



# STAMFORD YACHT CLUB Double-Handed Regatta May 31st - June 1st

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, except as may be altered by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Wind vanes and/or auto pilots may be used during racing. This modifies rule 42.
- 1.3. Non-spinnaker class boats shall sail with a main and jib only. A jib is defined as a headsail with the entire luff of the sail attached along the headstay. Reaching struts/whisker poles may be used with one end attached to the mast.
- 1.4. All entrants must comply with the Minimum Equipment & Safety Recommendations of the YRA - Category C, and all shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 05.

### 2. Notice to Competitors / Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Notices or changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event page on [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com).
- 2.2. After May 30th, and prior to the first signal of the day in which they take effect, changes to the Sailing Instructions will be provided and/or announced by the Race Committee over VHF Channel 05.
- 2.3. Changes to the schedule will be posted by 2000 the evening before they take effect.

### 3. Schedule of Races

Saturday, May 31st	1000 - Harbor Start 1100 - First Signal 1730 - Social Event (Barbeque)
Sunday, June 1st	0900 - Harbor Start 0955 - First Signal

An awards presentation will be held after each day's racing.

#### 4. Class Flags

- 4.1. All boats shall display a numeral pennant corresponding to their class (i.e., numeral one) from the backstay at least five feet above the deck.

#### 5. Starting Area

- 5.1. The starting area will be approximately 1.2 nm SW of the Red Bell "32."

#### 6. Courses

- 6.1. The course for each class will be signaled using a "Course Board" displayed on the Signal Boat.
- 6.2. At or prior to the first Warning Signal of the day, the course for the first class will be displayed. The top row on the course board is the compass direction and distance to the first mark. The bottom row indicates the order of the marks to be rounded. It is the intention but not the obligation of the Race Committee to announce, via VHF Channel 05, that day's course.
- 6.3. Courses for each succeeding class, if they are to change, will be posted no later than the Preparatory Signal. This modifies rule 27.1.

#### 7. Marks

- 7.1. The marks of the course will be as designated on Attachment 1 "Mark Designations."
- 7.2. When "S" is a mark on the course, the Start/Finish Mark "S" and the Signal boat will serve as a gate. Upon returning from a signaled mark to "S," all boats must pass through the "gate" and proceed to the next signaled mark.
- 7.3. Regardless of what tack each are on, when two boats are approaching the gate from opposite directions, the one sailing downwind shall have the right of way. This modifies rules 10 and 11 under this situation only.
- 7.4. Except when passing through the gate (as defined in 7.2), all marks shall be rounded so that a boat's rhumbline course to the next mark does not cross the rhumbline course from the previous mark.
- 7.5. Before the start, or on the race course, when a temporary mark is being used as a mark of the course, the Race Committee shall display the distance and compass course to that mark from the previous mark.

#### 8. The Start

- 8.1. Races will be started in accordance with rule 26, with the following modification: 5 minutes before the first warning signal for the **first division only**, Code Flag "F" will be displayed with 1 sound signal; 1 minute before the warning signal, Code Flag "F" will be removed without sound.
- 8.2. The starting line shall be between a staff displaying a orange flag on the Signal boat and the Start/Finish Mark. Before the starting line is set, all boats shall stay clear of the starting area.

#### 9. Individual Recall

- 9.1. Rule 29.1 is hereby modified to allow that, in the event of an Individual Recall, the infringing boat(s) may be recalled by name or sail number, by loud hailer or over Channel 05.

## **10. The Finish**

- 10.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the Start/Finish Mark unless the course is shortened per rule 32.
- 10.2. The race may be shortened at any mark of the course. If the race is intended to be shortened for one division(s) and not others, the appropriate code flag(s) for those division(s) will be displayed under the "S" flag.
- 10.3. The Race Committee boat may be stationed on either side of a finishing mark. Boats shall finish in the direction of the rhumb line (bearing) from the last turning mark.

## **11. Retirement**

- 11.1. A boat retiring from a race must notify the Race Committee of her retirement, either by hail or VHF Channel 05.

## **12. Time Limit**

- 12.1. The time limit for any division's race will be five hours.
- 12.2. At the time limit, the Race Committee will announce the end of the day's racing.
- 12.3. Boats failing to finish by the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) and shall be given one point more than the number of finishers. This modifies rule 35.

## **13. Protests**

- 13.1. Immediately after finishing, either by hail or VHF Channel 05, protesting boats are required to inform the Race Committee of their intent to file a protest.
- 13.2. Protests shall be filed in writing and delivered to the Race Committee within 60 minutes of the Race Committee's arrival at the dock. The protest time limit can be confirmed by calling 203-561-2065. After the time limit has expired, no protests will be accepted.
- 13.3. To inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, notices will be posted at the post race reception within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. Hearings will be held at Stamford Yacht Club the day the protest was filed.

## **14. Scoring**

- 14.1. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4 will apply.
- 14.2. The PHRF W/L rating system will be used to calculate a boats corrected time.
- 14.2. One race is required to constitute a regatta.
- 14.3. Ties shall be broken in favor of the boat with the lowest accumulated corrected time for all races completed during the regatta. This modifies Appendix A7.

## **15. Prizes**

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded after each race day for all divisions.
- 15.2. First and second place for all classes will be given out Sunday after racing.

## **16. Sailor's Responsibility**

- 16.1. By participation in racing, a sailor acknowledges that he or she is solely responsible for his or her own safety and that of the crew and boat; that he or she represents that the boat and its equipment are in sound condition and all required safety equipment is aboard, accessible for use and in operable condition; that the decision to race, not to race or to withdraw after starting is solely his or hers; and he or she hereby releases to the fullest extent permitted by law the organizing authorities, their officers, trustees and all members of the Race Committee, whether or not members of the organizing authorities, from any and all liability or claims for personal injury or property damage resulting from participation in this event.

## **17. Social Event**

- 17.1. If you would like to bring a guest, one extra charge of \$20 per guest will be charged. Call (203) 561-2065 to make a reservation.

*For additional information, please contact:*

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## ATTACHMENT 1 - MARK DESIGNATIONS

**A** - Bell "1", Little Captains Island East Reef

**F** - Green Gong "11B"

**C** - Red Nun "34" Greenwich Point

**J** - Red Bell "32-A" Mid Channel Buoy

**E** - Red/Green Can "E" Eaton's Neck

**G** - Green Gong "1" Stamford Harbor

**H** - Red Bell "32" The Cows

**S** - Start / Finish Mark (inflatable mark)

**U** - *Leeward Inflatable Mark*

**I** - Red Bell "28-C" Cable & Anchor Reef

**L** - Green Gong "15" Lloyd Point

**W** - *Windward Mark*

**O** - Green Bell "17" Oyster Bay

**P** - Green Can "19" Oak Neck

# SYC Racing Chart

