

**55th Lawrence I. Clarke Memorial
Round Gardiner's Island Race
Saturday, August 24th, 2024
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Rules.** The race will be governed by the “Rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (“RRS”) and the General Conditions and Rules of the Eastern Long Island Sailing Association (“ELIYA”), except as altered by these Sailing Instructions.
- 2. Changes in Sailing Instructions.** Changes in these Sailing Instructions may be made at any time up to one hour before the first scheduled start. Any changes in these Sailing Instructions will be communicated via VHF on Channel 11.

***All correspondence, entries, scratch sheets and announcements
will be via Yacht Scoring***

3. Check in and Retirement

Prior to the warning signal for its division, each competitor shall sail past the Race Committee boat (on station) or contact them via VHF channel 11 and hail her name and sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

If a yacht decides to retire, she shall notify the Committee Boat via VHF or cell phone. (631-379-2609) or the Devon Yacht Club office (631-267-6340 ext. 10)

4. Start Sequence.

The Race will be started in accordance with Rule 26 of the RRS using the following sequence signals for each Division until all Divisions have been started:

Signal	Flag & Sound	Minutes Before Starting Signal
Warning	Class Flag, Long horn	5
Preparatory	“P” flag, Short horn	4
One-minute	“P” flag removed, Long horn	1
Starting	Class flag removed, Long horn	0

The starting sequence for the first Division(s) will commence at 1000 and the other Divisions’ starting sequences will be in approximately 10-minute intervals thereafter.

Divisions might not start in numerical order. The Race Committee may combine two or more divisions into one start by displaying multiple Division Flags at the Warning Signal. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce the next Division(s) to start on VHF Channel 11.

5. Scratch Sheets. Scratch sheets will be available at the Skippers Meeting and on Yacht Scoring after 1830 on Friday, August 23, 2024.

6. Start. The Start line is between a Flag on the mast of the Devon Committee Boat and C “11” in Gardiner’s Bay. Any boat that does not start within 15 minutes of the actual start of its division shall be scored as DNS.

7. Recalls. In the case of an Individual Recall, the Race Committee, as a courtesy, will attempt to notify the offending boat by radio. The failure of the Race Committee to send, or the failure of the offending boat to receive, such a message shall not be grounds for redress.

8. Course. The course will be posted by the Committee the day of the race, from the Devon Committee Boat and a white board, using either code flag “A” or “B”

COURSE A

Start at C “11”
N ”8” to Port
N “6” to Port
N “4” to Port
N “2” to Port
RW “S” Mo (A) Bell to Port
C “1” off Bostwick Point, Gardiner’s Island,
To Port
“1GI” at the Ruins to Port
N “14” at Crow Shoal to Port
C “11” to Starboard
N”8” to Port

COURSE B

Start at C “11”
N”14” at Crow Shoal to Starboard
“1GI” at the Ruins to Starboard
C”1” off Bostwick Point, Gardiner’s Island, to
starboard
RW”S” Mo (A) Bell to Starboard
N”2” to Starboard
N”4” to Starboard

9. Finish. The finish line is between a flag on a Devon Race Committee Boat and a drop mark between N6 and the Devon Yacht Club dock. The oyster beds in front of Devon are closed to the race. Be aware of shifting shallow spots between N4 and Devon.

10. Time Limit. If no participant has finished the Race by 1730 hours, it will be considered **No Race.**

11. Distance and Shortened Course. The course(s) are approximately 24 miles and may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Committee. Shortening the course will be done in accordance with RRS32. A shortened course will be signaled by code flag “S” (Sierra) on a Devon Committee Boat on station at any mark of the course. If the course is shortened at a line of the course that all boats would be required to cross, an orange tetrahedron and a Devon Committee Boat on station will indicate the finish line. Two sounds will be made as the first boat approaches any shortened finish line.

12. Communications. The Race Committee Boat will broadcast on and monitor **VHF channel 11.**

13. Protest. The protesting boat shall promptly fly a red (B) flag and hail the boat it is protesting. A participant intending to protest must inform the Race Committee upon finishing or retiring from the Race. In accordance with Appendix T of the RRS, an arbitration meeting by “Three Minute Justice” will be held immediately after completion of the race. The Protest Committee is appointed by the Race Committee.

Three Minute Justice Protocol

1. Introduction of Protest Committee (PC), protestor and protestee. No witnesses allowed.
2. Each sailor will have about one minute to explain their story. The PC will try to make its decision in about one minute as well.
3. The PC will ask the protested boat if they have any objection to the validity of the protest. If there is an objection, the PC will hear testimony and make a decision on the validity of the protest.
4. The protesting sailor goes first; then the protested. Statements should be short and concise.
5. Each side may ask questions of the other; then the PC may ask questions.
6. The sailors are excused.
7. The PC will review the incident and see how much they agree on. They then discuss the items they do not agree on. The PC takes the sailors at their word unless they have direct knowledge that what was said is not true.
8. The PC applies the Rules to the facts they agree on and makes a decision. If the PC cannot agree on enough facts to decide to penalize a boat, the protest will be “disallowed”, meaning that neither side is penalized.
9. The PC calls the sailors back to tell them of the decision and the reasons for it.

14. Safety. It is recommended that all boats be compliant with the current US Safety Requirements. Under RRS 4, Decision to Race, the safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge of the boat. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

15. Information Request- Please call the Devon Yacht Club office at 631.267.6340 with any questions or by email to sailingdirector@devonyc.com.