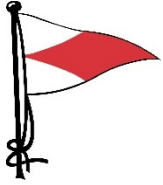




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2015 J/88 New England Championship
Hosted by
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 Rules 35, 44.1, 61, 60, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2, A4 and A5 are modified (see instructions 10, 11, 12, 16, 17 and 18).
- 1.3 Appendix T, sections A and B will apply (see instructions 14 and 15).
- 1.4 If a conflict exists between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions govern.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the front lobby of the Indian Harbor Yacht Club main clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 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. Flag "Lima" will be flown to signify such posting.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the docked signal boat.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Fleet announcements via VHF #05 at 1000
- 5.2 Scheduled first warning signal at 1100.
- 5.3 Up to five races may be sailed each day
- 5.4 On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the Numeral 1 pennant.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Long Island Sound south of Little Captains Island.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course will be windward-leeward with a leeward gate.
- 8.2 The number of legs to be sailed will be announced over VHF #05 approximately one minute prior to the warning. Absent any announcement the course will be the same as previously sailed.
- 8.3 The leeward gate will be positioned approximated 200' to weather of the start/finish line

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be yellow tetrahedrons except that the finish mark will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 9.2 New marks as provided in instruction 12.1 will be orange tetrahedrons.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This modifies rule A4.
- 10.4 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted, re-sailed, postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This modifies rule 26.

11. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each premature starter over VHF #05. Failure to make such an announcement, nor the timing or order of any announcement, shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies rule 62.1(a).

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 If a leeward gate is changed, it will be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.
- 12.3 In addition to the requirements in rule 33, the Race Committee will attempt to announce any course change on VHF #05. Failure to make such an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies rule 62.1(a).

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 If the race committee signals displays code flag A while boats are finishing, no more racing will occur for the day.

14. PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

15. PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

- 15.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
- 15.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be:
 - (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or
 - (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

16. TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 90 minutes.
- 16.2 If no boat has passed the weather mark for the first time within 20 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 A boat not finishing within fifteen minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This modifies RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 Protest forms are available at the Club's front desk located inside the lobby. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.3 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.4 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.

- 17.5 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).
- 17.6 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 and 66.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 18.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series
- 18.3 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This modifies A2.
- 18.4 Boats scored TLE will receive as a race score, points equal to two places more than the last boat that finishes within the time limits, but not worse than DNF.

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

Prizes will be awarded to 1st through 3rd place.

22. SAFETY AND DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely on their own responsibility. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the Organizing Authority the Indian Harbor Yacht Club, its officers, trustees, committee members, and employees, and the Race Committee, Protest Committee, race course assistants, and volunteers 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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