

2019 Bluffers Basin - DOUBLE HANDED SERIES

NOTICE TO RACERS #2 – June, 2019

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The racing committee of the Bluffers Basin Race Management Committee is the organizing authority for all races.

ELIGIBILITY

The Series is open to Single-Handed (Skipper Only) or Double-Handed (Skipper and one crew) crewed yachts. The skipper of each sailboat must be a minimum of 18 years of age. Children under the age of 12 or pets do not count as crew for this series and must not assist in the sailing of the yacht.

RULES AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

This notice and instructions supplement those given in the Bluffers Basin Race Management Committee's Bluffers Basin Challenge Series Racing Handbook and Sailing Instructions booklet, March 30th, 2019 Edition.

CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Additions, changes, and exceptions to these Sailing Instructions may be made in writing (i.e. as a Notice to Racers) at any time throughout the season, provided that these Notices are communicated directly to competitors via their registered email address a minimum of 24 hours before they take effect.

COMMITTEE BOAT BACKUP

The committee boat and any required backups will be provided by the Bluffers Basin Race Management Committee as required. All participants are eligible to be the committee boat and are expected to volunteer when requested.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

It is the intent of the Race Committee to radio broadcast on VHF channel 71 the course to be sailed for the upcoming race. This announcement shall be made prior the lowering of the "R" Flag (on station flag). A second courtesy broadcast shall consist of a countdown for the raising of the Numeral 1 pennant. It remains each competitor's responsibility to check-in with the RC boat, confirm the course posted, and in accordance with RRS 26, visual starting signals shall govern, and the failure of related sound signals and/or broadcasts shall be disregarded.

AUTOPILOTS

Use of mechanical powered autopilot equipment will be permitted.

CALENDAR

Race 1	Monday, June 10, 2016
Race 2	Monday, June 24, 2016
Race 3	Monday, July 8, 2016
Race 4	Monday, July 22, 2016
Race 5	Monday, August 12, 2016

RACE START TIME

The committee boat will leave the dock at approximately **18:15** hours each day.
The "R" flag will be taken down at approximately **18:39** hours.
The first start will be at approximately **18:45** hours.

COURSE

Races will be approximately 3-6 nautical miles (NM) in length based on wind conditions.

SCORING CLASSES AND DIVISIONAL STARTS

The fleet will be divided into three classes for the purpose of scoring and into three divisional starts as per the table below:

Start	Division	Description
1	1	Non-Flying Sails - PHRF ASP 194 and over
2	2	Non-Flying Sails - PHRF ASP 141 to 193
3	3	Non-Flying Sails – PHRF ASP 140 and under

NOTE: For the all divisions, the RC will post the same course for each start. Racers are reminded to watch for RC signals regarding a shortened course.

SCORING SYSTEM

If all 5 races are scored, the 3 best will be counted, if less than 3 races are scored, all races will be scored.

WEATHER GUIDELINES

The *Topping Rule of 23* will be observed. If the forecast wind speed (in knots) and the forecast significant wave height (in feet) is in excess of 23 racing will likely be cancelled by the race committee.

Wind Speed + Wave Height < 23 for racing to occur

Visual meteorological conditions will be applied which require a **minimum of 1.0 NM of visibility** without clouds, fog or rain impeding mark identification on the race course. If the 0 (zero) mark cannot be clearly identified from the basin entrance racing will likely be cancelled by the race committee.