



INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB
65th ANNUAL STRATFORD SHOAL RACE
THE GEARBUSTER
Saturday, October 10, 2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. This race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of US Sailing.
- 1.2. The measurement rules used will be those as administered by the YRA of LIS.
- 1.3. Boats will be scored using the distance racing handicap issued by the YRA of LIS and scored using the PHRF time-on-distance format.
- 1.4. Participants shall be required to comply with basic US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) 2020 for Nearshore Category Races, available online at ussailing.org and linked [here](#).
- 1.4.1. Add to US Sailing SER 3.19.1: If no magnetic compass is permanently mounted, a handheld magnetic compass, suitable for steering at sea, may be used.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted online at yachtscoring.com
- 2.2. Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900hrs on the day of the race.
- 2.3. Boats will be placed in separate racing classes (Class 1, 2, 3, etc.) at the discretion of the race committee. A final scratch sheet showing class numbers, course assignments and individual ratings will be available on yachtscoring.com beginning 1700hrs Friday October 9, 2020.
- 2.4. Boats shall race in their assigned class as specified on the final scratch sheet. Class flags for starting purposes shall be the numeral pennant corresponding to each class number. Each boat shall conspicuously display from its backstay the numeral pennant corresponding to its class number at all times while racing. In the case of masts without backstays, from the stern pulpit or starboard shroud.

3. COURSES

- 3.1. STRATFORD SHOAL COURSE: The standard course for all boats racing in the spinnaker division shall be from the start as described in SI 4 THE START to Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light (USCG location 41° 03 35.300N / 073° 06 04.700W; Fl W 5s) leaving it to port and proceeding to the finish line as described in SI 6 FINISH LINE. The course distance is 46.5 nautical miles.
- 3.2. EATONS NECK COURSE: The standard course for all boats racing in the non-spinnaker division shall be from the start as described in SI 4 THE START to Eaton's Neck Point Lighted Gong Buoy 11B (USCG location 41° 00 01.221N / 073° 23 41.625W; Fl G 4s) leaving it to port and proceeding to the finish line as described in SI 6 FINISH LINE. The course distance is 19 nautical miles.
- 3.3. SHORT COURSE OPTION: At the discretion of the Race Committee, a short course option may be used and will be signaled by displaying code flag C prior to the warning signal for the start of any class. The short courses will be different for spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions and are as follows:

- 3.3.1. STRATFORD SHOAL SHORT COURSE: The spinnaker short course shall be from the start as described in SI 4 THE START to Eaton's Neck Point Lighted Gong Buoy 11B (USCG location 41° 00 01.221N / 073° 23 41.625W; Fl G 4s) leaving it to port and proceeding to the finish line as described in SI 6 FINISH LINE. The course distance is 19 nautical miles.
- 3.3.2. EATONS NECK SHORT COURSE: The non-spinnaker short course shall be to Twenty-Six Foot Spot Lighted Bell Buoy 32A (USCG location 40° 58 07.042N / 073° 32 48.393W; Fl R 2.5s) leaving it to port, then to The Cows Lighted Bell Buoy 32 (USCG location 41° 00 12.880N / 073° 31 26.189W; Fl R 2.5s) leaving it to port and proceeding to the finish line as described in SI 6 FINISH LINE. The course distance is 10.9 nautical miles.
- 3.4. When approaching Captain Harbor on route to the finish, Little Captain Island East Reef Lighted Gong Buoy 1 (USCG location 40° 59 35.941N / 073° 35 51.970W; Fl G 2.5s) shall be left to port for all courses.

4. THE START

- 4.1. The starting line will be to the east of Little Captain Island between Flat Neck Point Shoal Buoy 2 (USCG location 40° 59 44.901N / 073° 35 29.289W; RN) on the port end of the line and a yellow flag on the signal boat on the starboard end of the line.
- 4.2. Prior to the warning signal of the first division, all boats shall sail past the stern of the signal boat while on starboard tack and hail their boat name, sail number and how many persons aboard. She shall do so until acknowledged by the Race Committee.
- 4.3. The first signal is scheduled for 1055hrs.
- 4.4. Succeeding classes will be started in numerical order either:
 - 4.4.1. At five minute intervals by displaying a class flag at the start of the preceding class (rolling start).
 - 4.4.2. At any time afterward by commencing a new five minute sequence. In the event a new five minute sequence initiated, the Race Committee will announce the time of the next warning signal via VHF Channel 05A and will endeavor to make a multiple horn signal shortly before the new warning signal. Failure of the Race Committee to make this announcement or for it to be heard by competitors shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).
- 4.5. All boats shall carry and have on at all times while racing, a KATTACK compatible tracking device. Skippers may download the Kattack App for iPhone (iPad) or Android device, or, in the alternative, use their own SPOT or InReach Tracking System device. Skippers are expected to download and run the Kattack App (one per boat) or notify Race Committee by email waterfront@indianharboryc.com prior to the first signal that they will be using their own device and register the boat name and device URL with Race Committee. Failure to have and use a tracking device is subject to protest by the Race Committee only.

5. RECALLS

The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF Channel 05A immediately after the start. Failure to make this hail, nor the order in which boats are hailed shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).

6. FINISH LINE

- 6.1. The finish line will be between Greenwich Harbor Channel Buoy 2 (USCG location 40° 59 54.351N/073° 37 16.353W; RN) inside Captain Harbor on the port end of the line and a yellow flag on the signal boat on the starboard end of the line.
[Please note: This is NOT the same Nun "2" as is being used for the start. The bearing FROM this buoy TO the Great Captains Light is 199 degrees magnetic at a distance of 0.97nm.]
- 6.2. The signal boat will be anchored north of Greenwich Harbor Channel Buoy 2 (USCG location 40° 59 54.351N/073° 37 16.353W; RN).
- 6.3. The Race Committee boat will display a Race Committee flag, an IHYC burgee, and after sunset, one all around white light.
- 6.4. Boats shall hail the Race Committee on VHF Channel 05A as they pass Little Captain Island East Reef Lighted Gong Buoy 1 (USCG location 40° 59 35.941N/073° 35 51.970W; Fl G 2.5s) on approach to Captain

Harbor.

- 6.5. If finishing in the dark, boats shall illuminate their main sail numbers and hail the Race Committee with their sail number and boat name until acknowledged by the signal boat.
- 6.6. In the absence of a Race Committee boat at the finish line, boats shall take their own time when passing within 20 yards of the Greenwich Harbor Channel Buoy 2 (USCG location 40° 59 54.351N/073° 37 16.353W; RN) the Great Captain Island Light bears 199° magnetic. This time shall be reported to the Indian Harbor Yacht Club by calling 203-869-2484.

7. WITHDRAWALS

Boats withdrawing from the race are required to contact the Race Committee via VHF Channel 05A or by calling the Indian Harbor Yacht Club at 203-869-2484 x32.

8. PROTESTS

- 8.1. Protests forms are available via download at <https://tinyurl.com/ihyc-ussailing-protest-form>. Completed forms shall be emailed to waterfront@indianharboryc.com no later than 1700 Sunday, October 11, 2020.
- 8.2. Protests will be heard beginning at 1900hrs on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. Hearings may be held outdoors in person at the Indian Harbor Yacht Club or virtually via Zoom with details to be provided by the protest committee prior to the hearing.

9. AWARDS

- 9.1. Awards are detailed in the Notice of Race. Additionally:
 - 9.1.1. Any Doublehanded and PHRF +1 class boats will be treated as separate classes for the purpose of awarding the Windward and Todd trophies.
 - 9.1.2. For classes with five or more entries having finished both the Geartester and the Gearbuster, prizes will be awarded at the IHYC to the boat in each class deemed by the organizing authority to have had the best combined performance.
- 9.2. In the event that the Indian Harbor Yacht Club Annual Awards Dinner scheduled for Friday November 13, 2020 is not held or is held in a modified format, awards will be mailed to competitors.

10. RESPONSIBILITY OF COMPETITORS

As a condition precedent to his or her participation in any race (including without limitation all activities thereto) sponsored by Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Incorporated, each participant assumes any and all risk associated with such participation and waives any and all claims, including without limitation any claim in respect of assistance given or not given, against Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Incorporated, and the directors, officers, members, guests and employees of the club or any injury or damage resulting from such participation. See RRS 4 Decision to Race.

11. CONTACT INFORMATION

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