



2023 Fall Series (The Rum Challenge)

Sept. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, Oct. 4th, and 11th,

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The U.S. Sailing Association's Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 edition will govern this regatta.
- 1.2 The Round-an-End Rule shall be in effect at all times, (whether or not the "I" flag is displayed). This changes US Sailing Racing Rule 30.1.
- 1.3 No boat shall approach the committee boat (RC boat) until she is on station. The RC boat is considered to be on station when the line flag is raised. The race committee has the sole right to protest this infraction. Remedy for an infringement, after an appropriate hearing has been held, is disqualification from the race.
- 1.4 Once the RC boat is on station each boat shall check in in accordance with SI 9.1 below.
- 1.5 The next leg of a course may be changed to be to the Finish Line by signaling all boats before they begin the leg by displaying flag "F" with repetitive sounds. The new leg will then be directly to the Finish Line, compliant with S.I. 7.4. This changes RRS 33 and Race Signals.
- 1.6 (1) The bowsprit shall be fully retracted at all times except when the gennaker is being set, is set, or is being retrieved, and shall be retracted at the first reasonable opportunity after the retrieval. (2) An extended bowsprit shall not be considered part of the boat for the purposes of 1) establishing an overlap, or 2) establishing right of way, unless the gennaker is set.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 All competitors must:
 - 2.1a Be members in good standing of Breakwater Yacht Club.
 - 2.1b Have paid the entry fee.
 - 2.1c Have boat insurance covering racing.
 - 2.1d Have submitted a current PHRF/ELI certificate prior to or within one week of competing in their first race.
- 2.2 Visiting yachts may enter at a cost of \$20.00 per individual race but will not be scored for the series.
- 2.3 Eligibility to race for visiting yachts is up to the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.4 No competitor will be scored without fulfilling all eligibility requirements.

3. FEES

- 3.1 \$55 for US Sailing Members
- 3.2 \$60 for non-US Sailing members

4. DIVISIONS The Race Committee reserves the right to classify certain boats as it sees fit

- 4.1 Division I: Spinnaker boats having PHRF of 150 or less
- 4.2 Division II: Spinnaker boats having PHRF of 151 or more
- 4.3 Division III: Non-Spinnaker boats
- 4.4 Division IV: J70 One Design

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Entry is good for the yacht named on the entry only. No substitutions allowed.
- 5.2 All registration must be done through BYC Fall Series on Yachtscoring.

6. START

- 6.1 The start shall be in the area west of Majors Cove in Shelter Island Sound, although the RC boat reserves the right to move the start.
- 6.2 The RC shall attempt to sound the first gun at 6:00pm local time for the 1st Wednesday, at 5:30pm for the rest of the race days in September, and at 5:00pm for the race days in October, unless skippers are notified of a different start time by email at least by Monday morning prior to the race in question.
- 6.3 The division's code flag will be raised at the warning signal of that division's starting sequence. The "U" code flag shall be used for a uniform start. The course board on the Starboard side of the RC boat will display the division and course for each division. The starting sequence of the divisions will be indicated on the course board from top to bottom. The exception is a uniform start.
- 6.4 Attention is drawn to US Sailing Racing Rule 23.1: "If reasonably possible, **boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that is racing.**" and to the definition for "Racing": "A boat is racing from her preparatory signal..."

7. COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1 Courses shall be displayed on the course board on the starboard side of the RC boat when on station.
- 7.2 All marks shall be left to port unless, if shown within a circle, then they shall be left to starboard.
- 7.3 Government marks may be listed on the course board and also, the following BYC set marks may be listed:
 - "A" – denoting the pin end of the starting line ("A" may also be used as a mark of the course);
 - "B" – denoting the windward mark;
 - "C" – placed in Smith's Cove;
 - "D" – placed in Northwest Harbor
 - "L" – denoting the leeward mark

- 7.4 All government marks must be honored except during use as a mark of the course, and except N "14" and Junction Buoy RG C "SH".
- 7.5 When a course includes C"S" as a mark of the course, all boats shall sail from the course mark indicated prior to C"S", pass between C"S" and Mashomack Point, and then to the following mark of the course.
- 7.6 The default finish at the Breakwater (BW) shall be between FI G "3SH" (BW) and the yellow flag on the RC boat.
- 8. SCORING**
- 8.1 For each division, the low point scoring system (US Sailing Racing Rules Appendix A – using A5.2 & A5.3 modified to count DNS, DNF, RET, DSQ, NSC, and OSC as scored equal to the number of boats coming to the starting area and keeping DNC scored as 1 more than the number of boats entered in the series) will be used.
- 8.2 The handicap system used to score individual placement of boats in a race is the Time-on-Time System. The Time Correction Factor (TCF) is multiplied to a boat's elapsed time to get their corrected time. The formula for TCF is: $TCF = 650 \text{ divided by } (550 + PHRF)$.
- 8.3 A boat's best scores for 70% of the races run rounded normally to a whole number will be counted to score the series.
- 9. SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 9.1 Boats shall check in with the race committee once the RC boat is on station and before the first warning signal by sailing by the RC boat stern to bow on the starboard side and hailing their class, sail number and name and receiving acknowledgement.
- 9.2 A boat that retires from a race and/or leaves the racing area shall notify the RC boat as soon as possible.
- 9.3 Penalties for violations of this SI 9 will be at the discretion of the race committee.
- 10. CHANGES**
- 10.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions may be posted on the BYC Yachtscoring page, and Skippers may be notified by email.
- 10.2 Sailing Instructions may be changed on the water by the race committee making suitable announcement(s) on VHF Channel 72 and/or raising code flag "L" on the RC boat and hailing the announcement(s).
- 11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**
- 11.1 The RC boat will monitor and make all on water radio communications on VHF 72.
- 11.2 For recalls, the RC boat will attempt to hail or broadcast on VHF Channel 72, the sail numbers or the names of OCS boats after the starting signal.
- 11.3 Failure to make a recall broadcast or hail, or to make it in a timely manner will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes US Sailing Racing Rule 62.1(a).
- 12. PROTESTS**
- 12.1 Boats are strongly encouraged to exonerate their infractions on the water (rule 44) and to formally protest only as a last resort.
- 12.2 Protests will be allowed in accordance with part 5, section A of the U.S. Sailing Association's Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 12.3 It is the protesting skipper's responsibility to **communicate his intention to the RC boat on the water before the RC boat leaves its station at the finish line.**
- 12.4 It is the protesting skipper's responsibility to communicate his intention to the RC Chair or Sailing Director **within 1 hour** of the RC boat docking. ***RC Chair: Tim Culver – email: Tculver@culverlaw.com, cell: 617-233-2011 or Sailing Director: Sean Elliott – email: Sailingdirector@breakwateryc.org***
- 12.5 **Protests must be submitted** on a US Sailing protest form (keep one on your boat or get one from the "Offshore Racing Info" section on the ELIYA website: www.elisailing.org) **by noon the day following the race to: Sailing Director Sean Elliot - email: Sailingdirector@breakwaterYC.org, or dropped at the BYC Clubhouse**
- 12.6 The RC Chair or Sailing Director will assign or act as an arbitrator to attempt to resolve the protest amicably.
- 12.6a This arbitration is mandatory.
- 12.6b This arbitration is nonbinding and the arbitrator will not serve on the committee for this protest.
- 12.6c If a hearing is unavoidable every effort will be made to hear the protest at the earliest possible convenience of the protest committee and the skippers involved.
- 13. PRIZES**
- 13.1 Prizes of rum will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each division with at least 3 boats entered there (unless skippers are under age of 21, otherwise a trophy).
- 14. CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY**
- 14.1 Each racing skipper shall be responsible for all the actions of his or her crew and guests.
- 14.2 In the event of a serious breach of conduct, sportsmanship, property damage, or failure to comply with a race officer, the skipper/owner may be subject to disqualification.
- 14.3 **All skippers should take the time to familiarize themselves with the U.S. Sailing Association's Racing Rules of Sailing and these Sailing Instructions.**
- 14.4 **All skippers should strongly encourage their regular crew to be members of Breakwater Yacht Club.**
- 15. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**
- 15.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Breakwater Yacht Club 2023 Fall Series on Yachtscoring, including a copy of these Sailing Instructions. Skippers may also be notified by email.