



WATCH HILL YACHT CLUB
WATCH HILL, RHODE ISLAND
Founded 1913

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
25TH ANNUAL CLARENCE A. HORTON
ONE DESIGN RACE

52ND ANNUAL AVARD AND A. HOWARD FULLER MEMORIAL
WATCH HILL INVITATIONAL RACE
ECSA POINT RACE

SATURDAY, JULY 9TH, 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) and the US Sailing Prescriptions except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. All Class Rules prohibiting or restricting the use of VHF radio is changed to allow VHF radios to be on while racing.
- 1.3. Rule 61.1 is changed such that a boat intending to protest will hail the Race Committee boat immediately after finishing.
- 1.4. Rule 62.1 is changed to allow for hailing of OCS boats without redress.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board inside the lower deck of the Watch Hill Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Written changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Watch Hill Yacht Club website at www.whyc.net/regattas.html and at the Watch Hill Yacht Club prior to 1700 hours on Friday, July 8, 2011.

4. CLASSES

- 4.1. Any class with less than three boats for that class will start with another class, but will be scored separately. Race committee will display the proper signal flags for the classes starting and will attempt to notify boats on VHF channel 72 if more than one class is having a start.

5. CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1. Class flags will be numerical code flags.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. The warning signal for the first class will be 1100 hours. (This is a change from the NOR)
- 6.2. The order of start will be based upon the number of the class flag.

- 6.3. The warning signal for each succeeding class will be made as soon as practicable after the previous starting signal.
- 6.4. Each class will have one race
- 6.5. Class flags are as follows:

Class	Class Flag
Atlantics	Numeral 1
Ensigns	Numeral 2
Shields	Numeral 3
Herreshoff-15	Numeral 4
WH-15	Numeral 5

7 START

- 7.1 Will be in the vicinity of Noyes Rock, South of Wamphassuc Point, Stonington.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. Courses for the respective classes will be posted on the course board at their warning signal.
- 8.2. The Race Committee shall designate the course on the course board by posting the class letter followed by a series of colored letters indicating the rounding marks and the side to which the marks are to be left upon rounding. Red indicates a Port rounding and green a Starboard rounding.
- 8.3. The approximate compass bearing from the midpoint of the starting line to the mark bounding the end of the first leg of the race will be displayed on the course board.
- 8.4. The only passage between Fishers Island Sound and Block Island Sound that is to be used is Lord’s Passage.
- 8.5. Can “7” and N“2L” in Lord’s Passage must be observed on their proper side.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The marks will be government navigational aids and/or inflatable marks (Orange or yellow Marks) as indicated on the list below:

Mark	Location	Navigational Aid/Identifier
Y	Vicinity of Race Committee Boat	Inflatable Mark
B	Stonington Approach	Gong “G3”
C	Napatree Point Ledge	R “6”
D	South of Latimer Reef	C “13”
E	Hungry Point	N “2E”
F	Eel Grass Ground - Southeast	N “16”
G	Eel Grass Ground- Northwest	N “18”
H	Ram Island Reef	R “20”
I	Intrepid Rock	BR C “DIR”
J	Vixen Ledge	N “28 VL”
K	Silver Eel Cove	R “2”
L	Lord’s Passage	RW “L” Mo(A) Whis

W	Windward Mark (if necessary)	Inflatable Mark
X	Vicinity of Race Committee Boat Near Noyes Rock	Inflatable Mark
Z	Leeward Mark (if necessary)	Inflatable Mark

9.2. The starting mark will be an inflatable mark identified as "Y" in the table above.

9.3. The finishing mark will be an inflatable mark identified as "X" in the table above.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1. If a new government mark is used, it will be indicated on a white board. This changes Rule 33. If inflatable mark is used course and direction will be indicated on the white board.

11. TIME LIMITS

11.1. The time limit for all classes will be no later than 14:30. If any one boat completes the race in its class, then a race for that class will be valid.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1. Protest forms will be available from the Watch Hill Yacht Club office or the Race Committee boat. Protests shall be delivered to the yacht club or faxed to (401) 596-7320 within the protest time limit.

12.2. The protest time limit is ninety (90) minutes after the last boat in that class finishes.

12.3. Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the protest time limit for each class to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the Watch Hill Yacht Club approximately fifteen (15) minutes after this.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1. All boats must check-in by hailing the Race Committee boat prior to the warning for their class.

13.2. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

13.3. All boats will comply with their own class rules.

14. OFFICIAL BOATS

14.1. All official boats will be marked by the WHYC Burgee and Race Committee flag.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

15.1. The Race Committee will monitor channel 16 for safety and channel 72 for instruction changes and OCS hails.

16. PRIZES

16.1. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded for each class racing.

16.2. The Calder Trophy, a trophy in memory of Christopher and Libby Calder, is given to the WH-15 boat that finishes first in the Clarence Horton One Design Race.

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