

Southern Yacht Club

APPENDIX P—PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM

The purpose of the Pursuit Starting System is to apply time-on-distance handicap rating corrections at the start of a race instead of calculating the corrections after the finish. Thus, the fleet will finish in simple place-order and within a relatively narrow time span. RRS 26 is deleted.

P0 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

P0.1 Prior to the start, each yacht shall hold a man overboard (MOB) briefing or drill with the crew.

P0.2 At each yacht’s start, one handheld VHF radio shall be visible and every soul aboard shall be visible on deck wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD).

P1 PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM

P1.1 The following rules are changed herein:

Table with 4 columns: RRS, Changed by, RRS, Changed by. Rows include RRS 26 (Preamble) and RRS 62.1(a) (P1.5, P2.2).

P1.2 Each yacht shall have a prescribed Starting Time corresponding to her rating and calculated for the course distance, as shown in the starting sequence list distributed by the Race Committee. Starting Times may be altered by postponement.

P1.3 The WARNING SIGNAL will be displayed with one sound signal not less than five (5) minutes prior to the first start of the starting sequence or following a postponement. The signal will remain displayed throughout the starting sequence, as follows:

- Flag I – The starting sequence is active; each yacht shall start at her prescribed time.
Flags I over P – The starting sequence is active following a postponement. Each yacht must check the postponement time displayed by RC signal boat and adjust her Starting Time accordingly.

P1.4 For the purposes of the rules, each yacht’s STARTING SIGNAL shall be her Starting Time and her PREPARATORY SIGNAL shall be four (4) minutes prior to her Starting Time. No visual signals will be made.

P1.5 The RC will attempt to make a sound signal at the Starting Time of each yacht entered in the regatta. Failure to make an accurate sound signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

P2 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

P2.1 The I Flag Rule, RRS 30.1 (around the ends), will be in effect for all starts.

P2.2 The RC will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS yachts. The order, timing and success of these hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

P3 POSTPONEMENT

P3.1 At its discretion, the RC may signal a postponement in accordance with RRS 27.3 before or during the starting sequence. Postponements will apply only to yachts that have not yet started.

P3.2 Postponements will be made in five (5) minute increments. Prior to resuming the starting sequence, the aggregate duration of all postponements will be displayed by the RC signal boat in hours and minutes (H.MM).

P3.3 If there is a sufficient gap in the starting sequence, the RC may reduce or omit previous postponements for subsequent starts by removing flags I over P, with multiple sound signals, and making a new Warning Signal. Yachts must remain vigilant for changes to the postponement status.

P4 SCORING

Yachts shall be scored in their finishing places, after applying any adjustments.

P5 MOTORING BEFORE STARTING

P5.1 If so stated in the Sailing Instructions, yachts may use auxiliary propulsion without penalty as specified in this section. A yacht motoring shall keep clear of a yacht sailing.

P5.2 Prior to starting and not within two (2) boat lengths of the starting line, a yacht coming to her start may continue to motor after her preparatory and starting signal times have passed.