

Stonington Harbor Yacht Club

2008 Friday Twilight PHRF Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

May 28, 2008

1 Organizing Authority

- 1.1 These races are organized by the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club.

2 Schedule of Races

- 2.1 Eligible boats will race June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, August 15 and August 29, 2008
- 2.2 First Warning will be at 1800 hrs.
- 2.3 The Race Committee intends to schedule race(s) lasting 1-1/2 to 2 hours each evening.
- 2.4 No race will be started after 1930 hours.
- 2.5 Delays will be announced on VHF channel 79 and indicated by the display of pennant AP on The Committee Boat.
- 2.6 Cancellation of the evening's race(s) will be announced on VHF channel 79 every ten minutes between 1700 and 1800 hours on the race day.

3 Classes

- 3.1 PHRF rated boats will race as a class. If ten or more such boats enter, the Race Committee (RC) reserves the right to divide them into two or more classes. See 3.2.
- 3.2 If three or more boats of a one design class enter, they will be assigned their own class. If less than three boats of any single one-design class enter, they will be grouped with the other PHRF rated boats for class assignment.
- 3.3 If three or more multihull boats with NEMA Rating Certificates enter, they will race as a class. If less than three multihull boats enter, they will be given a start ten minutes after the last monohull class but will not be scored.
- 3.4 Scratch Sheets with class assignments will be available at the SHYC Clubhouse prior to 1200 hrs. on race days and from the RC boat up to 15 minutes before the first warning each day.

4 Rules

- 4.1 These races will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008* and the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association as may be modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 4.2 In the event of conflict between the NOR and these SI's, the SI's will govern. Changes to the SI's will be posted on the Club website www.shyc.us and Race News board in the Clubhouse by 1000 hrs. of the racing day. Hard copies will be available at the Clubhouse.
- 4.3 Cruising canvas only will be allowed; no spinnakers and only one headsail. Whisker poles are allowed.
- 4.4 Sail numbers will be displayed on all sails.
- 4.5 All boats are required to carry VHF radios and monitor channel 79.
- 4.6 All boats intending to race will announce their intentions to the Committee Boat each racing day Between 1730 and 1755 hours using VHF channel 79.
- 4.7 Any boat abandoning the race should immediately notify the RC on channel 79 to avoid a post-race search for a lost boat.
- 4.8 See the NOR for rules regarding Eligibility and Entry.

5 Courses-Pre-defined

- 5.1 Certain Pre-defined Courses are described on the so-titled page of this SI. When the RC uses a pre-defined Course, the Course Number with bearing and approximate distance in nautical miles to the windward mark will be displayed on the course board atop the RC boat.
If the Course is to be sailed twice-around, the course number will be followed by the number '2', i.e. '2 2' indicates Course 2 twice around.
- 5.2 Course Marks for Pre-defined Courses are: for windward and leeward marks, large inflated yellow tetrahedrons; for any reaching mark (Course 2), a large inflated orange cylinder.
- 5.3 The Starting Line will be between a staff on the RC Boat bearing an orange flag and an inflated orange tetrahedron to port. The RC will attempt to provide a start to windward.

5.4 The Finishing Line will be the same as the Starting Line and will be crossed in the direction described.

6 Course-Around the Buoys

- 6.1 The Race Committee may also choose Government Buoys as Marks of the Course. These Buoys and their assigned letter symbols are shown on the page of this SI titled Government Marks. Symbol S/F indicates Start/ Finish Line.
- 6.2 If Government Buoys are Marks of the Course, their assigned letter symbols will be displayed on the Committee Boat Course Board in order of rounding. Letters P and S indicate the side on which the buoy is to be left in rounding. Examples: R N P S/F, indicates Marks R and N, left to port, then to finish. R X P Y S S/F indicates Marks R and X to be left to port, Mark Y to starboard, then to finish.
- 6.3 The Starting Line will be between a staff on the Committee Boat bearing an orange flag and an orange Inflated tetrahedron to port.
- 6.4 Restrictions: Boats may not pass south of Green Cans 9, 11, 15 and 17 at the north-eastern end of Fishers Island. Boats must pass south of Red Nuns 22, 24 and 26 located near Groton Long Point. Boats shall not pass between Flat Hammock and South Dumping.

7 The Start

- 7.1 First warning is scheduled for 1800 hrs.
- 7.2 Races will be started using the 5 minute sequence of RRS Rule 26 :

<u>Time Until Start</u>	<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Sound</u>
5 minutes	First Warning	Class Flag Up	1 Gun
4 minutes	Preparatory	'P' Flag Up	1 Horn
1 minute	One-Minute	'P' Flag Down	1 Long Horn
0 minutes	Start	Class Flag Down	1 Gun

- 7.3 If more than one class is to be started (See 3.1 – 3.4, above) the different Classes will be indicated on the Scratch sheet along with Class assignment for each contending boat. Classes will be started in alphabetical order. The Warning signal for each Class will occur approximately two minutes after the Start signal for the preceding Class. Watch for your Class Flag. It will be the alphabet signal flag for the letter assigned your Class and will be displayed on a staff mounted on the transom of the RC boat
- 7.4 Before the starting signal, any postponement will be indicated by RC display of pennant 'AP' and firing of two guns.
- 7.5 Individual recalls will be signaled by flag 'X' and one horn blast (RS 29.1) regardless of the number of boats being recalled. RC will attempt to hail boats OCS on VHF channel 79. Recalled boats failing to restart will be assessed a 20 minute time penalty. RRS 29.1 is modified accordingly.
- 7.6 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. Warning signal for the recalled class will be made one minute after the First Substitute signal is lowered.

8 Scoring

- 8.1 Scoring for PHRF boats will be time on time using the assigned ECSA-PHRF Rating. The Race Committee may assign a handicap rating to boats without a current ECSA-PHRF rating certificate. This rating may not be protested or appealed.
- 8.2 One design boats entered as a class will be scored Low Point. One design boats entered individually will be scored as and in competition with other PHRF rated boats.
- 8.3 Multihull boats entered as a class will be scored according to NEMA rules. Multihull boats entered individually will be noted for Order of Finish but will not be scored in competition with mono-hull boats.
- 8.4 Any boat not finishing the course by 2000 hrs. will be scored DNF.

9 Protests

- 9.1 A boat that has taken a 720 degree penalty under RRS Rule 44.2 will notify the RC on VHF channel 79 immediately after finishing the race describing the incident and the other boat(s) involved.
- 9.2 A boat intending to file a protest will fly a red signal and, within an hour of docking, present to the RC a written protest detailing the parties involved and the RRS rules violated. The RC will, within a week, assemble a Protest Committee, hear the protest and issue a decision. Any race in which a protest occurs will not be scored until the protest is decided.

10 Responsibility

10.1 Each boat's master is responsible on behalf of himself and each individual member of his crew for the decision to race or not; to withdraw or not; for the condition of his boat and all of its equipment, including safety gear; for the conduct of his boat and its crew before, during and after the race; and for the capability and conduct of his crew during the regatta. By entering any or all of these races, he acknowledges these responsibilities and that the SHYC, its Race Committee and individual members simply perform a service by providing a structure and venue in which he may or may not chose to race his boat.

11 Shore Party

a. A reduced price barbecue type dinner will be available on the SHYC Clubhouse terrace after each race for racers and their crew and partners (only).

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