



31st Annual Mayor's Cup Race
Sunday, June 12, 2016



THE HALLOWEEN YACHT CLUB, INC.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions. The race shall be sailed with YRA of LIS minimum equipment requirements for Category C.
- 1.2 Before its division start, each boat shall approach the stern of the Race Committee boat and declare her intention to sail. Catboats shall display their racing number. It is each boat's responsibility to be sure the RC has identified them correctly. Boats shall NOT check-in by radio.
- 1.3 In handicap divisions, each boat shall fly her class' corresponding numeral pennant from the backstay, approximately six feet above deck. A boat without backstay shall fly her class pennant from the end of her boom.
- 1.4 A boat withdrawing from the race must report to the race committee (RC), either in person or over VHF channel 71 as soon as practicable.
- 1.5 Boats assigned to a non-spinnaker division shall race with main and jib only. For this purpose, a jib is defined as a headsail with its entire luff attached to the headstay. A reaching strut or whisker pole may be used only with its inboard end attached to the mast.
- 1.6 At the finish, each boat is responsible for making sure the RC has established positive identification.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Open to single-hulled sailing boats 20' LOA and over. Membership in a yacht club or yacht racing association is not required. Yachts with spinnaker shall race with a rating based on a current PHRF Certificate; for non-spinnaker boats, a current PHRF or a rating based on information provided on her application and assigned by the race committee. There will be classes for spinnaker, non-spinnaker and non-PHRF yachts. If there are sufficient entries of same-design boats, (e.g. J-105, etc.), they may have their own class.
- 2.2 The catboat class is open to boats of traditional catboat hull shape with cruising accommodation. All decisions on eligibility will be made by the RC on the basis of seaworthiness and fair competition. The catboat class will race without handicaps (boat-for-boat.)

3. NOTICES, SCRATCH SHEETS & CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any Notices to Competitors or changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the official notice board at the Halloween Yacht Club and on YachtScoring by 0830 on the day of the race, except that changes to the start time shall be posted by 1800 the day before the race.

4. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The RC boat will monitor **VHF channel 71**. The RC will not respond to any radio communication by a contestant for any reason, except for acknowledging retirement or distress calls. The RC may make courtesy announcements to the fleet.
- 4.2 While racing, a yacht shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions or special communications (including telephone) not simultaneously available, at no fee, to all competitors

5. COURSE AND MARKS

5.1 The course will be chosen from the table below and will be signaled with a single code flag (A-I) from a starboard halyard of the RC Boat.

Course Signal	Marks						
	A	GG1	T2	34	32A	32	
B	34	T2	GG1	32A	G1	32	
C	G1	T2	34	32A	32		
D	T1	32A	GG1	34	32A	T1	32
E	15	32A	34	T1	32A	32	
F	17	T1	15	32A	34	32	
G	19	34	T2	32A	32		
H	T2	34	GG1	32A	32		
I	32A	T1	34	32			

Key: 32A: Bell, Mid-sound
 GG1: Gong, Little Captain Island
 34: Nun, Greenwich Point
 G1: gong, Stamford Harbor
 T1: Temporary mark, approx. 2.2 NM at 075M from 32A (40 59.14N 073 30.21W)
 T2: Temporary mark, approx. 2.2 NM at 265M from 32A (40 57.48N 073 35.57W)
 32: Bell, "The Cows"
 15: Gong, Lloyd's Neck
 17: Bell, Oyster Bay Entrance
 19: Can, Oak Neck Point

5.2 Marks are to be rounded so that the boat's rhumbline course to the next mark does not cross the rhumbline course from the previous mark. Government marks which are not marks of the course may be passed on either hand.

5.3 At, or prior to the first warning signal, the course for the first class will be signaled from the Signal Boat. The course for each succeeding class, if it is to change will be displayed no later than the preparatory signal for the succeeding class. This modifies RRS 27.1

6. THE START

6.1 The start area is intended to be at approximately the mid-point between Red Bell "32" The Cows and Mid-Sound Buoy "32A." The starting line will be between a yellow flag displayed on the RC Boat and a temporary mark set by the RC. Starting signals will be flags displayed by the RC boat.

6.2 Races shall be started in accordance with Rule 26, with the following modifications: 5 minutes before the Warning for the first class to start, an attention signal, code flag "F", will be displayed with one sound signal.

Signal	Flag	Sound	Minutes Before Start
Warning	Class Flag (numeral)	1 sound	5
Preparatory	"P"	1 sound	4
One-minute	"P" removed	1 long sound	1
Starting	Class Flag removed	1 sound	0

Classes shall start in the order on the Scratch Sheet as follows:

Class	Attention	Warning	Preparatory	1 Min.	Start
RC	1120				
1		1125	1126	1129	1130
2		1130	1131	1134	1135
3		1135	1136	1139	1140
4		1140	1141	1144	1145
5		1145	1146	1149	1150

Etc...

The catboat class will be the last start.

6.3 Boats whose Preparatory Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose Preparatory Signal has been made. Violation of this instruction is grounds for protest by the Race Committee with the onus of proof being on the offending boat. This modifies Part 5, Section B, RRS 63.1.

7. RECALLS

RRS 29.1 is modified to allow that, in the event of an Individual Recall, infringing boat(s) may be recalled by name or sail number over **VHF channel 71**. The failure of the RC to make a call or for the OCS boat to hear the call or the order of the call, shall not be grounds for redress.

8. FINISH

8.1 The finish line will be between a yellow flag displayed on a RC boat and the last signaled mark. The finish boat may be stationed on either side of the finish mark. Boats shall finish in a direction from the last turning mark. Catboats shall identify themselves by number.

8.2 The race may be shortened at any mark of the course. If the race is shortened only for (a) specific class(es), the corresponding class pennant(s) will be displayed below code flag "S."

9. TIME LIMIT

Any boat not finished by 1630 will be scored DNF

10. PROTESTS

101.1 Immediately after finishing or withdrawing, a protesting boat shall verbally inform the Race Committee of her intent to file a protest.

10.2 Protests must be filed in writing and received at the Halloween Yacht Club no later than 30 minutes after the arrival of the RC Signal Boat.

10.3 It is the intent to hear protests at Halloween Yacht Club as soon as practicable and in approximately the order of receipt. However, protests involving potential trophy winners will take precedence.

11. RECEPTION & PRIZES

11.1 Following the race, there will be a reception at the Halloween Yacht Club, 10 Seaview Avenue, Stamford. Sailing attire is appropriate.

11.2 Prizes will be announced at a ceremony to be held after the hearing of protests. Trophies for first, second, and third place finishers will be awarded in each class.

11.3 Overall trophies are the Mayor's Cup (overall spinnaker division), the Halloween Yacht Club Trophy (overall non-spinnaker division), the City of Stamford Cup (overall club) and the Young Mariners Foundation Trophy (best performance by a first time Mayor's Cup skipper). Details of the trophy rules will be posted on the notice board.

12. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

The captain and/or owner of each competing yacht is wholly responsible for the seaworthiness of the yacht and equipment, and for the safety of the yacht and crew. The Halloween Yacht Club and its representatives are in no way responsible for accidents or injuries from any cause during or related to the race.

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