



Milford Yacht Club

Last Chance Regatta

Saturday, September 24, 2011

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, the 2010 Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association Rules and the current PHRF regulations as administered by PHRF-ECSA (except as any of these that are altered by these sailing instructions).

2. Entries

Eligible yachts may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority.

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 9:00 AM the day of the race.

3.2 The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 72 throughout the race.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole behind the back deck at the 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

Saturday, September 24, 2011. First Warning: 12:00 PM.

6. Class Flags

Class flags will be as follows:

Class	Class Flag
Class A	Red
Class B	White
Class C	Blue
Class D	Green

7. Starting Area

In the vicinity of Charles Island, Milford.

8. Courses and Marks

8.1 Course diagrams are found on page 3 of these instructions. The Marks used will be either government navigational aids, bright inflatable buoys or a combination of the two. Marks will be indicated by the letter designations as follows:

- S - Starting Mark, (inflatable buoy)
- X - C "1", Middle Ground
- M - Middle Ground Light
- R - N "18", Point No Point
- D - R "16", Charles Island Bell
- E - C "1", can East of Charles Island
- Y - RW "NH", New Haven Whistle
- H - G "1", Housatonic River
- T - R "10A", Townsend Ledge Gong
- P - N "12", Pond Point
- N - R "4", Milford Harbor Entrance
- W - R "2", Welches Point
- Z - West Breakwater, New Haven
- A - Special Mark (inflatable buoy). The Race Committee will display numbers to signal the approximate compass bearing and distance in nautical miles to "A" from the Starting Mark.

8.2 If Course 1 or 2 on page 3 is used, the course will be signaled as in the following example:

AB	Class(es)
2	Course Number
2	Number of complete circuits
180	Bearing to Mark "A"
1.5	Distance to Mark "A"

8.3 If Course 1 on page 3 is used, Mark 2 will be positioned approximately 1.0 nm to leeward of the Start/Finish Line.

8.4 Other courses may be designated using letters (read left to right) indicating the marks of the course and the order in which they are to be rounded, as in the following example:

AB	Class(es)
W A S	Marks and order of rounding
1	Number of complete circuits
210	Bearing to Mark "A"
1.5	Distance to Mark "A"

8.5 Marks are to be rounded to Port, except those whose letter designation is circled on the course board which should be rounded to Starboard.

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 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.

9. The Start

9.1 Starting signals will be made in accordance with RRS Rule 26. The starting sequence **MAY** or **MAY NOT** be a rolling sequence

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the Starting Mark (S).

9.3 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10. Recalls

10.1 Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.2. As a courtesy, the Race Committee may attempt to notify infringing boat(s) via VHF channel 72. Failure to notify will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

10.2 When a general recall has been signaled, the start(s) for the succeeding class(es) will follow the new start for the recalled class.

11. The Finish

The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark.

12. Time Limit

The Time Limit for each class will be 5 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.

13. Protests

13.1 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.

13.2 Protests shall be written on US Sailing Protest forms available from the Race Committee.

13.3 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.

13.4 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).

13.5 RRS 62.2 and 66 are changed to provide that requests for redress and requests to reopen a hearing must be delivered within ½ hour of the time final results have been posted.

14. Withdrawal

A yacht which 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.

15. Scoring

Corrected finish order will be computed using the Time on Time Method with a B factor relative to average conditions of the day.

16. Awards

16.1 Awards will be presented at the annual Windjammers Sailing Club's Awards Dinner in December.

16.2 Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each class.

