**Hobie Getaway Series**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

28 November 2015

Organising Authority – Punta Fuego Yacht Club

**1 RULES**

* 1. Racing will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. However, those Racing Rules of Saling which can be protested and penalties apply will be limited to:
1. Opposite Tack Rule- A port tack yacht shall keep clear of a starbord tack yacht.
2. Same Tack Rule- When overlapped, a windward yacht shall keep clear of a leeward yacht.
3. Same Tack Rule- When not overlapped, a yacht clear astern shall keep clear of a yacht clear ahead.
4. Starting Rule- The start of the yacht shall be timed from her starting signal. Any part of the hull, crew or equipment is on the course side has not complied with the proper start.
5. Rounding or Passing Marks Rules- An outside yacht shall give room to an inside yacht when the overlap comes within 3 of her overall lenghts of the mark or obstruction.

1.2 The following will apply

* + - The Series Notice of Race
		- These sailing Instructions

 Succeeding items take presidence.

1.3 Eligibility and Entry

1.3.1 The Regatta is open to Hobie Getaway Class

1.3.2 For the Class or Race to be recognised and to results published a minimum of 3 boats must enter the Race.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the official skippers briefing location indicated in the Notice of Race/Sailing Instruction for race.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Notice Board at the official skiipper briefing on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the day before it will take effect.

3.2 Late changes may be made and will be displayed or relayed on the commitee Boat.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flag pole at the official location.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 20 minutes’ in race signal AP.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

 The race schedule may be adjusted to suit wind and sea conditions

5.1 November 28, 2015

 12:30pm Breifing at Baracuda Bar, Punta Fuego Yacht Club

 13:55pm First Warning Signal: Race Start

 17:00pm No Warning Signal after 17:00

 18:00pm Finish & Awarding for (PFYC Sailing Series)

5.3 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

5.4 No warning signal will be made after 17:00

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 Class flags will be the G Flag (Blue and Yellow Vertical Stripe)

6.2 Boats will be required to show coloured flags or numbers so they can be individually identified for scoring purposes

**7 RACING AREA**

The Racing Area will be the west coast of Luzon between Club Punta Fuego and Terrazas

**8 THE COURSES**

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A and Attachement 1 shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Courses shall be presented at the Official Skippers Briefing.

8.2 The number of the course to be sailed will be signalled or advised by the commitee boat.

**9 MARKS**

9.1 The Starting Mark will be a red buoy or a staff displaying an orange flag on a Committee Boat and the Finishing Mark will be a red buoy.

9.2 The Change Mark will be a buoy identified in the official Skippers Briefing.

9.3 Other marks of the course will be islands and buoys as described in Attachment 1

**10 THE START**

 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal/commitee boat at the starboard end and the Starting Mark at the port end.

**11 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

To change the next leg of the course the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line ) to a new position.

**12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal/commitee Boat at the port end and the finish mark at the starboard end. The start line and Finish line shall be the same line.

**13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

 Rule 44.2 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced with the One-Turn Penalty.

**14 TIME LIMITS**

 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored with their observed position on the course at that time. At the discretion of the Race Officer, positions when the boats last rounded a mark may be awarded.

**15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protest forms are available from the Marina Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, and the location at which the hearing will be held. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after the receipt of the Protest Form.

15.4 A request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2

**16 SCORING**

16.1 The Low Point scoring system of will apply.

16.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores

16.3 When 4-5 races have been completed a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 6-7 races have been completed a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding both her worst score.

16.4 Series Ties

16.4.1 If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, each boat’s race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the firstpoint(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat(s) with the best score(s). No excluded scores shall be used.

16.4.1If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their

scores in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied boats’ scores in the next-to-last race and soon until all ties are broken. These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.

16.5 Race Scores in a series longer than a Regatta

16.5.1 For a series that is held over a period of time longer than a regatta, a boat that came to the starting area but did not *start,* did not *finish*, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

**17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1 At the time of registration each skipper and crew shall sign in on the appropriate form with liability waiver.

17.2 One certified lifevest shall be worn by each person onbaord the boat.

17.3 Recommended that each boat carry extra safety equyipment such as: Cell Phone, Marine VHF Radio, Dry pack bag, Drinking water, Flare, Tow and Righting line, cutter and tools.

17.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

 Substitution of crew or damaged / lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**19 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash/ garbage/ rubbish in the water. Trash may be placed aboard race committee boats.

**20 PRIZES**

20.1 Awards will be given to the Overall First, Second and Third Places

20.2 Additional prizes will be given at the discretion of the organising committee

**21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

The Punta Fuego Yacht Club, the Organising Committee, the Race Committee, Race Sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life or property, personal injury and damage caused by, or arising out of the Race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 4)