

Riverside Yacht Club's
81st Annual
STRATFORD SHOAL RACE
Saturday, June 30, 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

RULES

The race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing (USS); the current IRC regulations as administered by the US-IRC; the current PHRF regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS); the Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations of the YRALIS; the rules of any fleet racing as a level or one design Division (except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions); the Notice of Race; and the Sailing Instructions.

Level and one-design classes will be responsible for administering their class rules.

RRS Part 5, Section B, is modified to allow arbitration of protests.

In accordance with RRS 86, from sunset to sunrise the following shall be in effect (modifying RRS 11 & RRS 17):
When two boats are on the same *tack and overlapped* and within three overall lengths (of the longer boat) of each other, the boat being overtaken shall maintain her *proper course*. Both boats shall *keep clear*, and neither boat shall bear away toward or luff the other.

ELIGIBILITY

The race is open to offshore boats racing under IRC, PHRF, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, and One-Design rules. A double-handed spinnaker division will be available if enough entries are received. Boats must be enrolled in the YRALIS or other USS association. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry.

ENTRIES

Entries may be done on-line by visiting www.yachtscoring.com or www.riversideyc.org (the Riverside Yacht Club web site) no later than Friday, June 29, 2012. A valid 2012 IRC (endorsed or unendorsed) or PHRF certificate is required. No alterations in a boat's IRC or PHRF rating will be permitted after the June 29th entry date. The entry fee is \$60.00. Boats will be organized by the Race Committee into separate racing divisions, Division 1, 2, 3, etc., for starting and award purposes, and boats shall race in their assigned division as specified on the scratch sheet. Division Flags for starting purposes shall be the numeral pennant corresponding to its Division number. Each boat shall fly from its backstay the numeral pennant corresponding to its Division number; in the case of unstayed masts from the stern pulpit. To assure proper fleet distribution, boats will be placed in divisions at the discretion of the Race Committee.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & SCRATCH SHEET

Sailing Instructions will be available on www.yachtscoring.com, www.riversideyc.org and at the Riverside Yacht Club by May 31, 2012. A Scratch Sheet assigning boats to a Division will be available late Friday evening, June 29, 2012, on www.yachtscoring.com and the Riverside Yacht Club web site. Both Sailing Instructions and the Scratch Sheet will be available from the Race Committee in the starting area.

NOTICES

Notices to competitors may be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located at the head of the pier of Riverside Yacht Club prior to 0900 hours on the day of the race. Announcements may be broadcast at 1040 hours on VHF channel 72.

EQUIPMENT

Boats shall observe the Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations of the YRALIS, Race Category B.

START LINE

The start line will be between the staff displaying a yellow flag on the Race Committee Boat and Red Nun "2" off Flat Neck Point.

START TIME

The first warning signal will be made at 1055 hours.

COURSES

Each Division shall be assigned to a course. Course I, the Stratford Shoal Light Course, is 45.5 miles. Course II, the Cable & Anchor Course, is 28.5 miles.

SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A4 shall apply. One race is scheduled. IRC Time Allowances will be calculated using the IRC Handicaps (as assigned by US-IRC) and each boat's elapsed time as determined by the Race Committee. PHRF divisions will be scored using PHRF Handicaps (as assigned by YRALIS) and the course distances as determined by the Race Committee.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in each Division (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place). Riverside Yacht Club's Stratford Shoal Race qualifies for YRALIS trophies and Riverside Yacht Club trophies. The Inverness Trophy shall be awarded to the first yacht to finish the *Stratford Shoal Light* course.

MOORINGS

Limited, complimentary moorings will be available. For information call the RYC dock: 203-637-8987

WEB PAGE

Regatta information and results will be available at www.yachtscoring.com and at www.riversideyc.org.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPETITORS

In consideration of the sponsorship of this event and the acceptance of the participant's entry by the Riverside Yacht Club (the "Sponsor"), each participant hereby agrees that the safety of his/her yacht and crew, and the decision whether to start or continue to race, is his/her responsibility and not the responsibility of the Sponsor. Each participant hereby waives all claims, including, without limitation, any claim in respect of assistance given or not given, and any claim for any injury or damage resulting from such participation, which he/she may have against the Sponsor and its governors, officers, members, committees, employees, agents or volunteers arising out of or in any way connected with his/her participation in this event or any related activity undertaken or not taken by any of them in conjunction with, prior to, during or after this event. Each participant represents to the Sponsor that he/she carries adequate property and liability insurance, that he/she will inform his/her insurance carrier of the foregoing waiver, and that he/she will inform all crew members of their responsibilities for safety. Each participant further agrees that the foregoing waiver is binding on his/her heirs, representatives, successors and assigns.

ENTER ON-LINE AT www.yachtscoring.com or www.riversideyc.org

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