

# ECSA BONUS POINTS REGATTA



Housatonic Boat Club ~ Milford Yacht Club ~ Windjammers Sailing Club  
2020 Columbus Day Regatta

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Rules

Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the requirements of the ECSA Offshore Racing Circuit and 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 Authorities (WSC and MYC), Race Committee, Protest Committee, 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 Windjammers and MYC websites 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

**4.1** Signals ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee at the MYC dock.

**4.1** 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

**Sunday, Oct. 11.** The first warning will be no earlier than 1200 hrs. Up to two races may be sailed each day. If the Race Committee intends to start a second race for any class(es), it will display a Code Flag "L" with the appropriate class flags while boats are finishing the first race.

### 6. Class Flags

Class **A** ..... Red flag

Class **B** ..... White flag

Class **C** ..... Green flag

Class **D** ..... Blue flag

### 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 using a whiteboard, and will consist of the class designation followed by the marks of the course in the order of rounding. 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," Welchs Point Nun "2," and Pond Point Shoal Nun "12" shall be passed to seaward.

### 9. Marks

**S** - Starting Mark

**A** - Special Mark (inflatable buoy)

**D** - Charles Island Lighted Buoy "16" FI R 4s

**E** - Charles Island Can "1"

**G** - Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light FI W 5s

**H** - Housatonic River Entrance Channel Lighted Bell Buoy "1" FI G 2.5s

**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

- P** - Pond Point Shoal Nun "12"
- R** - Stratford Point Lighted Bell Buoy "18" FI R 4s  
(South of Point No Point)
- T** - Townshend Ledge Lighted Bell Buoy "10A" FI R 4s
- W** - Welchs Point Nun "2"
- X** - Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Can "1"
- Y** - New Haven Harbor Lighted Whistle Buoy "NH"  
MO(A)
- Z** - New Haven West Breakwater – breakwater west end  
marker is: Light "2" FI R 6s; East end marker is: New  
Haven Light FI W 4s

## 10. The Start

- 10.1** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2** Classes may start in any order and class starts may be combined.
- 10.3** The starting sequence may or may not be a rolling sequence.
- 10.4** 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).
- 10.5** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other races.
- 10.6** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 10.7** 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.

## 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.

## 12. Time Limit

The time limit for each class will be five 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.

## 13. Protests and Requests for Redress

**13.1** 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.

**13.2** 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.

**13.3** 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).

**13.4** 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.

## 14. Scoring

**14.1** Race(s) will be scored, and corrected times determined using a PHRF-based "time-on-time" system, and according to classes determined for the event by the Race Committee.

**14.2** If a class has 2 races, Low Point Scoring RRS A4 will determine places for the class and both races shall count.

**14.5** Results will be posted on the HBC, WSC and MYC websites as soon as possible after the race.

## 15. Post-race get-together and Awards

Due to COVID-19, there will be no post-race parties this year. Participants will be notified when plans are made to present awards, hopefully at the Annual Windjammers Sailing Club Awards Dinner.