



2015 East Greenwich Yacht Club Annual Regatta

Sailing Instructions

1.0 RULES

The East Greenwich Yacht Club Annual Regatta will be governed by the 2013-2016 *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, these sailing instructions, the Notice of Race and any amendments. This race is classified as a Category “A” event. All yachts, in addition to all Federally required equipment, shall have a VHF radio aboard and shall keep radio energized on the Race Committee working channel VHF channel 72 from her warning signal until her “finish”. Additionally, the Race Committee **shall** continuously monitor VHF Ch 13, “Ship to Ship”. The Narragansett Bay race area, with its East and West passages and approaches to Providence and Fall River, are considered a “restricted channel” for commercial traffic and vessels in the navigation channel, restricted in their ability to maneuver. Sailors must comply with the International COLREGS when in such proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic. Yachts who obstruct the safe passage of commercial traffic are subject to protest under *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. A violation under this instruction shall be considered a violation of rule 2. The Race Committee or Protest Committee, upon the report of information or observation of an incident **shall** protest a yacht. This is in addition to the requirements of rule 60.2 (a) and the preamble to Part 2.

2.0 NOTICES

Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board located in the East Greenwich Yacht Club.

3.0 AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 the day of the race, on the bulletin board located in the East Greenwich Yacht Club and on the event’s *Yachtscoring* webpage. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce posted amendments via VHF channel 72 at 1130 hours. All yachts shall monitor channel 72 during the race day.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals ashore shall be made aboard the designated Race Committee Boat, docked at East Greenwich Yacht Club.

4.2 Code Flag LIMA will signify posting of a notice or amendment.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

In accordance with date and times listed in the Notice of Race.

6.0 RACING AREA

Yachts will rendezvous in the area near C'5' West of Pine Hill Point.

7.0 COURSES

7.1 The Race Committee will announce over the radio whether the Long or the Short course will be used. If the short course is to be used the Race Committee will display an "S" flag.

7.2 The starting time for each yacht will be based on the yacht's rating and the length of the course. Appendixes 1 or 2 will be used for each yacht's starting time.

7.3 Spinnaker Class & J22 Class

7.3(a) Spinnaker Class & J22 Class - Long Course use Appendix 1:

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, R'10' North of Jamestown Bridge to Port, C'5' West of Conanicut Pt. to Starboard, R'2' North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G'1' Despair Island to Port, R'8' Patience Island to Port, then to finish, length 16.7 NM.

7.3(b) Spinnaker Class & J22 Class - Short Course use Appendix 2:

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, R'2' North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G'1' Despair Island to Port, R'8' Patience Island to Port, then to finish, length 11.9 NM.

7.4 Non-Spinnaker

7.4(a) Non-Spinnaker - Long Course use Appendix 1:

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, R'2' North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G'1' Despair Island to Port, R'8' Patience Island to Port, then to finish, length 11.9 NM.

7.4(b) Non-Spinnaker - Short Course use Appendix 2:

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, R'2' North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G'1' Despair Island to Port, R'6' Pine Hill Pt. to Port, then to finish, length 8.9 NM.

7.4 Family Class

7.4(a) Family Class - Long Course use Appendix 1:

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, R'2' North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, RGN 'PI' South of Prudence Island to Port, R'6' West of Pine Hill Point to Port, then to finish, length 10.86 NM.

7.4(b) Family Class - Short Course use Appendix 2:

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, R'2' North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G'1' Despair Island to Port, R'6' Pine Hill Pt. to Port, then to finish, length 8.9 NM.

8.0 THE START

8.1 The starting line shall be between the orange flag on the Committee Boat and C'5' Pine Hill Point.

8.2 The race shall be started using successive start signals, in accordance with starting times listed in the Appendixes. Red flag and *HORN* at one minute intervals per assigned time. Each signal will be lowered 30 seconds before the next signal. Note: all starts will be on Red flag. THIS CHANGES RRS 26.

General warning signal 1200 hrs – Blue flag and gun

General prep signal 1205 hrs – 'P' flag and gun

First Start 1210 hrs - Red flag and horn

8.3 The RC is allowed to postpone that start by a period of either 30 or 60 minutes. If the race is postponed, the time of postponement in minutes is added to each yacht's starting time.

8.4 5 minutes before each yacht's starting time will be considered that yacht's Preparatory signal. She shall not use her engine after her Preparatory signal. Yachts shall keep clear of the starting area until 5 minutes before their respective starting signal.

8.5 TIME OF SIGNALS: General warning signal and each successive signal will be based on GPS time.

8.6 The Race Committee will attempt to notify yachts of their starting time. While all efforts will be made to inform all competitors of the starting order, failure of a yacht to hear the announcement will not be grounds for protest.

9.0 RECALLS

Individual recalls will be in accordance with rule 29.1.

10.0 THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between the orange flag on the Committee Boat and C'5' Pine Hill Point.

11.0 TIME LIMIT

11.1 The first boat to finish must do so by 1700, (or 1730 or 1800 in case of postponement). The Committee Boat will leave station at 1830 or (1900 or 1930 in case of postponement). Any yachts finishing after the RC leaves station, must record their own time.

11.2 Any yacht retiring the race prior to 1830 hrs must notify the EGYC Race Committee on VHF channel 72.

12.0 PROTESTS

12.1 In addition to the requirements of rule 61.0, protesting yachts must notify the Race Committee of their intention to protest immediately after finishing the race.

12.2 Protests shall be written and submitted to the Jury Chairman at the East Greenwich Yacht Club within one hour of the Race Committee signal boat docking.

12.3 Notice of protests will be posted on the EGYC Bulletin board.

12.4 Protests will be heard Saturday July 18, 2015, 1½ hours after the Race Committee signal boat docks, at the East Greenwich Yacht Club.

13.0 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at EGYC during the dinner following the race.

14.0 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

Yachts discharging trash overboard shall be disqualified from the race.