



2015 Day Race Program General Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1. The races will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* except as may be altered by the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations of the YRALIS Category C, and shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 05.
- 1.3. A boat withdrawing must inform the Race Committee as soon as possible but no later than leaving the racing area.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Stamford Yacht Club dock house and, if applicable, on the event page of yachtscoring.com.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 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.
- 3.2. These Sailing Instructions shall apply to all SYC day races except that the following events may be modified by special Sailing Instructions: Double-Handed Regatta, Sheffield Island Pursuit Race, Valeur-Jensen Stamford Denmark Race, Cows Trophy Race, and any other race not part of the Day Race Program.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Shore Station on the Stamford Yacht Club lawn.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes." This changes Race Signals.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. The schedule of races will be posted on the Stamford Yacht Club website (www.stamfordyc.com).
- 5.2. Harbor start for the Weekend Series shall be at 1200 each day. Harbor starts for all other SYC Races will be stated in the Sailing Instructions for those events. It is the intention of the Race Committee that the first signal will be at 1300 each day.
- 5.3. No warning signal for the Weekend Series will be made after 1600.
- 5.4. It is the intention of the race committee to run one or more races on any racing day. The display of Code Flag "R" at the finish of any race will signal that another race is intended to be started. A verbal announcement may also be made.
- 5.3. Prior to the first signal of the day, each boat shall check-in with the signal boat by sailing by and declaring her intention. There will be no check in by radio.

6. Class Flags

6.1 Each boat shall display from her backstay a numeral pennant corresponding to her class.

Class 1 – Spinnaker Class

Class 2 – Non - Spinnaker Class

Class 3 – Cruising Class

7. Racing Areas

Attachment 2, “SYC Racing Chart,” depicts the location of the racing area.

8. The Courses

8.1. The course for each division will be indicated on a course board mounted on the Signal Boat. It is also the intention, but not the obligation, of the Race Committee to announce the course via radio.

8.2. Marks shall be rounded in the displayed order from left to right, so that the rhumbline course to the next mark does not cross the rhumbline course from the previous mark.

8.3. If a Windward Mark is used, Courses will be designated such that the approximate magnetic bearing and the distance in nautical miles will be the top row of numbers and the rounding marks of the course will be in the bottom row.

(example only):

240- 1.5
J A S L H

8.4. At or prior to the first warning signal, the course for the first class will be displayed. The course for each succeeding class, if it is to change, will be displayed no later than their preparatory signal. This modifies rule 27.1

8.5. Display of code flag “2nd Repeater” along with the course signals indicates that the course is to be sailed twice around with the start mark (pin end) being treated as a turning mark.

9. Marks

9.1. Unless otherwise noted in Special Sailing Instructions, the marks of the course are: designated on Attachment 1, “Mark Designations.”

9.2. When “S” is displayed as a mark of the course, the Start/Finish Mark and the Signal boat will serve as a gate. Upon returning to “S”, all boats must pass through the “gate” and proceed to the next signal mark.

9.3. Regardless of which tack they are on, when boats are approaching the gate from opposite directions, those sailing downwind will have right of way. This modifies rules 10 and 11.

9.4. When courses between marks are reciprocal, the mark shall be left to port.

9.5. When a temporary mark has been signaled as the mark following the gate, the compass bearing and distance to that mark will be displayed from the course board.

10. The Start

10.1. Races will be started by using rule 26, with the following addition:

An attention signal (flag F with one sound) will be made 5 minutes before the Warning Signal for the first class of the day. It shall also be used prior to the warning for the cruising class. One minute before the first Warning Signal, code flag F will be removed without a sound signal.

10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and mark “S”.

10.3. The Race Committee may elect to start two or more classes simultaneously.

10.4. With the exception of the sequence for the cruising class, the warning signal for each succeeding class shall be the starting signal of the preceding class.

10.5. Every boat whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

10.6. If more than one boat starts in any one class, the race will be scored for that class.

11. Recalls

11.1. Rule 29.1 is hereby modified to allow that, in the event of an Individual Recall, infringing boats may be recalled by name or sail number, by loud hailer or over the VHF radio. Failure to hear a recall shall not be grounds for redress.

12. The Finish

12.1. The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the last mark signaled.

12.2. A race may be shortened at any mark on the course. A shortened course will be signaled with code flag "S" and two sound signals. If the race is intended to be shortened for one class and not others, the race committee will display the class flag along with the "S" flag for the class that will have its course shortened.

12.3. The finishing boat may be stationed on either side of the finishing mark. Boats shall finish in the direction of the rhumbline (compass course) from the previous mark.

13. Time Limit

13.1. The time limit for any class's race will be one and one half hour.

13.2. Boats failing to finish within one half hour after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14. Protests

14.1. A boat intending to protest shall so inform the race committee upon finishing or withdrawing. Protests shall be submitted on standard forms obtained from the Stamford Yacht Club front desk or from the Race Committee. Protests shall be submitted in writing with the Race Committee no later than one hour after the Race Committee has returned to the Stamford Yacht Club dock. If intent to file a protest has been announced to the Race Committee, the Race Committee will post its arrival time on the Official Notice Board at the Stamford Yacht Club dock house.

14.2. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they may be parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the Stamford Yacht Club and will be scheduled at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

15. Scoring

15.1. Races shall be scored using YRALIS PHRF ratings with corrected times computed using time-on-time.

16. Radio Communication

16.1. Except in the case of an emergency, while racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive wireless communication not simultaneously available at no cost to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

17. Safety and Responsibility:

17.1 It is the sole responsibility of the master of each boat to see that she is seaworthy in all respects and that she is manned by a competent crew. The master and all the members of the crew of each boat, by participating in this race, agree to do so at their own risk, and waive any claim against and hold harmless Stamford Yacht Club, its officers, directors, committees, members, employees, sponsors, and agents against any claims arising in any way out of the participation in the Race of such boat, her master and crew.

ATTACHMENT 1- MARK DESIGNATIONS

A - Gong "1", Little Captains Island East Reef

F - Green Gong "11B"

C - Red Nun "34" Greenwich Point

j - Red Hell "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

O - Green Bell "17" Oyster Bay

P - Green Can "19" Oak Neck

SYC Racing Chart

