



CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

2012 Spring Cruise Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RULES - Except as modified in these Sailing Instructions, the races will be governed by the International Sailing Federation's **The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012; Including US Sailing Prescriptions** (Rules, RRSIUS) and the PHRF of the Chesapeake class rules, including Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment & Accommodation Standards and Standard Sail and Equipment Specifications.

SPECIAL RULES - All large commercial shipping must be given clear right-of-way in or near the main ship channels. If a yacht in a ship channel infringes **Rule 42.1** by using an engine to clear the channel at the approach of commercial traffic, it shall either retire or, if the incident was unavoidable, continue racing and request redress.

All refuse produced while racing must be disposed of in a proper manner upon returning to shore. Discharging refuse over the side will be grounds for disqualification.

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be announced at the Captains Meeting.

ENTRIES - Yachts properly registered with the Fleet Captain for the Cruise are eligible to race. Races will be open to yachts from the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia and guest yachts. All will be eligible to win the daily prizes, but only CYC yachts will be eligible to win the CYC Perpetual Trophies. Perpetual trophies are awarded to those yachts that register for both the Spring Cruise Series and Fall Cruise Series and receive a score for the scheduled races. In the event the Race Committee must abandon **all** racing in either Cruise, then the perpetual trophies **will not** be awarded for that year.

SCHEDULE OF RACES - The schedule of races is found in the General Orders issued for the particular cruise.

CLASSES - There will be three classes: A, B, and C which shall race in a single headsail class without spinnakers in accordance with PHRF of the Chesapeake Specification 16, Non-spinnaker Limitations that can be found at www.phrfchesbay.com. Yachts racing in the Spring Cruise Series will be placed in the same class in the Fall Cruise Series.

TROPHIES - Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Class for the Saturday and Sunday races. A single trophy will be awarded to the winner of Friday's Fun Race.

COURSES and MARKS - Courses and marks for each race are described on the Course Sheet, which is an integral part of these Sailing Instructions, and which will be distributed at the Captains Meeting or can be obtained from the Race Committee before the harbor start.

The Course Sheet will assign numbers to one or more courses each day. The Race Committee Boat will designate the course to be sailed by each class by flying numeral pennants from a hoist. The topmost numeral pennant will indicate the course for Class A, the next pennant down the course for Class B, and the last will indicate the course for Class C.

THE START - The starting line will be between a mark designated by the Course Sheet(s) and a white flag displayed on the Race Committee Boat.

All Races will be started under **RRS Rule 26**

Class A will start first, Class B second and Class C third.

The Warning signal will be a Yellow shape for Class A, a Blue shape for Class B and a Red Shape for Class C. The Preparatory signal will be the P flag.

ALTERNATE STARTING SYSTEM – The Race Committee may choose to employ the Pro-Start Electronic Timer System used for Wednesday night racing. The Pro-Start has one *long* sound upon removal of the preparatory signal. The choice of starting system will be announced at the Captains' meeting.

RRS Rule 26 is modified whereas the removal of the Preparatory flag, at one minute to start, may be one sound signal, which replaces one long sound signal.

All classes will have approximately a one minute sequence attention signal prior to their Warning signal. This signal will be made with a fog horn with four or more short blasts. One sound signal will be made as each shape or flag is hoisted.

Time shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

At the start, yachts whose preparatory signal has not been sounded are requested to keep well clear of the starting line so that classes starting will not be impeded during their sequence.

INDIVIDUAL RECALL - Rule 29.1 The Race Committee may attempt to notify premature starters by announcing their sail numbers on the VHF working channel following the display of Flag X with one sound. Failure of the Race Committee to hail any yacht, failure to hail all yachts, or failure to correctly hail any yacht is not grounds for redress.

GENERAL RECALL - Rule 29.2, the Warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall

be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound) and the start sequence for any succeeding classes shall follow the recalled start.

THE FINISH - The finishing line will be between the finish mark and a white flag displayed on the Race Committee Boat or a substitute yacht. The Race Committee Boat or substitute yacht will display a blue shape or flag to indicate that she is anchored on station at the finish line. If the Race Committee Boat is not on station at the finish, each yacht shall take her own time when 90° abeam of finish mark sailing a direct course from the prior mark and shall communicate her finish time to the Race Committee as soon as possible by radio or hail and by written confirmation to the Race Committee as soon as practicable.

TIME LIMIT -The time limit for qualifying a race for a given class will be **1600** hours on Saturday and **1500** hours on Sunday. At least one yacht in a class must finish the race within the time limit for there to be a qualifying race for that class.

SPECIAL SIGNAL - When displayed by the Committee Boat: Flags "T" over "X" with two sounds means "Monitor VHF radio"

RATING - All 2012 classes will race under the PHRF of the Chesapeake handicapping system and a copy of the 2012 Valid Certificate for each entry must be submitted to the Race Committee prior to the Captains Meeting.

Yachts for which a 2012 Valid Certificate has not been submitted shall be assigned a rating determined by the Race Committee from the PHRF of the Chesapeake rating list or other sources at the discretion of the Race Committee, minus a penalty of five (5) seconds per mile. Chartered yachts will be exempted from this penalty in the event the chartered yacht does not have a 2012 Valid Certificate. However, captains of chartered yachts must furnish the make, dimensions, rig, draft and Sail number, or other distinguishing markings, in order to be given a rating.

ELECTRONIC AIDS TO NAVIGATION - Radar may not be used by a yacht at any time after the Preparatory Signal of her class until she has finished the race and cleared the finish line or until she has withdrawn from the race. LORAN and GPS may be used.

RETIREMENT - A yacht which retires or withdraws from a race shall notify the Race Committee Boat of that action as soon as possible, in person, by VHF radio, or by cell phone (see below). If a yacht cannot reach the Race Committee Boat she shall communicate with the Safety Officer, the fleet Communications Yacht or another yacht in the fleet, and ask that her message be relayed to the Race Committee Boat.

PROTESTS - Rule 61 is amended to require that notice of intent to protest and the number of the protested boat **MUST** be given to the Race Committee promptly after the protesting boat finishes by hail, acknowledged by the Committee.

Rule 61.3 is modified in that protests shall be delivered in writing to the Race Committee within

two hours after the protesting yacht finishes.

PENALTIES - The Two Turns Penalty, **Rule 44.1** and **44.2**, will apply. **Rule 44.3**, Scoring Penalty, will not apply.

SCORING - The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the Rules will apply. Appendix A2 of the Rules, Series Score, is modified in that all races from both the Spring Cruise Series and the Fall Cruise Series shall count when computing a yacht's total score for the annual trophies.

The High Point system will be used for the Thomas Point Light Trophy.

QUESTIONS - Any questions must be addressed to the Race Committee prior to, or at, the Captains Meeting. The Race Committee may not entertain questions and requests on the radio during the race unless there is an emergency. Yachts may inquire regarding general announcements such as shortening of course.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia 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.

COMMUNICATION - It is requested that boats that wish to communicate with the Race Committee do so via VHF radio, in person or by cellular phone (Race Committee Chairman Richard Berlinger at 215-460-3111; Angus Robertson at 610-764-9092).

RADIO - All yachts must be equipped with a VHF radio. Unless otherwise announced by the Race Committee, the normal working channel for communications among the fleet will be VHF channel 72. Be advised that the Race Committee may announce a change of the working channel at the Captain's Meeting.