



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Off Shore/PHRF

52ND ANNUAL AVARD AND A. HOWARD FULLER MEMORIAL
25TH ANNUAL CLARENCE A. HORTON

WATCH HILL INVITATIONAL RACE
ECSA POINT RACE

SATURDAY, JULY 9TH, 2011

1. RULES:

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. Non-spinnaker yachts are to sail without spinnakers and are limited to one headsail at any one time. Handicapping will be based on PHRF- LIS (Eastern) for A, B, and C classes. This race is designated Category A, with Rule 85 and Appendix G and Appendix A3 of the Rules.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

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 1800 hours July 8th, 2011.

3. ENTRIES:

PHRF entries will be accepted and assigned to classes at the discretion of the Race Committee. The race will be calculated on Time-on-Time method.

4. RACE COMMITTEE BOAT:

Will be located approximately 260°, 0.7 nm west of RW"L" at Lord's Passage off Fishers Island and will be flying the Race Committee flag. The Race Committee will actively monitor Channel 72.

5. CHASE BOATS:

Chase boats will be flying Race Committee flags and will monitor Channel 72.

6. FIRST SIGNAL (THIS IS AN AMENDMENT FROM THE NOTICE OF RACE)

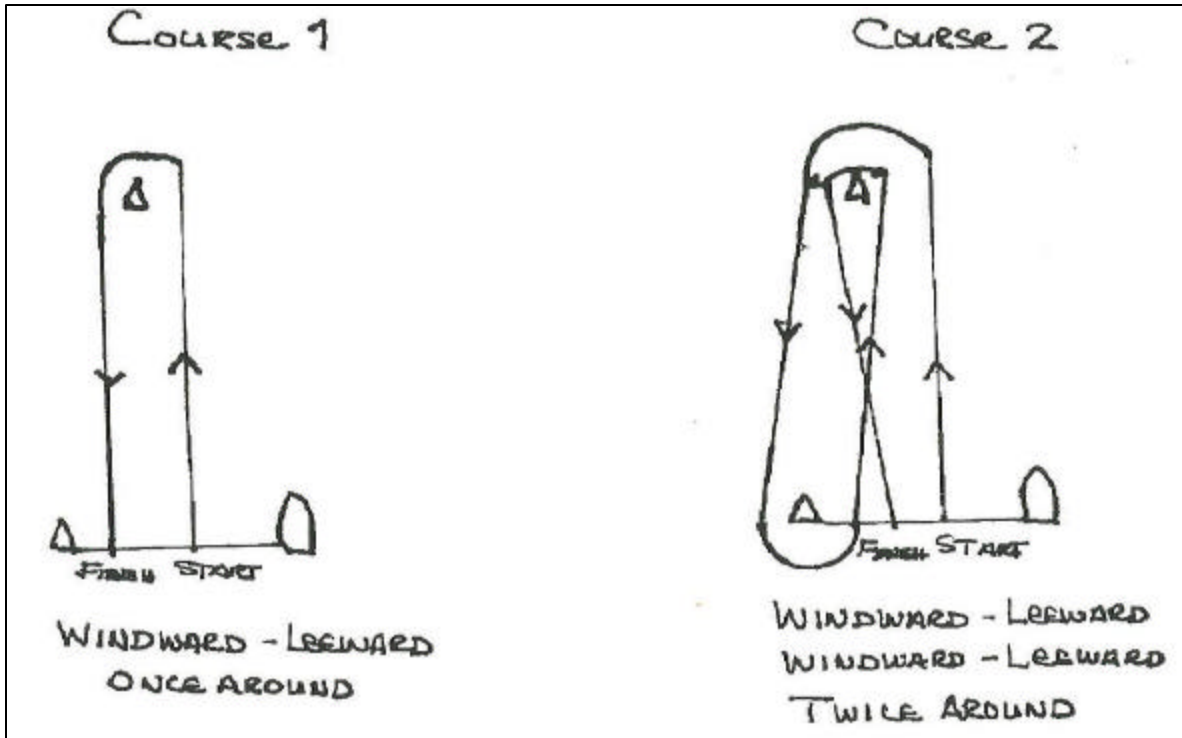
The First HORN (warning) will be at 11:00 hours (EDT).

7. COURSES:

The Course will be signaled no later than the Warning Signal for each class to indicate the course for that class.

8. RACE COURSE

Course will be a modified windward leeward. The course will be posted on the race committee boat. The Race committee reserves the right to true the marks and will post any change. **Please see below for how the course is to be sailed. Course 1 is once around and Course 2 is twice around.**



MARKS:

The Race Committee will designate course(s) for one or more classes by posting the class number followed by the respective course(s) on the course board on the Race Committee Boat. The course board will be displayed on the port side of the Committee Boat. The marks of the course will be an inflatable mark/RC (positioned, non-government) mark.

STARTING LINE:

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and an orange tetrahedron.

FINISH LINE:

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and and a orange tetrahedron left to starboard.

9. REPORTING IN:

The Race Committee Boat shall be flying signal flag "L." All yachts must hail the Race Committee Boat prior to the start of the race.

10. TIME LIMIT:

Regardless of the time of the start of the race, the time limit for all classes will be 1600 EDT. If any one boat completes the race in their class, then a race for that class will be valid.

11. STARTING:

Classes will start in accordance with Rule 26 as modified herein below. All starts will be separately executed (there will be no "rolling starts").

FIRST HORN WILL BE AT 1100 (EDT). (this is an amendment to the NOR)

Title	Time to Start	Sound	Visual Signal
Warning	- 5 minutes	Horn	Class Flag * Hauled UP
Preparatory	-4 minutes	Horn	Code Flag "P" (Papa) Hauled UP
1 Minute	-1 minute	Long Horn	Code Flag "P" (Papa) Hauled DOWN
Start	0 Minutes	Horn	Class Flag* Hauled DOWN

Class Flags are as follows:

Class	Class Flag
Class A – Spinnaker	Numeral 1
Class B - Spinnaker	Numeral 2
Class C – Non Spinnaker	Numeral 3

Classes will start in the sequence above

CLASSES:

- 11.1 Handicap Classes will include PHRF – LIS, Non Spinnaker (Cruising Canvas), and Multi-Hull. Yachts will be assigned to classes at the discretion of the Race Committee. For notice of class assignments see Change to Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 Any class that has less than three boats for their 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.
 Note: (Any class with less than 3 boats will not qualify for ECSA points per ECSA rules)
- 11.3 Yachts whose warning signal has not yet been made, shall keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose warning signal has been made.
- 11.4 All responsibility for the safety of the vessel and crew rests with the skipper.

12. RECALLS:

Individual Recalls will be signaled by displaying Code Flag "X" with one blast of a horn. The Race Committee will attempt to hail each recalled yacht via loud hailer. Rule 62.1 is changed to allow for hailing of OCS boats without redress.

General Recalls will be signaled by the First Substitute and two horns. One blast of the horn will be made with the lowering of the First Substitute. The Warning Signal for the recalled class will be made one minute later. Succeeding classes will be delayed accordingly.

A racing yacht in any handicapped class, over the starting line early and not returning for restart, will have thirty (30) minutes added to her corrected time. Rule 27 is modified accordingly.

13. SHORTENED COURSE:

The Race Committee may shorten the course in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing (2009-2012 (RRS) and the US Sailing Prescriptions.

14. PROTESTS:

A yacht intending to protest or acknowledge an infringement shall notify the Race Committee promptly after they cross the finish line. This does not change Rule 61.1(a). Protests shall be written on forms available with a member of the Race Committee at Watch Hill Yacht Club. Any

protest must be submitted to the Race Committee within thirty (30) minutes of the docking of the Race Committee Boat.

Notices of protests will be posted on the bulletin board on the Club porch. It is intended that protests be heard as soon as feasible after the race. Failure of either party to appear may result in a judgment against the absentee.

15. SCORING:

Finishing positions will be determined using PHRF ratings and the Time-on-Time method. The low-point scoring system will be used for multi-hull.

16. PARTY AND PRIZES:

Skippers and their crew are invited to Watch Hill Yacht Club after the race. Stickers (as ordered in advance) will be passed to each skipper with the sailing instructions at the beginning of the race for the cocktail and awards party. Refreshments and the awarding of the following prizes will take place following the race, but no later than 1600 EDT. Tickets may also be purchased at the awards event.

17. AWARDS:

1. First, second and third place for each class will receive an award.
2. The Helen Joy Lee Trophy will be awarded to the Watch Hill Yacht boat with the best corrected time in PHRF classes.

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