



# Milford Yacht Club

## 2011 Labor Day Regatta – Sunday, September 4<sup>th</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.
- 2.2 All entries must be either a J/22 or a PHRF yacht.
- 2.3 The J/22 class will get it's own start. The MYC Sailing Foundation's J/22's are available on a first come, first served basis. Contact Fleet Captain, Mark Laser for details: mark\_laser@yahoo.com.
- 2.4 The PHRF fleet will be non-spinnaker and will have it's own start. In order to be scored, PHRF vessels must be equipped with self-bailing cockpits, fixed berths, galley facilities, have the ability to be self-supporting for a weekend cruise, and have valid PHRF certificates.

#### 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, September 4th, 2011 with First Warning for the J/22's, no earlier than 1210. The PHRF fleet will start after the J/22's. The RC will also be running a Star regatta on the same course. The scheduled first warning for the Stars will be no earlier than 1200.

#### 6. Classes and Class Flags

Class Flags are identified as follows:

- Class A - Stars - Red Flag
- Class B - J/22's - White Flag
- Class C - PHRF non-spinnaker - Blue Flag

The creation of additional Classes is at the discretion of the RC and will depend on participation. Delays caused by Hurricane Irene may make it impossible to produce scratch sheets. If scratch sheets are available, they will be distributed by the RC.

#### 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, MYC spars as described in Appendix A of these SI's and large inflatables. 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.
- 8.7 **Due to Hurricane Irene, some of the MYC Spars may have moved or be lost. Every effort has been made to reposition the marks in their proper locations. Lost orange / white Spars will be replaced with large Inflatable Marks. Shifting Mark positions will not be permitted as grounds for requests for redress.**

**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 The J/22's will be separately scored as a one design fleet with a Low Point method.
- 17.2 The corrected finish order for the PHRF fleet will be computed using the Time on Time Method with a B factor relative to average conditions of the day and then will be scored using the Low Point method in accordance with RRS Appendix A.

**18. Awards**

- 18.1 For the PHRF Fleet, this race is part of a Holiday Series, Memorial Day, Independence Day 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.
- 18.2 Awards for this first MYC One-Design J/22 regatta will be given to the top three overall finishers.
- 18.3 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	56	
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	95	118
E	137	152	172	232	190	196		23	78	90	110	131
F	150	158	177	228	193	199	203		113	106	111	140
W	170	170	191	237	213	230	258	293		102	125	147
P	213	178	213	245	236	252	270	286	282		147	188
L	259	214	236	257	259	275	290	302	305	327		191
N	304	236	258	268	281	298	311	320	327	348	11	

**List of Marks**

A	MYC Spar	Orange & White	L	MYC Spar	Orange & White
B	MYC Spar	Orange & White	N	MYC Spar	Orange & White
C	MYC Spar	Orange & White	S	MYC Spar	Orange & White
D	Ball "16"				
E	Can "4"				
W	Can "2"				
P	Mun "12"				

**Common Signals**

"A" Answering Pennant - [red & white stripes] Postponement  
 "S" [blue square on white] Shorten Course  
 "N" [blue & white checkered] Abandonment  
 "X" [blue cross on white] and one sound is individual recall  
 "C" [red, white and blue horizontal stripes] Chance course  
 "First Substitute" [yellow & blue pennant] General Recall  
 "L" [opposing yellow & black squares] Additional race