



2008 Commodores Cup & Specialty Races



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The rules governing the Commodores Cup Series, Don Shaw Memorial, Gary Gorden Memorial, Lady Helmsman, and the St Augustine Dash will be in the following order of precedence: The Racing rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (USSA), The 2005-2008 US Sailing Prescriptions, The 2008 Commodores Cup Sailing Instructions, Commodores Cup Notice of Race, HRYC 2008 Rating Policies and Rules and any special instructions issued by the HRYC Race Committee.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona Beach, Fl and will also be posted on the HRYC website (www.hryc.com).
- 2.2 Communications via VHF radio shall be made on channel 72. All instructional communications via VHF radio will cease 5 minutes before the first warning signal.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect. Any changes will also be posted on the on the HRYC website (www.hryc.com).

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

No Signals made ashore will be displayed at any time.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing are as follows:
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| March 16 | 1200 | Don Shaw Memorial Regatta |
| April 06 | 1200 | Commodore Cup Race # 1 |
| May 04 | 1200 | Commodore Cup Race # 2 |
| June 08 | 1200 | Commodore Cup Race # 3 |
| June 22 | 1200 | Commodores Cup Race # 4 |
| July 13 | 1200 | Commodore Cup Race # 5 |
| July 27 | 1200 | Commodore Cup Race # 6 |
| August 3 | 1200 | Lady Helmsman |
| August 17 | 1200 | Commodore Cup Race # 7 |
| August 29 | 1830 | St. Augustine Dash |
| Sept 14 | 1200 | Commodores Cup Race # 8 |
| Sept 28 | 1200 | Commodores Cup Race # 9 |

October 03	1600	Gary Gorden Memorial Regatta
October 19	1200	Commodore Cup Race # 10
Nov 2	1200	Commodore Cup Race #11

5.2 There will be one race held each day.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Commodores Cup race each day is 11:55 DST. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the St Augustine Dash is 18:25 DST. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Gary Gorden Memorial is 15:55.

6 THE COURSES

6.1 The diagrams in Appendix "A" show the approximate location of the marks.

6.2 The race committee signal boat will notify the competitors of the course to be raced upon anchoring.

7 MARKS

7.1 Marks N, E, and S will be 8" in diameter spar buoys.

7.2 Mark W is the Ponce Inlet "A" buoy.

7.3 Mark Ms is the Mac Smith Light.

7.4 Mark SA is the St Augustine sea buoy.

7.5 Mark OS is the Ohio Shoals NWS buoy # 41009

8 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

8.1 There are no areas that are designated as obstructions unless amended by the race committee signal boat .

9 THE START

9.1 A common start for all fleets will take place at the designated time.

9.2 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 The starting line will be between the committee boat and the starting pin to the east of Ponce Inlet.

9.3 The starting sequence will be as follows:

1. Five minutes before the start of the race a preparatory signal of a white flag will be raised and displayed for a period of one minute.
2. Four minutes before the start of the race the white flag will be lowered.
3. Four minutes before the start of the race a blue flag will be raised and displayed for a period of three minutes.
4. One minute before the start of the race the blue flag will be lowered.
5. The race will start upon the raising of the red flag one minute after the blue flag

has been lowered.

6. One audible signal will be sounded upon the raising of all flags.

7. The raising of a flag constitutes the official signal

10 RECALLS

10.1 Display of code flag “X” and one sound signal shall signal individual recalls. A boat recalled will be notified by hail and on VHF channel 72.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The race committee signal boat will notify the competitors of the location of the finish line upon anchoring.

11.2 If competitors are directed to take their own finishing times, they will call them in to 386.451.1224. Competitors should include their boat name, sail number, and finish time in 24hr format. Finish times should be reported as soon as possible after finishing. Finish times will be taken when the helm crosses the finish line.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be the same as a DNF.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 Time limit for all classes in the Commodores Cup Series, The Don Shaw Memorial, and The Lady Helmsman is 6 hrs. If no boat has passed the first mark within 2hr the race may be abandoned.

13.2 Time limit for The Gary Gorden Memorial is 36 hrs.

13.3 Commodores Cup boats failing to finish within 6 hrs of the start will be considered as DNF

13.4 Time limit for the St Augustine Dash will be 18 hrs.

13.5 Time limits changes for all races will be posted as described in rule 2.1(SI).

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at HRYC and online at HRYC.com. Protests shall be delivered within the protest time limit.

14.2 For the Commodores Cup Series The Gary Gorden Memorial, The Don Shaw Memorial, and The Lady Helmsman, the protest time limit is 10:00 hrs of the day following the race. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

14.3 Protests may be filed in person at HRYC or by FAX at 386.255.5377.

14.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted in accordance to rule 2.1(SI) to inform competitors under rule 61.1(b).

14.5 Protests shall be heard within 5 days of being filled. All parties listed on the protest form will be advised of the date and time of protest. All protests hearings will be held at HRYC, 331 Beach St., Daytona Beach FL.

- 14.6 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.4, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the Protest Committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 14.7 Breaches of instructions 14.9, 16, and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 14.8 Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.
- 14.9 All boats shall carry at all times a protest form and a standard protest flag.
- 14.10 The St Augustine Dash protest time limit is 1400 hrs the 30th of September, 2008.
- 14.11 The Gary Gorden protest time limit is 1000 hrs the 5th of October, 2008.

15 SCORING

- 15.1
 1. Competitors are required to compete in 7 races to qualify.
 2. When 7 or more races have been completed in the Commodores Cup Series, a boat's series score will be the 7 best scores excluding her worst scores.
 3. Scoring will be the low point system.
 4. Additional scoring points:

DNC	# of entrants +1
DNS	# of entrants +1
OCS	# of contestants +1
DNF	# of contestants +1
RAF	# of entrants +1
DSQ	# of entrants +1
DNE	# of contestants +1
DGM	# of entrants +5
BFD	# of entrants +5
ZFP	# of entrants + 20%
SCP	# of entrants + 20%
TLE	last place +1

15.2 All boats shall be scored using their PHRF rating and corrected *time on distance*.

15.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to reclassify any boat at its discretion

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Check-in: Boats shall sail within hailing distance of the committee boat, and state their boat name and sail number.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.3 All boats shall carry all the necessary safety equipment required by law, regulation, or class rules.
- 16.4 All boats competing in the Commodores Cup Series, Don Shaw Memorial, Lady Helmsman, and the St Augustine Dash shall comply with all ISAF Category 4 requirements
- 16.5 All boats competing in the Gary Gorden Memorial shall comply with all ISAF

Category 3 requirements.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 17.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee before the end of the skippers meeting.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 19.1** Official boats will be marked with a race committee flag.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1** All support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have started the race, the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22 PRIZES

- 22.1** Prizes will be given as follows:
1. Commodores Cup Series, 1st, 2nd, 3rd all classes
 2. Don Shaw Memorial 1st, 2nd, 3rd all classes and 1st over all
 3. Gary Gorden Memorial 1st, 2nd, 3rd all classes and 1st over all
 4. Lady Helmsman 1st, 2nd, 3rd all classes and 1st over all
 5. St Augustine Dash 1st, 2nd, 3rd all classes and 1st over all

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1** The Race Committee will be in charge of all scheduled races. The Race Chairman or his designate will have final decision over management issues of the race, including, but not limited to whether a boat will be allowed to compete, penalties (except protest – which will be over-seen by the protest committee), scoring, eligibility of yachts to race and time limits.

Despite the schedule to race and despite the Race Committee's decision to race, it is **ALWAYS** the skipper's decision whether he, his vessel and/or his crew should participate in any race. The responsibility of the decision to race and any and all consequences lie **SOLELY** with the skipper, captain or owner/operator of the vessel. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE**

OF YOUR VESSEL AND ANYONE ABOARD! YOU ARE FURTHER RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS TAKEN BY YOUR CREW AND DAMAGE TO, OR CAUSED BY, YOUR VESSEL. THIS SHOULD ALWAYS GUIDE YOUR DECISION TO RACE AND YOUR ACTIONS WHILE RACING. The Race Committee accepts *NO* responsibility for your decision to race and the consequences that accompany it.

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000.00 (USD).

APPENDIX A
Mark Locations
not to scale

29 degrees, 04.715 minutes 080 degrees, 54.488 minutes

●SA

29 degrees, 06.544 minutes
080 degrees, 52.671 minutes

● N

29 degrees, 55.080 minutes
081 degrees, 15.300 minutes

● MS

29 degrees, 04.720 minutes
080 degrees, 53.695 minutes

● W

29 degrees, 04.930 minutes
080 degrees, 51.357 minutes

● E

29 degrees, 03.102 minutes
080 degrees, 52.349 minutes

● S

28 degrees, 50 minutes
80 degrees, 17 minutes

● OS