary entry fee. You can provide the Race Chairman with beer if you feel generous.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board. This board is on the north exterior wall of the clubhouse under the porch.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the PYC race committee boat docked in slip A1. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

5. Schedule and Class Flags

A competitors' meeting will be held near the flag pole at 0900. The warning signal for the race will be at 0955 sharp getting the race off at 1000 sharp.

6. Racing Area

There will be three course options based on the wind prediction and conditions the morning of the race.

- **Option 1** - The first course option will be the race around Patten Island. Skippers option on which way to go around the island.
- **Option 2** - The second option will be a lap race between the Selcer Light Daymark and the Lakeshore government mark.
- **Option 3** - Finally, there will be a course that goes all the way to the Day Mark called "Moon Light" right next to Sequoyah Power Station at River mile 484.5. This course will only be used if the wind is permitting and a group of no less than three racers are interested. Remember, this is a distance race so if the wind is blowing, we will go the "distance".

7. Starting and Finishing Lines

The Starting Line for all course options will be between the Green Harbor government can and the red **PYC** nun. If the Lap course option is chosen the starting direction will be specified at the skippers meeting prior to the start.

The finish line will be between the PYC race committee boat docked in slip A1 and the green Harbor government mark directly off A dock at PYC.

8. Courses and Marks

- **Option 1** - From the start, the race will proceed upstream and around Patten Island in Harrison Bay. Competitors may leave the island to starboard **OR** port. The only course requirement is to "**follow**" the secondary channel around Patten Island and the islands directly southeast. In other words, racers are NOT permitted to cut through the island chain. This is a safety issue and not fair to the other yachts that may or may not clear these shallow passages. If a competitor is observed cutting course, they will be tied to the flagpole for 24 hours after being disqualified from the race.
- **Option 2** – From the start in the direction specified at the skippers meeting, racers will proceed to make laps in a counter clockwise rotation leaving Selcer Light Daymark and Lake Shore to port. The number of laps will be specified prior to the race depending on current and predicted conditions for the day. One or two laps will be the options.

- **Option 3** – From the start, the race will proceed upstream through the slot and around “Pinky’s Point.” Then the channel will open slightly passing Dallas Bay which leads to a bend to the right by Harbor Lights Marina. On the approach to Sequoia Power Station, the race will pass under the “Joshua High Voltage Power Lines” and from here they should be able to spot the “Moon Light” day mark in the distance that shall be left to Port.

9. Time Limit

The Race Committee will not be enforcing a strict time limit since this race features geographical challenges. The race committee will monitor the progress of the fleet closely and make a judgement call as to whether they should shorten the course or not. Their main concern will be that the majority of fleet make the finish, wherever the Race Committee decides that should be.

If wind is not permitting for racers to make it back to PYC, the race may be shortened by the race committee between the committee boat and the nearest government mark. The race committee boat will be anchored and flying the Blue on station flag and the **Sierra** flag to signify they are taking finishes. A horn will be given for each competitor to clarify the vessel has finished.

10. Protests

Verbal protests shall be handled on the water and written protests shall be delivered to the dumpster beside the club house. This is not that kind of race, relax and have fun.

11. Scoring

The existing PHRF handicapping system will be used. All racers will be scored together.