



Mobile Yacht Club Thursday Night Fun Race Instructions

1. Membership in Mobile Yacht Club is not required to participate. Membership in a recognized area sailing organization is required.
2. No Spinnakers, Staysails, Bloopers, Drifters, Double headsails (e.g., twin luffs or jib and staysail combination), “pole less” downwind or reaching sails, or any other sail that does not fasten to the head stay for its entire luff are allowed.
3. Headsail changes during the race ARE allowed.
4. Race are automatically called on time at 2100 hrs (9:00 p.m.) and any boat finishing after that time limit will not be counted as finishing.
5. GYA-PHRF ratings are used for the start time computation. If a yacht does not have a GYA-PHRF rating, the Race Committee will determine her eligibility. A yacht for which such certificate has not been obtained may be assigned a rating by the Race Committee by referencing similar boats within the GYA, which have been assigned a PHRF rating. “Bermuda “start computations are used to determine starting times, where the handicap is assessed at the start.
6. **A fifteen (15) second penalty is assessed to a yacht after her first WIN. A six (6) second penalty is assessed for each subsequent win. A second-place finisher will be assessed a three (3) second penalty after each such finish.** The penalty is applied by reducing the PHRF rating by the number of penalty seconds (e.g., a PHRF rating of 132 with its initial first place finish becomes 117, a subsequent first would reduce the rating to 111).
7. No protests will be heard; however, a yacht is expected to withdraw if guilty of a rule infraction. The current edition of U.S. Sailing published yacht racing rule is in effect. If you are guilty an infraction or just being stupid admit it, this is for fun.
8. The Clock at the Mobile Yacht Club bar is the official time.





9. A minimum of five (5) qualified boats, which **actually start** the race, will be required to score that race.
10. It will be the skipper's responsibility to register his boat prior to the race and record his/her finish time and position after the race. Failure to record his/her finish time and position will result in no score (0). A boat not signed up prior to starting will not be qualified to be scored.
11. Prizes will be awarded to the winning boats the first race of the follow year.
12. The course will be the same each week of the series and is as follows:
 - a. Start: The starting line will be a line between Dog River Channel Markers # 9 & # 10.
 - b. First Mark: Dog River Channel # 3. It shall be left to the starboard on rounding.
 - c. Second Mark: Hollinger's Island "Fish Haven" SE Mark Approximately N 30° 31'40.9" W 088°02'52.9"
All six marks of the "Fish Haven" shall be left to the starboard on rounding.
 - d. Finish: Will be a line between Dog River Channel Markers # 9 & # 7.
13. Scoring for the series will be determined by a high point system with points awarded for finishing position in each race. The scoring will take the average of the number of boats racing each Thursday though out the series. Points for First will be the average. Second will be one less the average. Third will be two less the average and we be scored for Five places. Ties will be broken by the number of First, Seconds, Thirds, Fourths and Fifths the skipper has beaten the other skipper(s). The Skipper shall have applied all penalties for finishes he/she has accumulated throughout the series.

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