

# MANHASSET BAY YACHT CLUB FALL SERIES

October 13-14, 2012 at 1055 local time October 20-21, 2012 at 1055 local time

# Sailing Instructions Inshore Circle – Start Inside Manhasset Bay

# 1. RULES

The race shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including US SAILING prescriptions and the respective One Design Class Rules.

# 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS; CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notices to competitors and changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official Fall Series bulletin board at Manhasset Bay Yacht Club by 0930 each race day. Notices and changes will be available on web site (www.manhassetbayyc.org).

# 3. RACE CIRCLES – VHF CHANNELS

The entrants will be assigned a race circle on the scratch sheets. The RC will communicate on VHF 72 on the Inshore Circle.

### Competitors shall monitor VHF channels 13 & 16 for commercial traffic.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the **MBJYC** on the flagpole. If a shore postponement is signalled, the warning signal will be made no earlier than 40 minutes after the AP is lowered. This changes race signals AP.

### 5. STARTING TIMES/ SYSTEM AND NUMBER OF RACES

### 5.1 STARTING TIMES/SYSTEM

Starts will be signaled in accordance with RRS 26. Class flags will be the class number assigned as follows: Numeral 1 pennant – Melges 24 Class Numeral 2 pennant – Sonar Class

The first warning will be signaled at 1055 local time.

No boat shall start later than four (4) minutes after the starting signal. This changes RRS 63.1.

### 5.2 NUMBER OF RACES

One race will constitute a series. Multiple races per day may be sailed. The Race Committee will signal their intent for subsequent races verbally

### .6. RACING AREA

The racing area will be the waters of Manhasset Bay and Western Long Island Sound west of or in the vicinity of Execution Rocks Light.

### 7. COURSES AND MARK DESCRIPTIONS

Marks may be Government Marks, Cow Bay Racing Association marks, or drop marks set by the race committee. Marks will be displayed by letter designation and rounding direction from a notice board aboard the signal boat in the sequential order that they are to be rounded or passed. A description and chart of marks are shown on the last page.

### PLEASE NOTE THE COURSE RESTRICTIONS ON CHART PAGE.

# 8. STARTS

The starting area will be within Manhasset Bay. The signal boat will fly a Race Committee flag and a Manhasset Bay Yacht Club burgee. The starting line will be set between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a pin displaying an orange flag.

The RC will hail OCS numbers via VHF 72, and no redress will be granted in regard to the order, timeliness or other aspects of OCS hails. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1.

Any keep-away buoys attached to the signal/finish boats are deemed to be part of those boats.

# 9. FINISH

The starting line will be set between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a pin displaying an orange flag.

### **10. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the first boat in each class will be 90 (ninety) minutes. Boats failing to finish within the time limit or within 15 minutes after the first boat in that class finishes, will be scored "TLE – Time Limit Expired." This changes RRS 35.

### 11. WITHDRAWAL OR ABANDONMENT BY A BOAT

Any boat withdrawing before the start or retiring from the race for any reason shall, at the earliest possible moment, notify their Fleet's race committee either directly by VHF Channel 72, or contact the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club by telephone (516) 767-2150.

### **12. PROTESTS**

### 12.1 LODGING PROTESTS/PROTEST TIME LIMIT

Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS 61 which is modified as follows: A boat initiating a protest against another boat shall display a red flag from its backstay or equivalent position. The protesting boat shall notify their race committee after finishing on VHF Channel 72 of its intent to protest. The Race Committee will broadcast a summary of reported protests, alternative penalties, and after the last race of the day, the protest time limit for each fleet for that day. Broadcasts will start when appropriate for each race and will be repeated until each protest has been broadcast twice.

A written protest shall be filed with the Front Desk at the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club office no later than two hours after the last finish in that fleet that day. Parties to a protest shall report to the Front Desk on arrival.

#### 12.2 PROTEST HEARINGS

Protest hearings will be held at Manhasset Bay Yacht Club as soon as possible after each race day. A protest against a boat whose representative has not announced his intention to appear at the hearing by reporting to the Jury Secretary in person or by telephone (516) 767-2150 within one hour of the filing of the protest may be heard without representation from the protested boat as provided in RRS 63.3(b).

#### **13. ARBITRATION**

- 13.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing shall be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B. After the written protest form is properly lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed. Unresolved arbitration will be passed along to the protest committee. A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will be scored as designated in paragraph 14 (Scoring).
- 13.2 The arbitrator is neither the race committee nor the protest committee; therefore, the opinions of the arbitrator and the decisions made during arbitration cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed.

### 14. SCORING

A low point scoring system RRS Appendix A will be used, with a boat's worst score discarded if five or more races are completed, and with the following changes:

OCS & RAF . . number of class starters in that race plus 1 point

DNF& TLE . . number of class finishers in that race plus 2 point

A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will receive a penalty score of 40% of the number of boats entered in the class (rounding 0.5 upward) added to her finishing position, except that she will not be scored worse than DSQ. The scores of other boats will not be changed.

### 15. RADIO/TELEPHONE/INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing not publicly available to all boats. *Competitors shall not use mobile telephones or internet capable devices until they are no longer racing.* 

# 16. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the top placing boats for each class for the series.

All prizes will be awarded on the MBYC Lower Terrace on Sunday, October 23, at approximately 1730.

### **17. SAILOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

By participating in this event, a sailor acknowledges that sailboat racing involves danger of severe personal injury. Each participant acknowledges that he or she is solely responsible for his or her own safety and that of the crew and boat. By participating, he or she represents that the boat and its equipment are in sound condition, that all required safety equipment is aboard, accessible for use and in operable condition, and that the decision to race, not to race, or to withdraw after starting is solely his or hers (see RRS 4). The owner, skipper and each crew member by participating in this event, waives and releases claims for bodily injury, death and property damage (including claims arising from negligence or lack of due care) which he or she may have, now or in the future, against Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, the YRA of LIS, and their respective officers, trustees, committees, members, employees and agents arising our of participation in this event.

Manhasset Bay Yacht Club	Daniel E. Brown, Commodore
Regatta Chair	Greg Danilek
Event Chair	Greg Danilek & Susan R. Miller
Principal Race Officer	John Mooney

Participants are cautioned to extend the right-of-way to commercial vessels making a passage through the racing areas.

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