



2012 IDEAL 18 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

September 28 - 30, 2012

Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich, Connecticut

Organizing Authority

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the **rules** as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)*.

1.2 All of the prescriptions of US Sailing will apply.

1.3 Racing rules 40, 44.1, the Preamble to Part 4, and Part 5 will be changed as follows: life jackets will be worn by all competitors at all times while afloat; the Two-Turns Penalty will be replaced by the One-Turn Penalty; and Part 5 will be amended to provide for arbitration of Part 2 protests. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. Also see NOR 10 (Time Limits) below. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.4 As permitted by RRS 87, rules 4.6 and 13.4 of the Ideal 18 Class Rules are changed as follows: the hull surface below the top waterline stripe shall have an anti-fouling bottom paint or coating; and, boats shall be raced by two persons. The Ideal 18 Class Association has approved these two class rules changes. The Organizing Authority may require that boats be inspected to ensure compliance with the bottom paint requirement.

1.5 The equipment required to be aboard each boat while racing is listed in Ideal 18 Class Rule 10, and includes PFD's, a separate throwable PFD with whistle, anchor & anchor line, bucket, pump, and paddle. The Organizing Authority may require that boats be inspected to ensure compliance with on-board equipment requirements.

1.6 Bow numbers will be distributed to each boat during check-in, and must be applied to both sides of the bow in the manner to be specified in the sailing instructions.

2. Advertising

2.1 Competitor advertising on boats will not be permitted.

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. Eligibility, Entry & Fees

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Ideal 18 Class, subject to the rules stated in this notice of race.

3.2 There are no class membership or boat ownership requirements for this regatta.

3.3 Eligible boats shall enter by registering on-line at www.indianharboryc.com (go to the Regattas tab, and then to the event name); or at www.yachtscoring.com. *Faxed entries cannot be accepted*. Payment of the required entry fee should also be made on-line when registering.

3.4 An early bird special entry fee of \$125 per boat will be available only through August 22, 2012. Thereafter, and through September 19, 2012, the entry fee shall be \$150 per boat.

3.5 After September 19, 2012, late entries will be accepted on-line as well as at the regatta's on-site check-in and late registration table upon payment of the entry fee of \$150 plus a \$50 late fee; total \$200.

3.6 The entry fee includes continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday, two dinner tickets for the Saturday evening event, and after-race refreshments. Additional tickets for the event dinner are \$25 each.

4. Schedule of Events

Friday, September 28

1700-2000 Check-In* & Late Registration

Saturday, September 29

0800-0930 Check-in* & Late Registration

0930 Competitors' Meeting

1000 Harbor Start

All boats must be afloat by 1000

1055 First Warning

1830 Event Dinner

Sunday, September 30

0900 Harbor Start

0955 First Warning

1430 No warning signal after this time

Awards will be presented shortly after racing ends

* **Note:** All skippers & crews must check-in for the regatta in person. No exceptions.

5. Schedule of Races

The first warning for each day is noted in the Schedule of Events. Multiple races will be run each day. On Sunday, September 30th, no warning signal will be made after 1430.

6. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available at the regatta on-site check-in, and on-line at www.indianharboryc.com (go to the Regattas tab, and then to the event name); and also at www.yachtscoring.com.

7. Venue

There will be two racing areas off Greenwich, Connecticut: within the waters of Captain Harbor, and in Long Island Sound south of the Captain Islands.

8. Courses

The courses to be sailed will be predominantly windward-leeward courses with an offset mark near the windward mark, or windward-leeward-windward. Triangle & modified Olympic courses may also be used. Courses may be sailed once, twice, or three times around. A leeward gate may be used. All courses will be described in detail in the sailing instructions.

9. Penalty System & Protests

9.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

9.2 RRS Part 5 is changed so that Part 2 protests will be arbitrated.

10. Time Limits

10.1 The time limit for each race will be seventy-five minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish.

10.2 A boat not finishing within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF-TLE (Did Not Finish – Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This modifies RRS 35, A4 and A5.

11. Scoring

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used.

11.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute the series.

11.3 (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score subject to RRS 90.3(b).

11.4 Boats scored DNF-TLE will receive as a race score points equal to two places more than the last boat that finishes within time, but not worse than DNF.

12. Radio Communications

12.1 Boats are permitted to have a VHF radio aboard. However, only general regatta information may be made available by the Race Committee; and specifically, boats that are OCS will not be announced over VHF radio.

12.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones and mobile phones.

13. Support Boats

Contestants having support boats should make themselves known to the Organizing Authority during the check-in process. The sailing instructions will provide detailed information concerning the conduct of all support boats.

14. A. Trailer Storage

For boats arriving at Indian Harbor YC for the regatta by trailer, drivers will be directed by check-in personnel as to where the trailers will be stored nearby but off-premises during the regatta.

14. B. Haul-Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

15. Diving Equipment & Plastic Pools

Underwater breathing apparatus including snorkels and plastic pools, or their equivalents, shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal for the first race on Saturday, September 29, 2012 and the end of the regatta.

16. Prizes

The *Ideal 18 North American Championship Regatta Trophy*, a perpetual trophy, will be awarded to the winner of the regatta. In addition, prizes will be awarded to at least the 1st through 3rd place finishers. Additional prizes may be awarded. Prizes will be presented after the conclusion of racing on Sunday, September 30, 2012.

17. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to request proof of insurance from any entrant's boat owner.

18. Safety & Disclaimer

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely on their own responsibility. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the Organizing Authority the Indian Harbor Yacht Club, its officers, trustees, committee members, and employees, and the Race Committee, Protest Committee, race course assistants, and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, including fatality, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19. Further Information

For further information, including charter boat availability, and any questions, please contact:

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