

# The 2017 EBYRA Wednesday Night Race Series

## Sailing Instructions -- May 10, 2017 to September 6, 2017 rev 5-8-17

### RULES

The regatta will be governed by, in the order of authority should a conflict arise, these sailing instructions, the EBYRA General Sailing Instructions and Local Rules, the prescriptions and regulations of the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS), and the rules as defined and prescribed in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), including all published amendments by US Sailing. EBYRA General Sailing Instructions, Local Rules and division assignments are posted on [www.EBYRA.com](http://www.EBYRA.com) and [Yachtscoring.com](http://Yachtscoring.com).

### NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Any change to these Sailing Instructions, or other documents will be posted on the EBYRA and Yachtscoring websites by 3:00 PM the day of the next race and shall be in effect for the remainder of the series.

**SCHEDULE AND LOCATION** - Races take place in and around Eastchester Bay each Wednesday from May 10, 2017 to September 6, 2017. The committee boat will set a start/finish line in the bounds of Eastchester Bay or just West of the tip of Hart Island. The first gun will be at 7:05 PM.

### RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 72 and will broadcast postponement, abandonment and other race-pertinent information.

### RACING AREAS

The chart showing the location of the racing areas and marks will be on the EBYRA website and Yachtscoring website.

### MARKS AND GATES

Course marks may consist of EBYRA yellow buoys and/or government buoys. Mark locations are noted on the Race Mark Locator sheet. Each course mark is represented by a letter on the racing chart. All marks of the course shall be rounded to port.

**New for 2017** - In the event of a twice around course, **the start/finish line will serve as a gate**, and mark of the course, through which the boats will sail, rounding either the pin to starboard or the committee boat to port.

### THE COURSES

Courses will be signaled from the committee boat using a code letter(s) to designate the wind direction group and a course letter to designate the marks of the course and the order in which they are to be sailed. If necessary, use the EBYRA Chart in conjunction with Mark Locator sheet to find marks.

**New for 2017** – A twice around course will be indicated by the numeral “2” after the mark shown on the course code sheet.

*For example: Wind group “S” with code letter “U” would mean Sail to “F” mark > sail back to “S-F” gate > sail to “F” mark > return to Finish.*

Unless a course is shortened, the finish mark is always the mark used as the starting mark for the race. It is understood that boats will sail through the S/F line after rounding the last required mark of the racecourse.

Note that the committee boat may or may not switch sides with the S/F mark.

### RESTRICTED AREAS

The restricted areas depicted on the Sailing Instructions’ chart are: the triangle bounded by R “2” FI R 4s “Big Tom”, N “4”, and Belden Point; the triangle bounded by Stepping Stones Lighthouse, N “2”, and N “4”; and between FI R 4s “46” and the southern tip of Hart Island. Boats shall not sail through these areas except when rounding “B” as a specified mark of the course. After starting and before finishing, a boat shall not sail through the finish line, unless the boat is sailing a “twice around course, in which case the start/finish line serves as a gate. Any boat violating a restricted area or crossing the finish line while racing and not starting, finishing or rounding through the gate in a “twice around”, shall correct her error by sailing out the same side from which she entered.

## **RECALLS**

In addition to the Race Committee's obligations under RRS 29.1, the Race Committee shall attempt to hail the recalled yacht(s) on VHF Channel 72.

## **DIVISION START SEQUENCE**

The highest numbered division shall start first, then next lower numbered division, and continue until all divisions have started. Any boat not crossing the starting line within 4 minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class. The Race Committee will make every effort to do "rolling starts" but is not obligated to do so.

## **STARTING AND FINISHING**

The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and the starting mark. The Start/Finish mark will be a usually be a yellow inflatable cylinder. The committee may also establish a start/finish line using the "A", "R" or "H" EBYRA marks. It is competitor's responsibility to monitor channel 72 beginning at 6:45 PM.

The race committee boat, anti-barging buoy, buoy lines and fittings shall collectively constitute the starting mark. No boat may pass between the anti-barging buoy and the Race Committee boat. Boats must stay well clear of the starting line until their preparatory signal.

The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and the starting mark or a mark of the course if the course is shortened.

## **TIME LIMITS**

The first boat in each division must finish by 9:45 PM. The remaining boats in that division have until 10:00 PM to finish. Those boats not finishing will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35 and RRS A4.

## **SPECIAL NOTE TO COMPETITORS**

Boats sailing in the vicinity of the racecourse but not intending to race shall notify the Race Committee prior to their preparatory signal, or risk being scored as a starter.

## **PROTESTS**

A boat protesting shall so inform the race committee upon or immediately after finishing. The protesting boat shall file its protest with an EBYRA Board member within one hour and thirty minutes of finishing the race. The protest may be a hard copy delivered to an EBYRA board member within the time limit. The protest may also be a FAX or digital document transmitted or emailed to an EBYRA board member within the time limit. Amended protests must be delivered to EBYRA Protest Triage Person and all parties involved 24 hours in advance of the protest hearing. Competitors may not attempt to pass written protests to any member of the EBYRA board while they are on the committee boat.

Pending protests will be listed on the score sheet and posted on the EBYRA web site. Protest hearings shall be scheduled at a location determined by the protest committee (participants in the hearing shall be notified of the location in person, by telephone, by postal mail and/or email.) Once a hearing commences, none of the entrants involved may opt to withdraw from the race without sustaining a non-throwoutable DSQ.

## **SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- ▶ On any given race, the combination of wind, water and tide may mitigate against yachts of certain size and/or draft and it is the obligation of each yacht to decide when participating is both safe and prudent.
- ▶ All yachts, regardless of size, are required to meet navigation light requirements as specified in Coast Guard COLREGS for vessels greater than seven (7) meters.
- ▶ All persons, 12 or under must wear a Coast Guard approved PFD while on deck.
- ▶ The waters in and around Eastchester Bay are considered a "restricted channel." Regardless of racing rules, all yachts must yield right of way to commercial traffic. All yachts must conform to the COLREGS when meeting other sail or powered vessels not racing.
- ▶ All vessels are required to render appropriate assistance to a vessel in distress whether or not they are racing in the EBYRA event.
- ▶ Failure to adhere to these rules may result in disqualification from the race and/or series.