

20 Guinea Cup - 2018 Edition

Sailing Instructions

All AMSS flag Yachts shall fly an AMSS burgee in an appropriate manner while racing.

1.0 Description:

The 2018 edition of the 20 Guinea Cup (20GC) is comprised of 7 races as follows:

Guinea Cup #1	February 3 rd
Guinea Cup #2	March 3 rd
Guinea Cup #3	April 14 th
Guinea Cup #4	August 18 th
Guinea Cup #5	September 8 th
Guinea Cup #6	October 20 th
Guinea Cup #7	November 10 th

Spinnakers and all downwind sails allowed for all races.

2.0 Eligibility:

This event is open to all AMSS members and accepted guests. Spinnakers allowed for all races in 2018.

3.0 Classes:

The following classes will be offered:

Short Course:	Handicap range 190 and over
Short Course "Classic Design":	Handicap range 190 and over
Long Course A:	Handicap range 149 & under.
Long Course B:	Handicap range 189 to 150
Long Course "Classic Design":	Handicap range 189 & under.

Note: L16's will also be scored as a one design.

4.0 Rules:

This Series will be governed by the 2016-2019 International Yacht Racing Rules (IYRR) including the prescriptions of US SAILING. **EXCEPT:** Yachts that start early will be penalized **5.0 minutes plus the amount of time they are over early**. The start sequence is described below. A penalty turn will be a 720 degree turn (Defined as a tack, jibe, tack, and jibe). Any yacht that hits a mark will be required to do a 360 degree turn. Any boat that misses a mark is required to re-round that mark to finish the course or will be disqualified. Large vessels in the channel have right-of-way. The Coast Guard rules of the road are to be followed at all times when encountering non-racing boats. Avoid collisions at all times.

5.0 Starting Line:

The default Start and Finish Line will be between **SD Buoy #19** and the **Bird Sculpture** at the Traffic Circle on Shelter Island. On certain occasions when available a committee boat may be on station to start the races notice of this shall be announced by email blast prior to race day. The committee boat shall fly an AMSS burgee and a race committee flag. **** Note: pre start access inside the line of the moored boats is NOT allowed.**

6.0 Start Time & Signals:

The starting sequence, from the **Committee Boat**, for both classes will be as follows:

Sequence	Time	Signal
Warning	1150	Long Blast
Predatory	1155	Long Blast
Start	1200	Long Blast

7.0 Changes in Sailing Instructions:

Changes in these instructions, if any, will be broadcast on the water.

8.0 Courses:

The **Committee Boat** will designate the course to be sailed at SD Buoy #19 by hailing and broadcasting on channel 68. See attached 2018 Course Descriptions. (Note Courses are new.)

Short Course Classes will sail the designated Short Course.

Long Course Classes will sail the designated Long Course.

9.0 Finish Line:

The finish line is between the Bird Sculpture and SD Buoy #19. Finish from the direction of the last mark.

10.0 Finish Time:

Take your own finish time corrected to Pacific Bell time, or GPS Time & if you retire from the race please notify & call / text preferred to John Buser (Rendezvous) (619) 726-3412

Please forward time ASAP so daily results can be tabulated.

11.0 Protests:

Protests are strongly discouraged. Yacht intending to protest shall hail the protest immediately on the water and formally lodge with John Buser @ (619) **726-3412** one (1) hour after finishing with photo of filled out protest form. Protests will be heard at a place and time convenient to the Race Chairman.

12.0 Scoring:

The 20GC will utilize the low point system, points will be awarded equivalent to the boats finishing position in her fleet (first place = 1 point, second place = 2 points, etc. A "Race" **DNF** will be scored as the number of starters in the individual race plus one. **DNS** points will not be assigned until the end of the "Series" and will be based on the number of boats that started at least one "Race" in the "Series" plus 1. The cumulative points of the best five out of seven events will determine the Overall positions.

13.0 Social:

Post race social activities/location will be announced when possible at the preceding General Meeting and via e-mail blast and/or on the water. All AMSS members are invited to attend.

14.0 Prizes:

Event "prizes" will be awarded at the post race gathering.

Overall trophies will be awarded for **up to** the top three (3) overall yachts in each Class, pending number of entries, at the AMSS December General Meeting. The overall winner of each class will be noted on the Perpetual Trophy.

- Long Course A Trophy
- Long Course A-B Pacifica Trophy
- Long Course B Trophy
- Short Course Trophy
- L16 Trophy