



## NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### SWEETHEART REGATTA - FEBRUARY 13, 2010

#### **1. RULES**

The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, and Notice of Race, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

#### **2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY.**

The race is open to all boats whose owners are SLSC members in good standing, which have ratings and start times assigned by SLSC Handicapper Doug Sands.

**There must be a female person at the helm of each boat from the 5 min warning until the finish of the race. The helmswoman must be an SLSC member in good standing at the time of the race.**

Each boat must check in with the committee boat prior to the start of the race and announce the name of the boat, helmswoman, and whether they are sailing spinnaker or non-spinnaker. The Committee Boat will monitor Ch. 71 VHF.

Costumes for skipper and crew are encouraged and make for a more interesting race. There will be a prize for the best costumes as determined by the Committee Boat Crew.

### **3. SCHEDULE.**

- a. Date of Race: Saturday, February 13, 2010
- b. Number of Races: One
- c. Scheduled time of start of the race: 12:00 p.m.

### **4. RACE FORMAT.**

- a. The race format will be a pursuit style format.
- b. Each boat will have their starting time in minutes and seconds following the start of the race, as published on the Sweetheart Regatta Start Times sheet.
- c. The race will start for both classes at the same time.
- d. The handicap system will be PHRF for both classes.

**5. VENUE.** The race will be held in the North Fork of the St. Lucie River.

**6. RACE COURSE.** The race course will start at a line between an orange flag on the committee boat and Green Channel Marker 5, heading in a westerly direction; leaving marker 6 to starboard; then to the North Mark (Yellow Race Mark) leaving it to port; then to Bessey Creek white club marker, leaving it to port; then to finish between the Committee Boat and Channel Marker 5. One time around.

**8. CLASSES.** There will be two classes for competition and awards purposes. Class A (red flag) are those boats less than 25 feet in overall length; Class B (blue flag) are those boats 25 feet and longer.

**9. SCORING.** Boats will be scored in their respective Class in the order in which they cross the finish line.

**10. SKIPPERS MEETING.** There will be no Skipper's Meeting. Questions in advance of the race should be addressed to the race committee.

**11. STARTING SIGNALS.**

a. At 5 minutes before the start: five horn blasts

b. At 1 minute before the start: two blasts.

c. At start, one long horn blast.

**12. RECALLS.** Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will try to hail individual boats or sail numbers. Boats recalled must restart.

**13. TIME LIMIT.** The time limit for each class is two hours for the first boat in each class to finish after their respective start. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat in its class will be scored DNF.

**14. PROTESTS.** Protests will be heard as soon as possible after the race. A protesting boat needs to tell the Committee Boat immediately upon finishing which boat they are protesting.

**15. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES.** The 720 turns penalty of the Racing Rules will apply.

**16. AWARDS.** Winners and awards will be announced at the Deck Restaurant following the race.

**17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.** Competitors participate in the race at their own risk, and agree to hold harmless the St. Lucie Sailing Club, Inc., and its officers, directors and members from any liability in connection with the race.

Remain west of Red 6. Red 6A is not a mark.

