



# HILLSBORO INLET SAILING CLUB

## General Information and Sailing Instructions For Ocean Racing

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Courses to be sailed for each race will be communicated over **VHF CHANNEL 68** prior to the start of each race. The sailing instructions can be amended by the Race Committee prior to or during each race as may be required based on conditions or circumstances as deemed necessary by the Race Committee, so **VHF CHANNEL 68** should be monitored during each race. It is our policy to cancel races when conditions warrant and/or Small Craft Advisories are in effect. A boat that retires from a race for ANY reason MUST notify the Race Committee as soon as possible, either by hail, radio, or telephone.

We will be starting races using the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing. Races shall be started by using the following signals: Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes before Starting signal
Warning	Class Flag Raised; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	Preparatory Flag raised	4
One-Minute	Preparatory Flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class Flag Removed; 1 sound	0

Class flag for ARC will be Red; Class flag for JAM will be Yellow; unless otherwise announced by the Race Committee or in the Racing Instructions.

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

**PRIZES:** Class prizes for each race will be presented at the after race party, whenever possible. Class prizes for each Series and Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the General Club meeting to current members following completion of each Series and/or race.

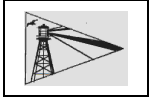
Special Class Prizes and Perpetual Trophies will be awarded for:

- a. The Buck Carlisle Memorial Race
- b. The Ladies Day Race
- c. The Commodore's Cup
- d. Mary Wells Challenge Cup

Perpetual Trophies will also be awarded for:

- a. Coastal Series (The best HISC Boat)
- b. Columbus Day Regatta
  1. The best HISC Boat in the Assigned Rating Class (ARC)
  2. The best HISC Boat in the PHRF Class
- c. Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race ( the best HISC Boat)

**INQUIRIES:** Additional information may be found on the HISC web site at <http://www.hisc.org> and in the HISC Inlet/Outlet newsletter. We welcome all inquiries concerning the HISC racing program. Good Luck!!



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**MANAGEMENT:** The HISC Race committee will hold a Spring, and Fall buoy racing series as well as a Coastal Series consisting of 4 races throughout the year.

**ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** The HISC Spring and Fall Buoy racing programs are open to all current members of the club. All Coastal Series races are open to any oceangoing seaworthy sailing vessel. Guests are encouraged to sail on club boats while racing.

**LIABILITY:** The Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club, its organizers, volunteers and sponsors bear no responsibility for accidents, damages, or injuries to boats or personnel arising from any cause during races or related activities. Attention is drawn to the Racing Rules of Sailing, Part 1 – Fundamental Rules.

**RULES:** The 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing and the US Sailing Prescriptions thereto shall apply for all HISC races, except as modified by these instructions as needed. Each crew must be familiar with the currently effective rules of racing.

Another very important rule is the RESTRICTION AGAINST SAILING WITHIN 300 FEET (ONE FOOTBALL FIELD) OF A ANY DIVER DOWN FLAG. Failure to adhere to this rule is subject to protest by any other boat or the Race Committee and possible "DSQ".

**FLEETS AND CLASSES:** Members may choose in which class to compete.

- 1, The Assigned Rating Class (ARC) is designed for performance boats and crews to race under PHRF ratings.
- 2, The Jib and Main Only Class (JAM) is the cruiser class for both Buoy Races and for the Coastal Series Races.
- 3, The Corinthian Class (COR) is for cruisers who wish to use a spinnaker or downwind specialty sails in the Coastal Races. The Corinthian Class is not available in Buoy races.
- 4, Multihull

The Race Committee reserves the right to add or combine classes.

**RATINGS:** Ratings will initially be based on PHRF ratings with consideration to each boat's equipment, sail plan and intended use. The Race Committee will establish each boat's rating prior to its first race. For the Buoy races all JAM Fleet boat's ratings will be adjusted by the clubs result based scoring program. All Coastal Series Races will be scored using each boats club assigned rating, not the adjusted ratings generated during the Spring and Fall Buoy Races.

**SCORING:** The Low Point Scoring system will apply; .75 for first, 2 for second, 3 for third and so on. The Spring Series is planned for 10 races and scoring will be on the best 7 races sailed. The Fall Series is planned for 10 races and scoring will be on the best 7 races sailed. Throw outs may be used in the event of a canceled race that cannot be rescheduled. Coastal Series races are scored separately, and 3 Coastal Races must be sailed to be eligible for prizes. If you choose to switch fleets during a series you will not be scored in the new fleet until the next series begins.

**CHECKING IN:** When the Race Committee is ready, an announcement will be made for all participating boats to check in. All boats will check in with the Race Committee on Channel 68 prior to the first Warning Signal.

**Starting Times:** The first start for buoy races will be at 11:00 am. It is the intention of the Race Committee to start the Coastal races at 10:00, though this is subject to amendment by the sailing instructions of each particular race.