



**Milford Yacht Club**  
**2011 Independence Day Regatta – Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Sailing Instructions**  
131 Trumbull Ave. Milford, CT 06460

**1. Rules**

The race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing, except as amended by the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

**2. Entries**

- 2.1 This is a limited local regatta. Only yachts owned or operated by members of either Milford Yacht Club or Windjammers Sailing Club, are eligible. Skippers may register by submitting an Entry Form to Milford Yacht Club, the race organizing authority. The Entry Form can be found online at the Milford Yacht Club web site under Racing. Yachts must have self-bailing cockpits, fixed berths, galley facilities and the ability to be self-supporting for a weekend cruise. In addition, yachts must have a valid PHRF certificate.
- 2.2 The MYC Sailing foundation's J/22's will be granted an exception to rule 2.1. They will race with the other boats, but will not be scored unless 3 or more J/22's race, in which case, they will be scored in their own one design class.

**3. Changes to Sailing Instructions and Notices To Competitors**

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board outside the MYC Dockmaster's Office by 0900 the day of the race.
- 3.2 Notices to competitors, if any, will be distributed by the Race Committee via VHF ch 72. The Race Committee will also monitor this channel throughout the race.

**4. Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole behind the clubhouse at Milford Yacht Club.
- 4.2 Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two horns means "the race is postponed; do not leave the harbor area." The first warning signal will be made no less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

**5. Schedule of Race**

Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 with First Warning no earlier than 1210. The Star boats will be racing on the same course and will be getting the first start.

**6. Classes and Class Flags**

The creation of Classes is at the discretion of the RC and will depend on participation. Class assignments, if any, will be posted on the notice board behind the Dock Office by 1100 and can be found on the Scratch Sheets. Class Flags are identified as follows:

- Class A - Red Flag (J/22's only)
- Class B - White Flag
- Class C - Blue Flag

**7. Racing Area**

All classes will rendezvous at the starting mark of the MYC Olympic Circle, (see Appendix A for chart and details).



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**8. Courses and Marks**

- 8.1 The Marks used are a combination of government navigational aids and MYC spars as described in Appendix A of these SI's. Marks are labeled A, B, C, D, E, F, W, P, L and N. The starting mark S, is in the center of the Olympic Circle.
- 8.2 Courses will be indicated by the Race Committee as a series of letters specified above.
- 8.3 There will not be a predetermined course diagram.
- 8.4 All of the above marks are to be left to port when rounding unless overridden by the Race Committee. When a mark letter on the Signal Boat posting board is circled, that mark is to be left to starboard when rounding.
- 8.5 Except when being rounded as a mark of the course, R"16" Charles Island Bell, R"2" Welches Point, and R"12" Pond Point shall be passed to seaward.
- 8.6 The Race Committee may designate a different course for one or more classes by posting the class letter(s) followed by the respective course.

**9. The Start**

- 9.1 Starting signals will be made in accordance with RRS Rule 26, with classes starting in alphabetical order. The starting sequence MAY or MAY NOT be a rolling sequence. It is up to the individual boats to watch for their Class Flag, which will designate the Warning Signal for that class.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between S, (an MYC Orange and White spar) and an Orange flag on the Signal boat.
- 9.3 Yachts NOT involved in a starting sequence shall keep clear of the starting area and those yachts preparing to start.

**10. Recalls**

- 10.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.2. In addition, the Race Committee may attempt to notify the infringing boat(s) via VHF channel 72. Failure to notify will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 10.2 When a general recall has been signaled, the start(s) for the succeeding class(es) will be postponed accordingly.

**11. Abandonment**

The Race Committee may abandon a race in progress when a change in weather conditions has, in its judgment, made the race an unsatisfactory test of skill.

**12 The Finish**

The finish line shall be between the last mark signaled (or last mark for a shortened course) and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat.

**13. Penalties**

Penalty Turns will be 360 degrees. This changes RRS Rule 44.1.

**14. Time Limit**

The Time Limit for each class will be 3 hours for the first boat to finish. For each class, boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.



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**15. Protests**

- 15.1 A yacht shall hail the Race Committee boat at the finishing line of its intent to protest and identify the protested yacht at the first opportunity after finishing or withdrawing.
- 15.2 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Committee.
- 15.3 Protests must be delivered to the Race Committee at the Milford Yacht Club within 30 minutes after the Race Committee docks. Protest Time will be posted on the Notice Board.
- 15.4 RRS 62.2 and 66 are changed to provide that requests for redress and requests to reopen a hearing must be delivered within 1/2 hour of the time final results have been posted.
- 15.5 Notice of Protest by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee will be posted on the Notice Board to inform boats in compliance with RRS 61.1(b).

**16. Withdrawal**

A yacht that retires from the race is asked to notify the Race Committee (Ch 72), or if that is not possible, the dock crew at the Milford Yacht Club (Ch 68).

**17. Scoring**

- 17.1 Boats will be scored using the Low Point method in accordance with RRS Appendix A.
- 17.2 Corrected finish order will be computed using the Time on Time Method with a B factor relative to average conditions of the day.

**18. Awards**

- 18.1 This race is part of a Holiday Series, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day. The results of all three regattas will be combined with competitors being given one throw out. Awards will be given to the top three overall finishers in each class.
- 18.2 Awards will be presented at the annual MYC Fleet Banquet. The date is TBA.



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	S	A	B	H	C	D	E	F	W	P	L	N
S	170	213	256	259	291	317	330	350	33	79	124	
A	350	282	276	305	320	332	338	350	358	34	96	
B	33	102	274	326	342	352	357	11	33	56	75	
H	76	96	94		75	60	52	48	57	65	77	88
C	79	125	146	255		4	10	13	34	56	79	101
D	111	140	162	240	184		16	19	50	72	96	118
E	137	182	172	232	180	196		23	78	90	100	131
F	150	158	177	228	183	199	203		113	106	111	140
W	170	170	191	237	213	230	258	293		102	126	147
P	213	176	213	245	236	252	270	286	282		147	168
L	259	214	236	257	259	275	290	302	305	327		191
N	304	236	256	268	281	298	311	320	327	348	11	

**List of Marks**

A IRC Spar Orange & white  
 B IRC Spar Orange & white  
 C IRC Spar Orange & white  
 D Buoy "12"  
 E Can "1"  
 W Buoy "7"  
 P Buoy "12"

L IRC Spar Orange & white  
 N IRC Spar Orange & white  
 S IRC Spar Orange & white

**Common Signals**

"AP" Answering Pendant (red & white stripes) Postponement  
 "S" (blue square on white) Shorten Course  
 "N" (blue & white checked) Abandonment  
 "X" (blue cross on white) and one sound is individual recall  
 "C" (red, white and blue horizontal stripes) Chance course  
 "Y" (yellow & blue pennant) General Recall  
 "L" (topposting yellow & black squares) Additional race

## APPENDIX A