



**13th ANNUAL AMERICAN YACHT CLUB
High Performance Dinghy Open
Presented by Heineken**



Incorporating the
**2016 J/70 East Coast Championship
2016 Viper Mid-Atlantic Championship
2016 International 505 Region One Championship
2016 Fireball North American Championship**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- i. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- ii. For boats racing with asymmetric spinnakers RRS 50.2 shall be deleted. These boats shall comply with applicable Class Rule/s for spinnaker poles/bow sprits.
- iii. The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS60, 63.2. 63.4 shall not apply.
- iv. The Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix T "Alternative Procedures for Dispute Resolution" sections B, and D shall apply. Appendix T 2.2(a) is deleted and Appendix T2.2(b) "30%" is changed to "40%".

2. ENTRIES

- i. The regatta is open to centerboard dinghy classes with a D-PN of 86.3 or less (see Portsmouth Number tables at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/>) and other invited classes.
- ii. Eligible crews shall enter by completing registration and payment of entry fee as prescribed in the Notice of Race for the regatta.

3. SPONSOR LOGOS; HULL NUMBERS (VIPER CLASS ONLY)

- i. Sponsor logos will be given out to all boats at registration. Viper 640 class only will receive bow numbers.
- ii. Sponsor logos to be applied to the hull or foredeck with the front edge not more than 12" from the bow. **Viper 640 class only:** in addition to the sponsor logos, bow numbers must be applied to the hull with the front edge not more than 12" from the bow, and sponsor logos to be applied with the front edge not more than 3" from the back edge of the bow number.
- iii. Competitors are responsible for applying the logo to the bow of their boat and ensuring it remains attached for the duration of the regatta. Take care and time to apply the logo. The hull surface must be clean and dry before the logo is applied. Viper 640 class only: the foregoing also applies to bow numbers.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the front porch of the main clubhouse.



5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI's will be posted on the official notice board, located on the front porch of the main clubhouse, before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- i. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main club flagpole located on the front lawn of the main clubhouse.
- ii. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

7. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS - EMERGENCY ONLY

- i. Each boat may carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channel 16, 69 (yellow circle) & 71 (orange circle). This changes class rules which may prohibit use of VHF radio.
- ii. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to any form of mobile communication device.
- iii. Competitors may use radio to contact the Race Committee to notify that they are leaving or returning to the course, as described in SI 13.iii.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

Friday, October 7

- 1130 Competitors' Briefing (J70 and Fireball)
 1300 First Warning Signal of the day (J/70 and Fireball)

Saturday, October 8

- 0915 Competitor's Briefing (All Classes)
 1130 Scheduled First Warning Signal of the day (All Classes)

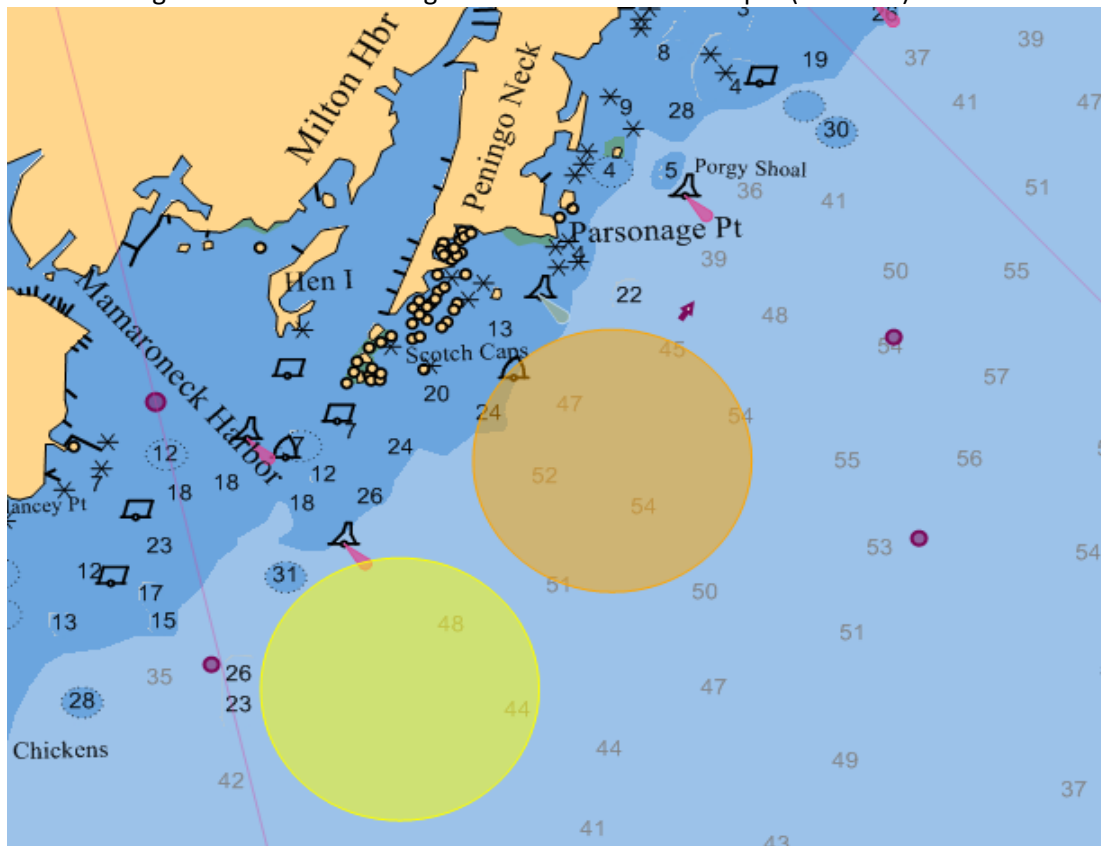
Sunday, October 9

- 1000 Scheduled First Warning Signal (All Classes)
 (No Warning Signal will be given after 1500 on Sunday, October 9)

After racing on Sunday, awards ceremony will be held as soon as possible on the Club's Main Terrace

9. RACE CIRCLES

- i. There will be two race circles off Milton Point, Rye, New York. The Orange Circle will be located approximately 1.0nm East of Milton Point. The Yellow Circle will be located approximately 1.0nm South of Milton Point. See below.
- ii. The race committee signal boat for the Yellow Circle will be "Peningo" (white hull). The race committee signal boat for the Orange Circle will be "Scotch Caps" (blue hull).



10. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be numeral pennants as shown below.

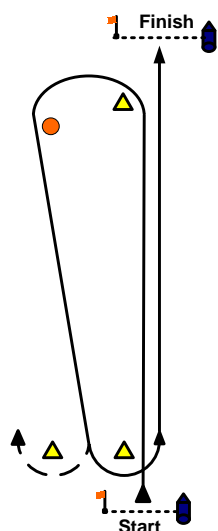
Yellow Circle		Orange Circle				
						
1	2	3	4	5	6	
Viper	J/70	505	K6	Fireball	PY-1	

11. COURSES

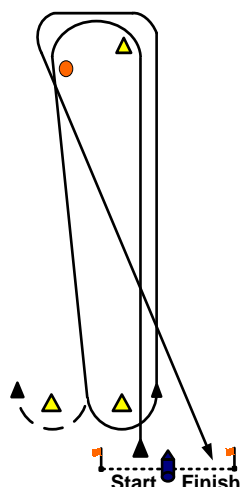
- i. The course for each race will be Windward-Leeward for a specified number of legs, or Modified Gold Cup (9)
- ii. The race committee signal boat will display the magnetic bearing and range, in nautical miles, from the signal boat to the first mark and the number of legs for each class. All turning rounding marks and the start mark left to port, except as changed by SI 11.iii.
- iii. The race committee may set a leeward gate in place of a leeward mark. If there is a leeward gate, boats shall pass through the gate from the direction of the previous mark before proceeding on to the next leg of the course.
- iv. If a leeward gate is in position for a Modified Gold Cup (9) course, the left-side mark of the gate (looking upwind) will not be considered a mark of the course and can be disregarded.
- v. The leeward mark or gate is not a mark of the course for the final downwind leg.
- vi. Boats shall not pass through the start or finish lines unless starting or finishing. A boat infringing this rule may not correct the error by sailing back through the start/finish line and leaving the start/finish marks on the correct side. This changes RRS 28.1. The line between the signal boat and the start/finish marks shall be considered to be an *obstruction* for the purposes of RRS 19.

Sample course board and configurations which may be read left to right or right to left depending on the signal boat and location of the viewer (labels may not be displayed):

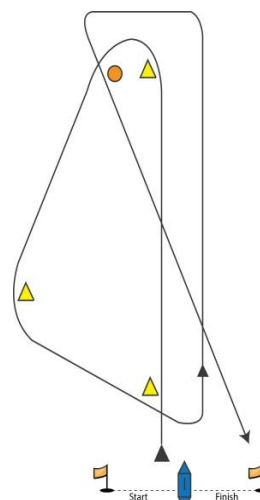
Bearing	Range	Class	Legs
2	0	1	6
3	.7	2	4
0		3	4
		4	2



Example: (3) Course



(4) Course



(9) Modified Gold Cup

12. MARKS

- i. Orange Circle rounding marks will be Orange inflatable tetrahedrons. Orange Circle Start and Finish marks will be Yellow inflatable tetrahedrons. An offset mark may be set approximately 100 feet away from the windward mark and will be a small orange or red buoy. This mark, if set, must be honored regardless of the course being sailed.
- ii. Yellow Circle rounding marks will be Yellow inflatable tetrahedrons. Yellow Circle Start and Finish marks will be Orange inflatable tetrahedrons. An offset mark may be set approximately 100 feet away from the windward mark and will be a small orange or red buoy. This mark, if set, must be honored regardless of the course being sailed.
- iii. Racing on Friday for the J/70's and Fireballs will be conducted on the Yellow Circle.

13. CHECK-IN AND RETIRING

- i. Prior to the first warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall sail by the stern of the Race Committee Signal boat on starboard tack and check-in and continue to do so until verbally acknowledged by the Race Committee
- ii. Boats retiring for the day, withdrawing from a race or not intending to start a race must notify the race committee or a safety boat before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, the club waterfront front staff immediately upon arriving ashore.

14. THE START

- i. Races for International 505 Class shall be in accordance with Appendix A – Gate Starts. Races for all other classes will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- ii. The PRO will reserve the right to start classes together.
- iii. There may be a keep away mark tied to the race committee boat and that mark shall be considered part of that boat.
- iv. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee Signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of an inflatable mark at the port end.
- v. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- vi. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- vii. The Race Committee may endeavor to hail sail number/s of boats who are OCS. Failure of the race committee to hail OCS boats, timing of the hail or failure of competitors to hear the hail shall not be grounds for requesting redress.

15. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

On the Orange Circle the new mark will be a Yellow tetrahedron; and on the Yellow Circle the new mark will be an Orange Tetrahedron. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark, either Yellow or Orange.

16. THE FINISH

- i. The finish will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and an inflatable mark (Orange for Yellow Circle and Yellow for Orange Circle).
- ii. For WL courses with an even number of legs, the finish mark will be located on the starboard side of the signal boat.
- iii. For WL courses with an odd number of legs, the finish mark will be located on the port side of the signal boat.

- iv. For the Modified Gold Cup course (9), the finish mark will be located on the starboard side of the signal boat.
- v. The race committee shall signal its intention to run another race by displaying the second substitute pennant without sound signals at the finish of any race.

17. TIME LIMIT

- i. The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish shall be 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- ii. A boat that fails to finish within **20 minutes** of the first boat in their class to sail the course and finish shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. For the Portsmouth Division, a boat that fails to finish within **40 minutes** of the first boat in the Portsmouth Division to sail the course and finish shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- iii. If a boat in last place in a race is delaying the start of another race, the race committee may terminate the race and score that boat in the place she would have finished. This changes rule 35.

18. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- i. All competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) or CE approved personal flotation device while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes Rule 40.
- ii. A towing line not less than 35 feet long or less than 5/16" diameter and a paddle shall be carried by all boats at all times; except, due to practical limitations Wetacs are excused from carrying a paddle. Foiling Moths and International Canoes are excused from carrying towline and paddle.

19. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- i. A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee promptly after finishing that race. This changes rule 61.1a.
- ii. Written protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the protest committee desk in the Clubhouse no later than 1 hour after the race committee signal boat docks. Protest forms will be available at the front desk of the main clubhouse.
- iii. The expiration time for filing written protests and a list of protests in the approximate order in which they will be heard will be posted on the official notice board. Hearings will begin as soon as practicable.

20. ARBITRATION/POST RACE PENALTY

- i. For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule in Part 2 – When Boats Meet, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5 Section B of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

21. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organizing Authority, J/70's, once launched for the regatta, shall not be hauled until the conclusion of racing. No such restrictions shall apply to other classes.

22. SCORING and PRIZES

- i. The Low Point scoring system of the Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix A will apply.
- ii. For all classes the worst score for each boat shall be discarded if 6 or more races are sailed and the worst two scores if 9 or more races are sailed.
- iii. Prizes will be awarded following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, October 7, for first, second and third place finishers in a class or division.

23. CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY

The skipper/owner shall be responsible for all actions of his or her crew or guests. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member or agent of the American Yacht Club, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her boat shall be subject to protest and disqualification.

24. NAVIGATION RULES

All boats are cautioned to observe the Navigation Rules of the Road and to yield right of way to vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver, especially to tugs and barges. Any boat observed to impede such traffic may be protested by the race committee.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by American Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk, see RRS 4 "Decision to Race"; that American Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, Sponsors, or agents will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against American Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, Sponsors or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other American Yacht Club vessels, or patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.

26. OTHER DOCUMENTS

Forms, appendices, scratch sheet and results related to this event are located at <http://yachtscoring.com> Competitors should consult the official race committee Notice Board for final information.

27. CONTACT INFORMATION

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