



## 2017 DETROIT YACHT CLUB VENETIAN REGATTA

### *Animation*

**Saturday, Aug. 12, 2017**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1. RULES**

This Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS)* and by the DYC 2017 Off-the-Dock Race Series Sailing Instructions, to the extent not inconsistent with these Sailing Instructions.

#### **2. ENTRIES**

Sail boats owned by Detroit Yacht Club members and Flying Scots owned by Detroit Yacht Club and skippered by DYC Racing Skippers qualified under DYC Flying Scot rules are invited to participate in the Venetian Regatta. Competitors may register entry by notifying DYC Sail Yacht Race Committee Chair by phone or e-mail before Friday, Aug. 11 at 7:00 pm EDT. **However, member-owned boats registered for the 2017 Off-the-Dock Race Series do not need to register and shall be considered to have entered the Regatta by crossing the Starting Line as described in these Sailing Instructions.** DYC Flying Scot Racing Skippers intending to sail a Flying Scot must register for this Regatta. Boats without a valid 2017 DRYA PHRF certificate or PJAM rating, or DYC 2017 Off-the-Dock rating, shall be assigned a DYC Venetian Regatta PHRF rating by the DYC Sail Yacht Race Committee Chair if entry is made by the deadline in this Paragraph.

Boats are encouraged to decorate the boat or crew in keeping with the 2017 DYC Venetian theme "Animation" and their individual dock character themes for this sailing event.

#### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the outside east wall of the Sailing Center at the east end of the DYC island. E-mail announcements and notices may also be used and constitute "notices to competitors" under these Sailing Instructions. Any written changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the official notice board by 10:00 am EDT on race day.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole adjacent to the Sailing Center at the east end of the DYC island. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after the Answering Pennant (red and white stripes) is lowered.

#### **5. RADIO MONITORING**

Boats shall monitor **VHF Channel 68** from ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled time for the Warning Signal until twenty minutes (20) following their finish or withdrawal from the race.

Please be mindful that VHF Channel 68 may be used by other sailing events in the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair vicinity. Competitors are requested to identify "DYC Venetian Race Committee" in transmissions over Channel 68.

## 6. CLASSES & CLASS FLAGS

There will be two classes in this race.

**"Shrek Class"** shall be boats with a base rating (rating defined in paragraph 2) of 150 and above. Shrek Class shall be signaled using the Numeral 1 Pennant (red oval on white pennant).

**"Peter Pan Class"** shall be boats with a base rating (rating defined in paragraph 2) of 149 or below. Peter Pan Class shall be signaled using the Numeral 3 Pennant (red, white, blue vertical striped pennant).

The starting time for the Shrek Class is planned for 10:30 am. See Starting and Finishing in Paragraph 9.

## 7. SAIL & POLE LIMITATIONS

Boats may utilize any sail or pole permitted under RRS or the rules applicable to the class and any club-adopted rules regarding requirements for use of boats and sails. Sails used during the race shall determine rating used for Scoring as described in Paragraph 15.

## 8. COURSES

The Course shall be from the Start/Finish Line upstream in the Detroit River toward Lake St. Clair, passing the **Green Channel Marker "G113"** to port then to the **Green Channel Marker "G3"** (off of Grosse Pointe Club), which shall be rounded to port, then returning to the Start/Finish Line, finishing downstream. In the event of a "Shortened Course", boats shall proceed upstream from the Start/Finish Line to the Green Channel Marker "G113", which shall be rounded to port, then returning to the Start/Finish Line, finishing downstream. A Shortened Course may be signaled by the Race Committee at the start of the race by flying an "S" flag (white with blue square) along with the Class Flag described in paragraph 6, from the starting area during the start sequence.

A Shortened Course may be signaled during the race from an RC vessel positioned at the first mark and flying an "S" flag, but WITHOUT a sound. This changes RRS 32. Race Committee may also announce a shortened course over VHF Channel 68.

The Shortened Course shall be as described in this paragraph whether signaled from the shore at the start of the race or from the RC boat during the race.

**INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING** – Competitors are reminded that when crossing a shipping channel, boats shall not interfere with shipping in violation of any federal, state, provincial or local law. Participants at all times shall abide by USCG Rule 18, which reads in part: "(b) A sailing vessel underway shall keep out of the way of: ... (ii) a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver." Any boat that violates these provisions shall be subject to protest and disqualification. Boats may use their engines to stay clear of commercial shipping. However, in doing so they may not better their position in the process.

The described Course may cross shipping channels and overlap with race courses of other sailing events in the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair vicinity. DYC Venetian Regatta participants are expected to conduct themselves in a safe and sportsmanlike manner when encountering traffic on the race course.

## 9. STARTING & FINISHING LINE

The starting and finishing line shall be between the orange sleeve displayed from a piling on the end of Dead End Dock and the upstream water's edge of an Orange Tetrahedron mark approximately 150 yards to the north. Race Committee shall be stationed on the end of Dead End Dock, designated by the blue

flag with white letters "RC".

## 10. STARTING AND FINISHING

The starting time for the first Class shall be 10:30 am on Saturday, August 12. Each Class will have a separate Start Sequence and shall be designated by the Class Flags described in Paragraph 6.

Races will be started by using Rule 26, *RRS*, **AS MODIFIED BY THIS PARAGRAPH**. Race Committee may alert competitors of an attention signal approximately 1 minute prior to the Warning Signal of the Start Sequence via VHF Radio Channel 68. **Visual Signals shall determine starting and finishing this race.** The start sequence shall be as follows:

<b>Signal</b>	<b>Flag and Sound</b>	<b>Minutes before starting signal</b>
Warning	Class Flag; 1 tone/VHF Transmission	5
Preparatory	P flag; 1 tone/VHF Transmission	4
One Minute	P flag removed; 1 tone/ VHF Transmission	1
Starting	Class Flag removed; 1 tone/ VHF Transmission	0

Finishes acknowledged by the Race Committee shall be signaled by raising a black-and-white checkered flag as a boat crosses the Finish Line. There will not be a horn, cannon or other sound to acknowledge finishes in this race.

## 11. TIME LIMIT & WITHDRAWAL FROM RACING

The time limit for each class will be four (4) hours for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than sixty (60) minutes after the finish time of the first boat in their class with a base rating greater than 0 that sails the course will be scored DNF. This changes *RRS* 35.

Boats withdrawing from racing shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 68. Competitors who fail to notify the Race Committee of withdrawal prior to the expiration of the Time Limit described in this Paragraph will be scored DNF and not eligible for Awards.

## 12. PENALTIES

The penalties are as follows:

- (1) A 360 penalty applies for all penalties except as specified below. This changes *RRS* 44.1 and 44.2.
- (2) All touched marks shall be re-rounded.

## 13. PROTESTS

Protests shall be delivered in writing to the Race Committee within twenty (20) minutes after the finish of the last boat. A list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing at a place designated by the Race Committee.

Protest requirements for informing the protestee shall be governed by *RRS* 61.1.

## 14. ASSUMPTION OF RISK

By participating in this race, each person aboard as skipper, crew or otherwise (a) acknowledges that racing has certain inherent risks and can be a dangerous activity, and (b) nevertheless voluntarily assumes all such risks, and waives any and all claims that he or she may have for damages of any kind against the DYC, it's race committee or any officer, director, member, employee or agent of the DYC, arising out of or

related to his or her participation in any such race. The skipper and crew shall be responsible for deciding whether to start or to continue to race. Each boat is to have valid insurance covering liability and property damage.

In any event, any boat participating in the race shall be seaworthy in hull, rigging and gear and operated by one or more person(s) competent to participate in an event of this kind.

## 15. SCORING

Scoring will be by Class utilizing PHRF ratings to determine corrected time.

Boats which DO NOT use a spinnaker may notify the Scorer of such and, if using jib and main sail only, twelve (12) rating points shall be added to the boat's DRYA PHRF base rating. Boats using an asymmetrical spinnaker (i.e., sail tack is attached to the boat in some manner and not utilizing a spinnaker pole) shall have six (6) rating points added to the boat's DRYA PHRF base rating. Boats that do not notify the Scorer of their sails used shall be scored using their DRYA PHRF base rating.

Boats without a DRYA PHRF rating shall be scored by the boat's 2017 DYC Off-the-Dock Race Series rating, if any, or a Venetian Regatta Rating be determined by the Sail Yacht Race Committee Chair in advance of the race as described in Paragraph 2.

Class splits will utilize base ratings even if rating is adjusted for Scoring for sails used during the race under this Paragraph.

## 16. AWARDS

Flags for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place shall be awarded to the top three boats in each class based on corrected time.

Flags will be awarded following the race at the Venetian Regatta awards party on the lawn near the DYC Sailing Center at the east end of the DYC island. The awards presentation is planned for approximately 2:00 pm, or within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing, if practical.

***The Detroit Yacht Club Venetian Regatta is a Set Sail for Autism event in connection with the Judson Center. Thank you to the boats and skippers who welcomed crew of sailors and families from Set Sail for Autism for the race and to the Detroit Yacht Club membership for sharing our Club and Venetian "Animation" themed festivities.***