



2014 IDEAL 18 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

September 26-28, 2014

Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich, Connecticut

Organizing Authority

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the **rules** as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 Except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing or equipment, all competitors shall wear, while on or near the water, a US Coast Guard approved PFD.

1.3 All boats shall have anti-fouling on all surfaces below the waterline. The Organizing Authority may require that boats be inspected to ensure compliance with the bottom paint requirement.

1.4 All boats shall be raced by two persons.

1.5 The equipment required to be aboard each boat while racing is listed in Ideal 18 Class Rule 10, and includes PFD's, a separate throwable PFD with whistle, anchor & anchor line, bucket, pump, and paddle. The Organizing Authority may require that boats be inspected ashore or during the on-water check-in each day to verify compliance with on-board equipment requirements.

1.6 Bow numbers will be distributed during check-in. They are to be applied to both sides of the bow with the leading edge of the forward number two inches aft of the stem with its' top two inches below the deck edge. The aft number shall then be applied one inch aft of the forward number and two inches below the deck edge. The Organizing Authority may supply event advertising material, with instructions for application to the hull.

1.7 Appendix T sections A, B and D will apply.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the main lobby of the clubhouse.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole on the south lawn of the Club House.

4.2 When pennant AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is

replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP

5. Schedule of Races

Friday, September 26

1700-2000

Check-In* & Late Registration

Saturday, September 27

0800-0930

Check-in* & Late Registration

0930

Competitors' Meeting

1000

All boats must be afloat by 1000

1055

First Warning

Sunday, September 28

0955

First Warning

1430

No warning signal after this time

Awards will be presented shortly after racing ends

* **Note:** All skippers & crews must check-in for the regatta in person.

6. Class Flag

The class flag will be numeral pennant 1.

7. Racing Areas

The racing area will be in Captain Harbor or on Long Island Sound south of the Captain Islands.

8. Courses

8.1 Two types of courses may be signaled by mark letter:

(a) **Wx** – Windward-Leeward with x designating the number of legs.

(b) **M** – Modified Olympic: Windward, leeward, windward, two reaching legs, and finish to windward.

8.2 All marks including an offset mark shall be rounded to port, except that a gate, when used, shall be rounded by sailing between them from the direction of the prior mark.

8.3 It is the intention of the race committee to use gate marks at the end of leeward legs. If a gate is replaced by a single mark, it shall be left to port.

8.4 The leeward mark/gate will be located approximately 50 yards to windward of the starting line.

8.5 No later than the warning signal, the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing and distance to the windward mark will be displayed on the course board on the bow of the Race Committee Signal Boat, using placards arranged vertically.

9. Marks

9.1 Marks will be yellow tetrahedrons except that the finish mark will be an orange tetrahedron.

9.2 The windward offset mark will be a brightly colored buoy.

9.3 New marks as provided in instruction 11.1 will be orange tetrahedrons.

10. The Start

10.1 Races shall be started in accordance with Rule 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the signal boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of a port end buoy.

10.3 Excepting after a General Recall, a series of short horn sounds may be made one minute before the warning signal. In addition, when a mechanical sound box is used, in the 20 seconds before the warning signal, there are several series of mechanically produced short count-down sounds.

10.4 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

11. Changing the Next Leg of the Course

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark or gate (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark (or marks) as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2 If the windward mark is changed, a new offset mark will not be set.

12. The Finish

12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a red flag at the starboard end of the line and the course of the port-end finishing mark.

12.2 For courses Wx where x is an odd number, and M, the finish line will be approximately 50 yards to windward of the last windward mark unless there is a change of course for the final leg.

12.3 If the race committee intends to start another race that day, it will display the Second Substitute pennant while boats are finishing.

13. Penalty System

13.1 Appendix T Section B Post-Race Penalties will apply whereby a boat may take a scoring penalty after a race in accordance with Section B if she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or 31 while racing.

13.2 Appendix T section D Arbitration will apply.

14. Time Limits & Target Times

14.1 The target time for each race will be 20 to 40 minutes.

14.2 The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish.

14.3 A boat not finishing within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This modifies RRS 35, A4.

15. Protests & Requests for Redress

15.1 At its' first opportunity after finishing or withdrawing from a race, 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. This adds to RRS 61.

15.2 Protest forms will be available at the Front Desk of the Club House. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be in writing and shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks. A long sound signal will indicate that protest time has begun. The docking time and protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

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

15.5 The time limit for requests for reopening or redress, based on a hearing or the scoring, is 30 minutes after a hearing decision or scoring results have been posted. This modifies RRS 62.2 & 66.

15.6 Breaches of SI's 1.5,1.6,15,18,19,21 and NOR's 12, 14.A,14.B, and 15 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This amends RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for breaches of these instructions may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for discretionary penalties imposed under this instruction will be DPI. Discretionary penalties are not discardable.

17. Scoring

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used.

17.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute the series.

17.3 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. A discard will be used when six or more races are completed.

17.4 Boats scored TLE will receive as a race score points equal to two places more than the last boat that finishes within the time limit, but not worse than DNF. This modifies A4.1.

18. Safety Regulations

18.1 Boats shall check in before the first race each day by passing close to the stern of the race committee signal boat after it has anchored, with mainsail raised, and hail their sail numbers until acknowledged.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race or for the day, or does not intend to start a race, shall notify any race committee boat as soon as possible.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21. Prizes

The *Ideal 18 North American Championship Regatta Trophy*, a perpetual trophy, will be awarded to the winner of the regatta. In addition, prizes will be awarded to at least the 1st through 5th place finishers. Additional prizes may be awarded.

22. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to request proof of insurance from any entrant's boat owner. Adequacy of cover is an owner responsibility.

23. Safety & Disclaimer

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta..

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