



**Housatonic Boat Club ~ Milford Yacht Club ~ Windjammers Sailing Club**  
**Columbus Day Regatta ~ Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
*First Warning: 1200 hrs*  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. Rules**

Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020; the prescriptions of US Sailing (USS); the current PHRF regulations as administered by PHRF-ECSA; and the rules of any class boats racing, except as any of those are altered by these sailing instructions.

**2. 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 (MYC), 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.

**3. Changes to Sailing Instructions, Scratch Sheets & Notices to Competitors**

**3.1** Notices to competitors and changes in the NOR or Sailing Instructions, if any, will be posted by **930** on the day of the race outside the MYC Dock Office, accompanied by the display of Flag "L" ashore on the Race Committee boat at the MYC dock.

**3.2** Boats should monitor VHF ch 72 for announcements made by the Race Committee. Scratch sheets and Sailing Instructions may be available in advance at the MYC website, and will be available from the Race Committee boat while docked at Milford Yacht Club and from the Race Committee boat afloat before the first warning.

**4. Signals Made Ashore**

**4.12** If and only if Pennant "AP" is displayed ashore with two sound signals, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' and the first warning will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered with a sound signal. This change does not apply to "AP" displayed on the Race Committee boat afloat.

**5. Schedule of Races**

The first warning will be at 1200 hrs EDT. Up to two races may be sailed. If the Race Committee intends to start a second race, it will display a Second Substitute pennant while boats are finishing the first race.

**6. Class Flags**

**6.1** Class flags will be:  
 Class 1 ..... Red  
 Class 2 ..... Blue  
 Class 3 ..... White

**7. Starting Area & Check in**

**7.1** The starting area will be in the general vicinity of Charles Island.

**7.2** Boats should check in by passing in close proximity to the Race Committee boat after it has anchored, with mainsails raised, and hail their sail numbers until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

**8. The Courses**

**8.1** Courses will be signaled by the Race Committee boat before the starting sequence for each class using a white-board, and will consist of the class designation followed, in order of rounding, by any of the mark letters described in section 8.2. Unless the race is shortened, the finish will be at the last mark signaled. The number 2 or 3 following the mark letters means the course is to be sailed 2 or 3 times around.

**8.2** All marks shall be rounded or left to port, except that if a mark letter is circled on the course board, that mark shall be rounded or left to starboard.

**8.3** The approximate compass bearing and distance from the start to Mark "A," if used, will be displayed on the course whiteboard.

**8.4** Except when being rounded as a mark of the course, Charles Island Lighted Bell Buoy "16," Welches Point Nun "2," and Pond Point Shoal Nun "12" shall be passed to seaward.

**9. Marks**

- S** - Starting Mark
- A** - Special Mark (inflatable orange or yellow buoy)
- D** - Charles Island Lighted Buoy "16" FI R 4s (LL Nr 21225)
- E** - Charles Island Can "1" (LL Nr 24300)
- G** - Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light FI W 5s (LL Nr 21260)
- H** - Housatonic River Entrance Channel Lighted Bell Buoy "1" FI G 2.5s (LL Nr 24355)
- K** - Racing mark located about 1150 yards due east of Charles Island, at 41° 11.452' N - 073° 02.347' W
- N** - Milford Harbor Channel Lighted Buoy "4" FI R 4s (LL Nr 24305)
- P** - Pond Point Shoal Nun "12" (LL Nr 21220)
- R** - Stratford Point Lighted Bell Buoy "18" FI R 4s (South of Point No Point) (LL Nr 21245)
- T** - Townshend Ledge Lighted Bell Buoy "10A" FI R 4s (LL Nr 21190)
- W** - Welches Point Nun "2" (LL Nr 24295)
- X** - Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Can "1" (LL Nr 21250)
- Y** - New Haven Harbor Lighted Whistle Buoy "NH" MO(A) W (red & white stripes) (LL Nr 21205)
- Z** - New Haven West Breakwater – breakwater west end marker is: Light "2" FI R 6s (LL Nr 24080); east end marker is: New Haven Light FI W 4s (LL Nr 24075)

## 10. The Start

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 Classes may be started in any order.

10.3 Prior to first warning, class starts may be combined, by hoisting together the class flags of those classes that are combined.

10.4 The starting sequence may or may not be a rolling sequence.

10.5 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark "S" (the pin end).

10.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other races.

10.7 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

10.8 The sail numbers of boats that are OCS, or still in breach of RRS 29.1 or 30.1, if applicable, **may** be announced by the Race Committee, by hail or on VHF ch 72. This adds to RRS rule 29.1.

10.9 Sail numbers of OCS boats will not be announced until they have been verified by the Race Committee, and the broadcast or hail may not be immediate, if at all. Neither the failure of the RC to hail or broadcast nor the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress.

## 11. The Finish

11.1 The finish line will be at the last mark signaled and the staff on the RC or mark boat displaying the orange flag.

11.2 The Race Committee boat on the start and finish line is a "mark" and may have a standoff buoy attached to its stern. A standoff buoy and its attachment line are a part of the "mark". Boats may not pass between the Race Committee boat and the standoff buoy.

11.3 A boat that withdraws from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible, via hail, via VHF ch 72, or as a last resort to the dock crew at Milford Yacht Club ch 68.

## 12. Penalty System

Per RRS rule 44

## 13. Time Limit

The time limit for each class will be four hours for the first boat to finish. For each class, boats failing to finish within 90 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes RRS rule 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 14. Protests and Requests for Redress

14.1 At its' first opportunity after finishing or withdrawing, a boat shall notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest another boat, and provide the sail number of the boat to be protested, and receive confirmation verbally or via VHF ch 72 of its intention to file a protest. This adds to RRS rule 61.

14.2 Protests shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Race Committee at MYC within 30 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks. The docking time and protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the MYC Dock Office.

14.3 Notices will be posted as soon as possible before or after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted within the time limit to inform boats of protests under RRS rule 61.1(b).

14.4 Requests for redress and requests to reopen a hearing must be delivered to a Race Committee member within 30 minutes after hearing results or regatta scoring results have been posted. This modifies RRS rule 62.2 & 66.

## 15. Scoring

15.1 Races will be scored and corrected times determined using a PHRF-based "time-on-time" system. If a class has 2 races, Low Point Scoring RRS A4 will determine places for the class, and both races shall count.

15.2 Race results will be posted on-line on the MYC website as soon as possible after the race.

15.3 Results may be announced at the post-race get-together at Milford Yacht Club, Milford, CT. All competitors are invited.

15.4 Awards will be presented at the annual Windjammers Sailing Club Awards Dinner.