

THE HEATHERTON TROPHY RACE

SHELTER ISLAND YACHT CLUB

Sunday, July 5, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS) 2013-2016, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, except as changed by these sailing instructions and the ELIYA General Conditions.

2 NOTICES, COMPETITOR INFORMATION and SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

2.1 Any notices, amendments to the Sailing Instructions and all results will be posted on the Yacht Scoring website for the race, on the SIYC website, made available in the SIYC Sailing Center and emailed to the competitors. The results will also be posted on the South deck of the SIYC clubhouse during the competitor's party.

2.2 Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be available before 0900 hours on the day of the race. Code flag "L" will be hoisted on the flagpole at the Shelter Island Yacht Club. Sailing instructions and any amendments will not be available from the Race Committee Signal Boat.

2.3 When "AP" is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than one hour" in Race Signal AP.

2.4 The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 72 throughout the race and will announce the location of the start and any other necessary information over VHF Channel 72 starting at 1100 hours.

2.5 Failure to hear or see any notices, signals made ashore changes or amendments will not be cause for redress.

3 CLASSES and IDENTIFICATION

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FLAG</u>	<u>PHRF</u>
1	PENNANT 1	Spinnaker 105 and below
2	PENNANT 2	Spinnaker 106 and above

3	PENNANT 3	Non-spinnaker 160 and below
4	PENNANT 4	Non-spinnaker 161 and above

To facilitate identification by other entrants and the Race Committee, entrants are *required* to display the class flag for their division from the back stay or from another prominent location, if no backstay is available. Yachts not flying a class flag will not be scored.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 There will be a race for each of the four classes in Gardiners Bay. The courses will use government marks and race markers as described in Appendix A.

4.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first class to start a race will be 1300 hours.

4.3 The warning signal for subsequent classes shall be made with or after the starting signal for the preceding class.

4.4 Each class may race individually or in combination with another class.

4.5 No warning signal shall be made after 1600 hours.

5 LOCATION OF THE STARTS

5.1 Between an Orange Flag on the Race Committee boat and a red ball or inflatable mark set in Gardiners Bay in the vicinity of RW "N" Mo(A) WHIS. The location of the start will be broadcast by VHF Channel 72 starting at 1100 hours, posted on the SIYC website, the Yacht Scoring website, emailed to competitors and distributed at the SIYC Sailing Center.

6 CHECK – IN AND RETIREMENT

6.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race, all yachts shall check in with the Race Committee Signal Boat by passing astern on starboard tack and announcing their sail number. The Race Committee will acknowledge by responding with the number heard.

6.2 A yacht that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

7 COURSES AND MARKS

7.1 The courses and marks are described in Appendix A.

8 THE START

8.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag and Sound</u>	<u>Minutes before start</u>
Warning	Class flag + 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z+I or Black flag + 1 sound	4
One Minute	Preparatory flag removed, 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed, 1 sound	0

8.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark or red ball.

8.3 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

8.4 A yacht starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes Rule A4.

9 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

9.1 The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each premature starter over VHF Channel 72. However, failure to make such an announcement, nor the timing or order of such an announcement, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

9.2 In the event of a general recall for any class, the start sequence will restart with the recalled class.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finish for the races is described in Appendix A.

11 GOVERNMENT BUOYS

Government buoys have no required side except when specified as marks of the course. Caution should be exercised for safe navigation.

12 PENALTY SYTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that a yacht has the choice between penalty systems, and the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. A yacht may choose to:

- a) take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with Rule 44.2 or
- b) take a Scoring Penalty in accordance with Rule 44.3

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit for each class will be four (4) hours after the start time for that class.

13.2 If the time limit for a class expires per RRS 35, the race will be abandoned for that class. Abandonment will be signaled by the Race Committee by displaying code flags "N" over "A" and the class flag for each abandoned class and an announcement over VHF Channel 72.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

14.1 A yacht intending to protest is requested to report both their intention to protest and the yacht(s) being protested to the Race Committee over VHF Channel 72 at the finish of the race.

14.2 Protests or requests for redress shall be submitted as soon as practicable but not later than one (1) hour after the Race Committee Finish Boat has docked or ½ hour after the last yacht in each fleet has reached the mooring area by SIYC, whichever is later. The time limit for filing a protest will be posted on the SIYC Notice Board on the south deck of the SIYC clubhouse.

14.3 All protest hearings will take place at the SIYC as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The Protest Committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of yachts who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest rooms (SIYC Sailing Center).

14.4 When a yacht has been involved in an incident that may be subject to a protest, it is her responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any yacht to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Protest Committee as grounds for proceeding under Rule 63.3(b).

14.5 Rule 63.5 is changed by adding "A protest involving contact may be heard by the Protest Committee even though the requirements of 61.1(a) and 61.3 have not been fulfilled".

14.6 Breaches of SIs 6 and 8.3 will not be grounds for protest by a yacht. This changes Rule 60.1(a).

15 SCORING

15.1 Yachts sailing the Heatherton Trophy Race will be scored using the PHRF time on time scoring system and the ELIYA series scoring system for the championship racing circuit.

16 SAFETY

It is recommended that all boats be compliant with the US Safety Requirements (USSER) US Near Shore category. These regulations are available on the US Sailing website. Competitors participate in this race at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge of the boat.

17 PRIZES

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes in each division will be awarded for the Heatherton Trophy at the SIYC during the celebratory party immediately following the race.

18 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Signal /Finish Boats	Blue race committee flag
Mark and Pin Boats	Yellow auxiliary committee flag

19 NOTES

Entries to the Heatherton Trophy Race must be made on Yacht Scoring (www.yachtscoring.com) by 6pm of July 4th, 2015. Valid PHRF certificates can be emailed to rc@siyc.com.

Please join us for a celebratory party immediately after racing at the Shelter Island Yacht Club! Prizes to be awarded with complimentary food, music, wine and beer! Please direct any questions to the event chairman, Edward Carey, on 749-1829 in the Sailing Center at SIYC or email at rc@siyc.com. Please call 749-0888 or hail on VHF Channel 74 to arrange for complimentary mooring/dockage.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS APPENDIX A

A1 COURSES for the Heatherton Trophy Race

A1.1 START

Between an Orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and an inflatable mark or red ball set in the vicinity of RW "N" Mo(A) WHIS. The location of the start will be broadcast by VHF Channel 72 at 1100 hours, posted on the Yacht Scoring website, posted on the SIYC website, emailed to competitors and distributed in the SIYC Sailing Center.

A1.2 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The courses for each class will be configured by the Race Committee Signal Boat when it is on station at the starting location. These courses will be communicated from the Race Committee by white board on the stern of the Race Committee Signal boat and by VHF transmission. It is anticipated that each course will be designed with the goal of having many points of sail. The marks and roundings to be used are described in **A2**.

A1.3 SHORTEN COURSE

The courses may be shortened at any course mark listed in A2.1 in accordance with Rule 32.

A1.4 WINDWARD MARK

- A)** In order to achieve a proper start, the Race Committee may elect to set a weather mark at a distance from the starting line. The bearing and distance to this weather mark will be displayed on the Race Committee Signal boat with a white board. A flag "W" (weather mark) will be displayed over a red flag (leave to port) or a green flag (leave to starboard) at least five minutes prior to the first warning signal.
- B)** The Race Committee may elect to set a long windward mark and a short windward mark. The distance displayed will be to the SHORT windward mark. The LONG windward mark will be on the same bearing at a distance of 0.5 NM beyond the short windward mark.
- C)** If the flag "U" is displayed with the warning signal for a class, that class will use the LONG windward mark.
- D)** If the flag "U" is not displayed at the warning signal for a class, that class will use the SHORT windward mark.

A1.5 FINISH

The finish will be between a Race Committee boat with an orange staff and a green tetrahedron located in the vicinity of Pipes Cove. The finish boat may be different from the start boat.

A2 MARKS and ROUNDINGS

A2.1 MARKS

1. RW "N" Mo(A) WHIS 1 ½ miles NE Ram Island
2. Race Marker 1 mile N RW "N" Mo(A) WHIS
3. Race Marker 1 mile NW RW "N" Mo(A) WHIS
4. Race Marker 1 mile W RW "N" Mo(A) WHIS
5. Race Marker 1 mile SW RW "N" Mo(A) WHIS
6. Race Marker 1 mile S RW "N" Mo(A) WHIS
7. Race Marker ½ mile SW Orient Point Lighthouse
8. Race Marker 1 mile SE RW "N" Mo(A) WHIS
9. Race Marker 1 mile NE RW "N" Mo(A) WHIS
10. Race Marker 1 ½ miles WSW Ruins
11. Race Marker 1 mile E RW "N" Mo(A) WHIS
12. C "1" ENE of Cedar Point
13. N "14" Crow Shoal
14. RW "TM" Mo(A) Bell N of entrance to Three Mile Harbor
15. Red FLR Bell "2" Entrance to Greenport Channel
16. N "6" Orient Harbor
17. R "10" Fanning Point

All bearing directions are magnetic.

A2.2 ROUNDINGS

Letter "S" indicates mark to be left to STARBOARD

Letter "P" indicates mark to be left to PORT