

# 2014 RYC Fall Regatta

## *General Sailing Instructions*

### **1. Rules**

- 1.1. The Regatta is governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including the US Sailing Association Prescriptions thereto, applicable Class Association Rules, PHRF-MA rules and regulations including crew limitations, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions must be submitted by posting the question on the Official Regatta Notice Board before 21:00 on Friday September 19. The question and any response will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board no later than 08:00 the following day. (See SI 3, Notices to Competitors).

### **2. Eligibility & Entry**

- 2.1. The RYC Fall Regatta is open to mono hull PHRF boats with a minimum LOA of 20' and One Design classes with a minimum of 5 boats. All boats must carry a minimum of two (2) persons.
- 2.2. It is encouraged that owners or skippers be current members of US Sailing or their National Authority.
- 2.3. Boats racing in PHRF class must have a valid 2014 PHRF-MA rating certificate, visiting boats can visit [phrfma.org](http://phrfma.org) for more info.
- 2.4. Boats racing as One Designs may race in accordance with their Class Association Rules, provided a minimum of five (5) boats have registered to race in a One Design fleet/class.
- 2.5. Weigh-in for one-design classes will be waived.

### **3. Notice to Competitors**

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the club deck (1<sup>st</sup> floor) of the clubhouse.

### **4. Changes in Sailing Instructions**

- 4.1. Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 0830 HRS each day the changes will take effect.

### **5. Signals Made Ashore**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff on the RYC dock near the cupola.
- 5.2. Signals made ashore will be effective for both circles/all classes
- 5.3. Flag "AP" Answering Pennant means the race is postponed. The time of the 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the "AP" is lowered.

### **6. Communications**

- 6.1. All boats affiliated with this regatta shall carry an operable VHF radio and monitor VHF Channel 71.

### **7. Schedule of Races**

- 7.1. Races are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday as follows
  - 7.1.1. Saturday
    - 7.1.1.1. Saturday Harbor Gun: 11:00
    - 7.1.1.2. Saturday Warning Signal (1<sup>st</sup> Class): 12:00
  - 7.1.2. Sunday
    - 7.1.2.1. Sunday Harbor Gun: 11:00
    - 7.1.2.2. Sunday Warning Signal (1<sup>st</sup> Class): 12:00

7.2. Conditions permitting, multiple races will be sailed on Saturday and Sunday. “N” over “A” will be used to signal no further racing for the day.

## **8. Class Assignments and Class Designators**

- 8.1. A scratch sheet referencing boat assignments to classes and class color/numeral pennants will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board by 22:00 on Friday, September 19.
- 8.2. The Race Committee (RC) reserves the right to amalgamate, cancel, subdivide or rearrange classes. The Race Committee’s divisions of the class in which a competing boat will race is final and not subject to protest.
- 8.3. Each boat within a class and assigned a colored streamer must display the streamer provided by the regatta, from the area off the stem of each boat at a minimum of six (6) feet above the deck, prior to the first warning signal and while racing. If not possible it may be attached at a location clearly visible from the stem of the boat.

## **9. Racing Area**

- 9.1. The approximate Starting Area for Circle A will be between Keyport “1” and Sequine Point, Staten Island, NY. The approximate Starting Area for Circle B will be to the .5 miles ESE of Great Beds Lighthouse.

## **10. The Course**

- 10.1. The diagrams on Appendix “A” show the courses for all fleets. All turning marks shall be left to port. The leeward rounding mark will be to windward of the starting line and may be left on either side during the first leg of the course and when finishing.
- 10.2. If a gate is used in place of the leeward mark, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If a gate is not in place, competitors shall round the leeward mark to port. Gates are designated as “2S” and “2P” in Appendix A.
- 10.3. Courses to be sailed will be posted on a board on the committee boat. The board will indicate the fleet, compass bearing & approximate distance (nautical miles) to the 1<sup>st</sup> mark and the course to be sailed. See example in Appendix “B”. Differences between the actual and posted distance will not be grounds for redress.

## **11. Marks**

- 11.1. The original rounding marks will be inflatable buoys.
- 11.2. In the event of a course change during a race, the new mark will be black and yellow, unless the change is for the last leg, in which case the finish line will be used.
- 11.3. In the event of a subsequent course change, the new mark will be an original mark or the finish line.

## **12. The Start**

- 12.1. Races will be started using RRS 26, with the warning signal being given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2. The start line will be set approximately 100 yards to leeward of the leeward mark and will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the line and a nearby orange mark.
- 12.3. An inflatable buoy may be tethered to the stern of the committee boat(s). Any boat touching this buoy will have broken rule 31 and shall act in accordance with rule 44.1
- 12.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area and boats within their starting sequence.
- 12.5. When the RC displays code flag “C” prior to the warning signal and throughout the starting sequence, the initial mark shall be the change mark as designated in SI 11.2.

### 13. Recalls

- 13.1. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. As a courtesy, the Committee may attempt to hail such boat(s) and/or advise them by radio; however, it is the skipper's sole responsibility to recognize if the boat is over early and to properly restart.
- 13.2. General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2

### 14. Change of Course After the Start

- 14.1. Change of course after the start will be in accordance with RRS 33
- 14.2. When changing the course, the applicable class numeral pennant (s) or colored streamer will be displayed with the "C" flag. If no numeral pennant (s) or color streamer (s) are displayed, courses for all classes will be changed.

### 15. Shortening the Course

- 15.1. Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.
- 15.2. When shortening the course, the applicable class numeral pennant (s) or colored streamer will be displayed with the "S" flag. If no numeral pennant(s) or color streamer(s) are displayed, courses for all classes will be shortened.

### 16. Finish

- 16.1. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel and the nearby finish mark.

### 17. Time Limit

- 17.1. The time limit for each race will be 2 hours and will apply to each division. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat finishing in their division will be scored DNF without a

### 18. Retirement

- 18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore. Failure to comply may result in disqualification for all subsequent races.

### 19. Protests

- 19.1. Protest forms are available on the Race Notice board, located on the first floor of the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to a member of the protest committee, the Regatta Chairman, or the Principle Race Officer within the appropriate time limit.
- 19.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day on their circle.
- 19.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearing will be held in the Ladies Auxiliary room on the third floor of the clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

### 20. Scoring

- 20.1. Low point system of Appendix "A", as modified herein, will apply. Multiple races are scheduled Saturday and Sunday with one race required to constitute a regatta.
- 20.2. All races will be scored; there will be no discards. This modifies appendix A2 of the RRS. PHRF
- 20.3. races will be scored using time on distance.  
hearing. This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A.

### 21. Safety

#### 22. All boats shall carry the safety equipment required by National, State, Local, Safety

All boats shall carry the safety equipment required by National, State, Local, applicable Class Association rules and/or regulations, and these sailing instructions. All boats shall carry an operable engine, with enough fuel to for a minimum of two hours of operation at cruising speed.

22.1. Failure of a boat to carry the necessary equipment as mentioned in these sailing instructions may result in disqualification.

### **23. Disposal of Waste or Trash**

23.1. Boats observed discharging trash over the side shall be either disqualified from all races sailed on the day of the infraction, or subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

### **24. Responsibility**

24.1. 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.

24.2. The responsibility of the Race Committee is to provide a start and to record positions and times at the finish. The decision to start, continue or retire from a race is the sole responsibility of each competitor.

### **25. Haul Out Restrictions**

25.1. A boat shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and in accordance to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

### **26. Awards**

26.1. Awards will be presented on Sunday to the overall 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers in each class.

26.2. Perpetual awards listed on the regatta website will also be presented on Sunday.

### **27. Notes**

27.1. Competitors are reminded that Raritan Bay contains restricted channels and all sailing vessels must comply with COLREGS. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from a particular race or regatta.

### **28. J/24, Parkway Specific Rule Addenda**

28.1. Per RJRS 80, advertising shall comply with International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Regulation 20, and International J/24 Class Association rule 2.6

28.2. IJCA class rules are modified as follows:

28.2.1. Rule 8.1.1 is suspended for this event. Sails may be changed during the regatta.

28.2.2. No member of the crew shall station any part of his/her torso outside the upper lifeline other than temporarily, notwithstanding the provisions of RRS 49.

28.2.3. Rule 5.2 is amended to allow for a team to carry one crew, not older than 13 years old, and this crew member will not count towards the maximum crew weight of 400kg.

28.2.4. Rule 5.3 is amended to allow substitutions of crew and change of number of crew with prior written approval of the Committee.

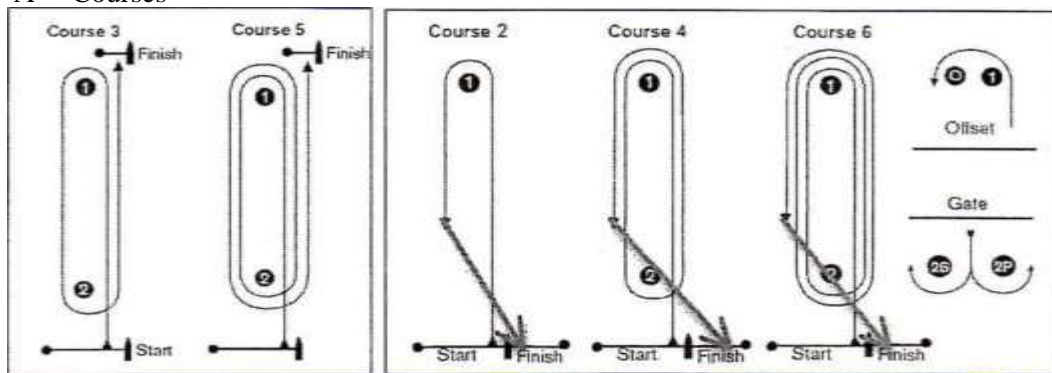
28.3. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 (SCP) as modified herein, will apply

28.3.1. RRS 44.3(a) is changed such that code flag "I" is acceptable, and the flag used by a boat taking a scoring penalty shall have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm and shall be flown from a leg of the back stay adjuster above the deck.

28.3.2. In addition to the reporting requirements of RRS 44.3(b), a boat accepting a scoring penalty shall file a "Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form" available from the race committee within the Protest Time.

28.3.3. A boat that complies with some but not all of the requirements of 44.3(a), 44.3(b) and SI 16.4 will receive an After-Race Scoring Penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1

Appendix “A” - Courses



Appendix “B” - Display of Courses

If a field is blank on the display, as seen below, the number is assumed to be repeated from the classes to the left on the board.

I-III	IV	V-VI	Classes
6	4	2	Course designations
1.25			Approximate distance to 1 <sup>st</sup> mark
095			Magnetic bearing to 1 <sup>st</sup> mark for all