



RARITAN YACHT CLUB FALL REGATTA

September 19-20, 2015

Organized by the Raritan Yacht Club
160 Water Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules
 - 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including the US Sailing prescriptions, applicable Class Association Rules, PHRF-MA regulations, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. Boats racing as One Designs may race in accordance with their Class Association Rules, provided a minimum of five (5) boats have registered to race.
2. Notice to Competitors
 - 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the main deck of the clubhouse.
3. Changes in Sailing Instructions
 - 3.1. Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 08:30 on the day it will take effect, except that that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.
 - 3.2. Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions must be submitted by posting the question on the Official Regatta Notice Board before 21:00 on Friday September 18. The question and any response will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board no later than 08:30 the following day.
4. Signals Made Ashore
 - 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff on the RYC dock near the cupola. Flag "AP" Answering Pennant means the race is postponed. The time of the 1st warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the "AP" is lowered.
5. Communications
 - 5.1. All boats affiliated with this regatta shall carry an operable VHF radio and monitor VHF Channel 71. All boats on Commodore's Cup regatta shall carry an operable VHF radio and monitor channel 72.
 - 5.2. Race committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.
6. Schedule of Races - Races are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday as follows
 - 6.1. Saturday
 - Saturday Harbor Gun: 1100 hours
 - Saturday PHRF Warning Signal (1st Class): 1200 hours
 - Saturday Commodore's Cup Warning Signal : 1200 hours
 - 6.2. Sunday
 - Sunday Harbor Gun: 1100 hours
 - Sunday Warning Signal (1st Class): 1200 hours

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- 6.3. Conditions permitting, multiple races will be sailed each day. If Code Flag "A" is displayed at or soon after the finish there will be no more racing that day. If a class flag is flown with "A," it shall apply only to the class(es) designated.
 - 6.4. No warning signal will be made after 15:30 on Sunday
7. Class Assignments and Class Designators
 - 7.1. A scratch sheet referencing boat assignments to classes and class color/numeral pennants will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board by 08:30 on Saturday, September 19.
 - 7.2. The Race Committee (RC) reserves the right to amalgamate, cancel, subdivide or rearrange classes. The Race Committee's divisions of the class in which a competing boat will race is final and not subject to protest.
 - 7.3. If possible, each boat must display a streamer provided by the regatta from the stern area at a minimum of six (6) feet above the deck while racing. Otherwise it may be attached at a location clearly visible from astern of the boat.
8. Racing Area
 - 8.1. The approximate racing area will be east of Great Beds Lighthouse, between Keyport "1" and Sequine Point, Staten Island, NY.
9. The Course
 - 9.1. Courses are described in the diagrams of Appendix "A." All turning marks shall be left to port.
 - 9.2. An offset mark may be used in the vicinity of Mark 1. If used, it shall be rounded to port after Mark 1 and before proceeding to Mark 2.
 - 9.3. Mark 2 will be to windward of the starting line approximately 100 yards.
 - 9.4. If a gate is used in place of the leeward mark, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. Gates are designated as "2S" and "2P" in Appendix A.
 - 9.5. Courses to be sailed will be posted on a board on the Race Committee boat prior to the warning signal. The board will indicate the fleet, course to be sailed, and approximate compass bearing and distance in nautical miles to the 1st mark. See Appendix "B." Differences between the actual and posted course length and distance will not be grounds for redress.
10. Marks
 - 10.1. The original rounding marks will be yellow inflatable buoys.
 - 10.2. Starting and finishing marks, and any offset marks, will be pink or orange inflatables.
 - 10.3. In the event of a course change during a race, the new mark will be black and yellow, unless the change is for the last leg, in which case the finish line will be used.
 - 10.4. In the event of a subsequent course change, the new mark will be an original mark or the finish line.
11. The Start
 - 11.1. The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the starting mark.
 - 11.2. An inflatable buoy may be tethered to the stern of the Race Committee boats and shall be considered an extension of the boat.
 - 11.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.
12. Recalls
 - 12.1. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. As a courtesy, the Committee may attempt to hail OCS boat(s) by VHF radio. The timing and order of such hails, or the failure of a boat to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
13. Change of Course/Shortening Course

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- 13.1. When changing or shortening the course, if a class pennant is flown with the “S” or “C” flag, the change shall apply only to the class(es) indicated.
 - 13.2. When the Race Committee displays code flag “C” prior to the warning signal and throughout the starting sequence, the initial mark shall be the change mark. The new course shall be displayed on the course board.
14. Finish
- 14.1. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
 - 14.2. For courses 2, 4, and 6, the finish line shall be on the opposite side of the committee boat from the starting mark.
15. Time Limit
- 15.1. The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course and finish shall be 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat finishing in their division will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
16. Protests
- 16.1. Competitors intending to protest are asked to inform the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity upon finishing.
 - 16.2. Protest forms are available on the Race Notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to a member of the protest committee or the Principle Race Officer.
 - 16.3. Protests and redress requests shall be filed within 60 minutes after the main race committee boat reaches the dock. Docking times will be posted on the official Notice Board.
 - 16.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt and as soon as practical. Hearings will be held in the Ladies Auxiliary room on the third floor of the clubhouse.
 - 16.5. Penalties for breaking rules other than the rules of Part 2 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
17. Scoring
- 17.1. Low point system of Appendix “A”, as modified herein, will apply. Multiple races are scheduled Saturday and Sunday with one race required to constitute a series.
 - 17.2. All races will be scored; there will be no discards. This modifies appendix A2 of the RRS.
 - 17.3. PHRF corrected times will be calculated using time on distance.
18. Safety
- 18.1. All boats shall carry the safety equipment required by National, State, Local, applicable Class Association rules and/or regulations, and these sailing instructions.
 - 18.2. Prior to the first race of each day, boats are requested to sail by the starting line signal boat and check-in by hailing their sail number until recognized.
 - 18.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.
 - 18.4. Competitors are reminded that Raritan Bay contains restricted channels and all sailing vessels must comply with COLREGS.
 - 18.5. Failure to comply with parts of this may result in a penalty, up to and including disqualification from the regatta. Penalties in this section are also subject to the provisions of 16.5 above.
19. Disposal of Waste or Trash
- 19.1. Boats observed discharging trash over the side shall be either disqualified from all races sailed on the day of the infraction, or subject to other suitable disciplinary action, or both.

20. Responsibility

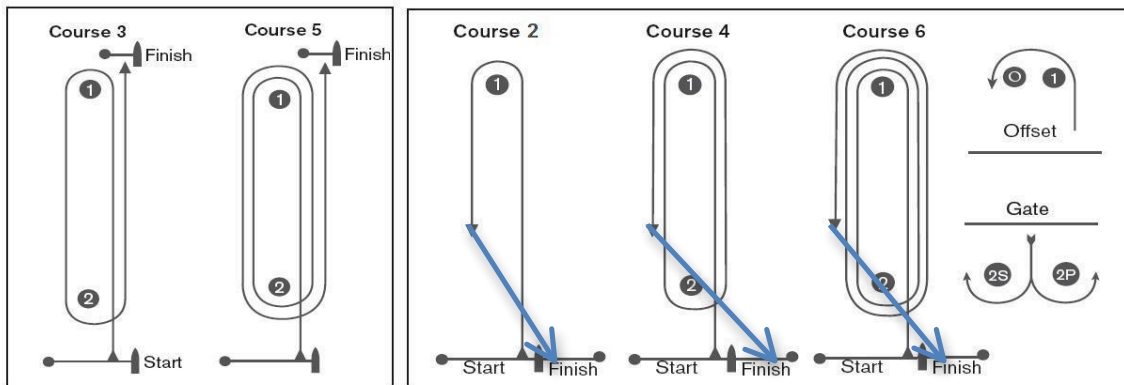
20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20.2. The decision to start, continue or retire from a race is the sole responsibility of each competitor.

21. Haul Out Restrictions

21.1. A boat shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and in accordance to the terms of prior written permission of their related Race Committee.

APPENDIX "A" – COURSES



APPENDIX "B" – DISPLAY OF COURSES

If a field is blank on the display, as seen below, the number is assumed to be repeated from the classes to the left on the board.

| I-III | IV | V-VI | Classes |
|-------|----|------|--|
| 6 | 4 | 2 | Course designations |
| 1.25 | | | Approximate distance to 1 st mark |
| 095 | | | Magnetic bearing to 1 st mark for all classes |