

Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May

2016 Keel Boat Offshore Series

Sailing Instructions

June 6, 2016

1. Rules

The Rules will be governed by the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (Hereafter: USRRS), the prescriptions of the USSA, the rules of the J70 class association except as amended here, and these sailing instructions.

2. Entry

- Open to all boats owned by CYCCM members in good standing and Non Members who have completed registration and paid the series entry fee.
- All boats meet the Safety Equipment Requirements Keel Boats as attached to the NOR.
- Boats must be registered and approved for entry by Fleet Captain before racing. A valid PHRF certificate is required, or a membership in J class association (J24,J70 etc.) with a valid class measurement certificate as required by class rules.
- All boats must have sail numbers.
- All boats must have an operating VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting.

3. Notice to competitors

- All notices shall be posted on the CYCCM Notice Board

4. Changes to sailing Instructions

- Changes to these sailing instructions shall be posted not later than 0900 the day they take effect. These instructions supersede any conflicts with the NOR.
- The RC may change the order of start on the water on the day of racing.

5. Signals made ashore

- All signals ashore shall be made from the Race Committee mark boat "OVAH" on the club docks. If the "OVAH" is not available signals shall be made from the club mast.
- When "AP" is displayed ashore the Warning Signal for the next race shall not occur until earlier than 75 minutes after the "AP" is removed.

6. Schedule

- The race schedule will be posted on the official notice board. The first race(s) shall be June 11, the final race(s) and awards presentation shall be September 10, 2016.
- A competitors meeting will be held the morning of each race day at 1030 hours (except for the Dead Crab Regatta)
- Warning signal for first start for regular series races will be at 1200 hours.

7. Checking in

Before the first warning signal of the day, each yacht shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC (by repeating the sail number)

8. Marks

Marks 1,2,3 will be orange tetrahedrons, Marks used for changes in the course in accordance with USSRR rule 33 will be yellow tetrahedrons. Offset marks shall be small orange tetrahedrons. Mark 1 shall be the windward mark, Mark 2 (if used) shall be the reaching mark and Mark 3 shall be the leeward mark.

9. Courses

Courses will be displayed on a course board from the starting line RC signal boat.

- Display “O” shall be an Olympic course consisting 6 legs consisting of triangle followed by a windward leg, a leeward leg and a finish to windward all marks to port. Course mark sequence is Start1-2-3-1-3- finish. Off set marks may be used at Mark 1.
- Display “W2” shall be windward /leeward course. Start to Weather taking Mark 1 to port, and a leeward leg to finish. The number of legs to be sailed will be included. “W 3 “ shall be a windward leeward course consisting of windward leg to Mark 1 to port, a leeward leg to mark 3 to port, another windward leg to windward finish between committee boat orange flag and Mark 1. Off set marks may be used at Mark 1.
- Finish line for W2 and W4 courses shall be same configuration as the starting line, finishing by crossing the finish line from the course side taking the committee boat to port and the finish mark to starboard. Finishes for W3 and W5 to weather will be between the finish boat to starboard and the weather mark to port.
- RC boat course board shall display the course, number of legs, magnetic heading to the first mark and approximate distance. The race committee will announce the course on VHF radio and display from the signal boat course board.

10. Start

- PHRF Fleets will be Class A and indicated by flag code flag “ 1 “
- J70 fleet will be and Class B identified by code flag “ 2”
- Other classes shall be Class C, identified by class flag code flag “3”
- Two or more starts shall be scheduled: The RC shall determine the order of start depending on conditions. The order of start shall be announced on VHF and posted on the course board.
- The starting sequence shall be in accordance with USSRR Rule 26.
- Prior to the warning signal for the beginning of the starting sequence(s) the RC signal boat, as a courtesy, shall display code flag “F” with repeated short signals. The RC shall announce over VHF radio, the course, the heading to the first mark and, the order of start and other important announcements as necessary. The Code flag “F” will be removed with several short signals shortly before the warning signal for the start. None of the “F” sequence signals are timed. The warning signal for the second start will be made shortly after the start of the previous class.
- The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and an orange tetrahedron. Any yacht which does not start within 10 minutes of it’s class starting signal shall be scored DNC.

11. Recalls

Individual recalls shall be signaled in accordance with USSRR Rule 29.1.

- In addition, as a courtesy the RC shall attempt to hail recalled boats promptly and broadcast via VHF the sail number or name of the recalled yacht(s). Failure of this transmission to be made or received, promptness of the notification, or the position of a boat in the notification sequence shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes USSRRS 62.1.
- **General recalls** shall be signaled in accordance with USSRR Rule 29.2

12. Shortening or Abandoning After the Start

Race committee may shorten or abandon the race according to USSRR rule 32

13. Changing the Next Leg of the Course

The RC may change a leg of the course pursuant to USSRR 33, 33a.1, 33 b, c.

14. Time Limits

- If the first yacht in a class does not reach Mark 1 within one hour of its start, or the first yacht in a class does not finish within 2.0 hours the race shall be abandoned for that class. If one boat finishes before the two hour time limit expires, then boats which are still racing which do not finish within 45 minutes of the first boat to finish shall be scored TLE and be scored one point more than the last yacht finishing within the time limits.
- No race will be started after 1630 hours.
- If a race is postponed or no race has been started, after two and a half hours from initial "Postponement," all races for that day are canceled.

15. Safety

A yacht that retires from the race course shall notify the RC before leaving the course area. If a yacht is unable to notify the RC prior to leaving the course area she shall notify the RC as soon as it arrives ashore. Retiring boats, if possible, should also notify other nearby boats she is retiring.

16. Scoring

- Low Point Scoring system for a series longer than a regatta shall be used pursuant to rule 90.3 (a) and Appendix A. USSRR A4.2 is replaced by A9. Awards will be based on score of 75% of the actual races sailed rounded down to the nearest integer, except if fewer than 9 races are sailed the scores shall be based on all of the races sailed.
- A Yacht, which does not race because its crew is assisting the race committee, will receive a score for the races not sailed on the day it is assisting the RC, equal to the average of her races sailed during the series.
- CYCCM encourages owners /boats to compete in major regattas including class regional and national championships. A competitor who misses a CYCCM series race while participating in a class, regional or national championship may request redress for missing a CYCCM offshore race. Such redress may be requested for no more than one missed day of racing. The scores for redress for the missed race(s) will be the calculation of the average scores without throwouts.

17. Alternative Penalties and Protests

- Boats may take penalty of two turns or one turn pursuant to Rule 44.1 and 44.2.

- In lieu of penalties under 44.1 or 44.2 a boat may choose to accept a 20% scoring penalty under requirements of rule 44.3 by flying a yellow flag conspicuously from its backstay.

18. Protests

- A protesting yacht shall display a red flag flown conspicuously from the backstay as soon as possible after the incident.
- The protested yacht can acknowledge her infringement by using alternative penalties under paragraph 15 of these sailing instructions.
- A protesting yacht must notify the protested yacht as soon as possible after the incident of her intention to protest.
- A protesting yacht must notify the RC on the Finish Boat of its intent to protest, promptly after finishing and must hail their sail number and the sail number of the yacht being protested. In the event the protesting yacht has to retire instead of completing the race she shall notify the RC its intention to protest as soon as possible.
- A protest form must be filled out and given to the RC PRO within 1 hour after the RC Mark boat is docked at CYCCM.

19. Radio use

- The RC shall make radio transmissions to the fleet via VHF channel 72. RC broadcasts of its intentions are as a courtesy only and in no way relieve competitors of their responsibility to monitor and respond to RC flags and signals.
- The RC will not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirements or requests for emergency assistance.

20. Responsibility

The CYCCM Race Committee's only responsibilities are to provide a course, start, and collect racing information and time calculations. The decision to participate, start, finish, or retire is solely the responsibility of each competitor.

21. Registration

Registration shall be done through yachtscoring.com. All fees must be paid and signed registration forms, signed waivers, and certificates must be received by the fleet Captain before the third race entered. A boat may not change her PHRF rating or class after completing her first race.