

Augusta Sailing Club
Sailing Instructions
2012 Spring PHRF and Poker Run Series
Strom Thurmond Lake at Clarks Hill
March 30, 2012

1. Rules: The series will be governed by The USSA Racing Rules of Sailing, USSA Prescriptions and Augusta Sailing Club PHRF Class Rules, except as any of these are modified by these sailing instructions.
2. Entries: Registration forms must be completed and all fees must be paid to the regatta organizing authority before entrants become official competitors.
3. Notice to Competitors: Official notices to competitors will be posted on the Augusta Sailing Club official notice board located on the clubhouse side porch or on the official notice board on the race committee boat.
4. Changes in Sailing Instructions: Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 hours on the day before it will take effect.
5. Signals Made Ashore:
 - 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located near the Augusta Sailing Club clubhouse.
 - 5.2. Code flag “AP,” answering pennant, with two sound signals when raised means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the “AP” is lowered with one sound signal.
6. Signals Made Afloat:
 - 6.1. Signals made afloat will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat.
 - 6.2. Code flag “AP,” answering pennant, with two sound signals when raised means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 1 minute after the “AP” is lowered with one sound signal.
7. Schedule of Races:
 - 7.1. Races are scheduled on the following days, with start sequence to begin at noon each day:
 - April 7, 2012
 - April 14, 2012
 - April 21, 2012
 - April 28, 2012
 - May 5, 2012
 - May 19, 2012 – Firecracker Cup
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7.2. May 19 & 20, 2012 will be the Firecracker Cup. Races this day will be scored as part of the Series and as a separate regatta.

8. Course:

8.1. The PRO and Skippers will set the course at the Skippers meeting 90 minutes prior to the start of the race. Start time for each race is 12 noon. One race per race day. The starting line and finish line will be a straight line from the end of F dock to the No Wake Buoy near the beach North of F dock. The course length will be established using the PHRF rating of the slowest boat represented at the meeting. The slowest boat's PHRF rating will be applied to the forecasted wind speed in order to set up a course that will theoretically take three hours for the slowest boat to sail. The forecasted wind speed used will be the average of the three hour race period as published in the hourly forecast on Weatherbug.com. The course will be plotted on a chart of the lake using government buoys for marks. The race course will be established by majority vote of the Skippers but the PRO will establish a course if the Skippers are unable to reach a timely agreement. Spin boats will establish their course in the same way.

8.2. The course will be sailed in accordance with Rule 28. On a windward-leeward course, marks will be left to port. Boats shall cross the finish line on the most direct course from the last mark before the finish.

9. Marks: US Government markers, including the starting and finishing marks.

10. The Start:

10.1. Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.

10.2. The starting line and finish line will be a straight line from the end of F dock to the No Wake Buoy near the beach North of F dock.

10.3. A yacht shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

11. Recalls: Recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29. The Race Committee may attempt to hail infringing boats, but it is the responsibility of the skipper to make a legal start.

12. Changes of Course After Start:

12.1. Rules 32 and 33 apply.

12.2. The Race Committee will establish or place the new mark as soon as practicable.

13. Finish Line: The starting line and finish line will be a straight line from the end of F dock to the No Wake Buoy near the beach North of F dock.

14. Time Limits and Finishing: There is a 3 hour time limit beginning at 12 noon. Finish place will be determined by the order of boats crossing the finish line however the position on the course will determine finish place when 3 hours has elapsed. Skippers are responsible for reporting their order of finish or position on the course to the PRO.

15. Scoring for the Series:

15.1. Scoring of each race will be based on corrected times. Corrected times will be calculated by the time-on-time method using the approved Augusta Sailing Club PHRF ratings.

- 15.2. Each race day of the Series will be scored using the low point system. Boats that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired after starting or were disqualified, or did not come to the starting area at all during that day will be scored in accordance with Rule A9 "Race Scores in a Series Lasting Longer Than A Regatta." Series scoring shall include all of the daily regatta scores excluding each boat's two (2) worst daily scores. Trophies will be awarded.
- 15.3. Races held May 19 & 20, 2012 will be scored as part of the Series and as a separate event, the Firecracker Cup.
- 15.4. The Firecracker Cup will be scored using the low point system and standard regatta scoring as provided in the Racing Rules of Sailing with no races excluded. Trophies will be awarded.
- 15.5. One (1) race on each of three (3) separate days will constitute a regatta for the Series. One (1) race will constitute a regatta for the Firecracker Cup.
16. Scores: Scores will be posted on the ASC web site and emailed to competitors of record. Scores will be considered final seven (7) days after dissemination. Scores for the final day of the regatta or series will be posted at ASC and will be considered final after 15 minutes.
17. Alternative Penalties: The two-turns turns penalty as provided in Rule 44 will not apply to a spinnaker boat provided the spinnaker boat has its spinnaker up when a rule is broken, drops the spinnaker completely while taking the penalty and resets the spinnaker immediately after taking the penalty, then the penalty is one full turn instead of two turns (one full turn including one tack and one jibe).
18. Protests: Protests shall be written and lodged with the Race Committee within the protest time. Protest time shall end 30 minutes after the race Committee signal boat docks.
19. Litter: Anyone seen willfully discharging litter into the lake shall be scored "DSQ" for that race or the previous race.
20. Life Jackets: All boats must have the required life jackets on board, and crew must wear life jackets when specified by signal from the Committee Boat. Any boat that fails to comply for a race will be scored DSQ. Wearing of life jackets is encouraged and recommended at all times on the water.
21. Disclaimer: Competitors participate in the regattas entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regattas.