



2017 Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by:
- The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. The following rules are changed:
 - rules 26, 29.1, and 60.1(b), see SI 2, SI 11 and SI 12
 - rule 27.1, see SI 8
 - rule 44.1, and 64.1 see SI 14
 - rule 35, A4.1, and A4.2, see SI 15 and SI 18
 - rule 63.3(a), see SI 17
 - The 2017 PHRF Regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS) PHRF Weight Limits will not be in effect; however, this does not apply to any boat racing with a YRA rating credit for sailing with less than maximum crew weight.
 - The YRALIS Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations for Class C events.
- 1.2 The USSailing prescriptions to The Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply.
- 1.3 The Breakwater Irregular General Conditions-Prize Rules posted on the www.yachtscoring.com Breakwater Irregulars webpage ("YS")

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board ("ONB") will be the YS page for the Spring Series https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board-BISpring or the Summer Series https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board-BISummer Any Notices to Competitors posted on the ONB will also be emailed to the competitor's email address provided on their entry form.
- 2.2 The race committee may make broadcasts on VHF channel 05A for communications to competitors before or during racing. The timing, order of the broadcast, or the failure of competitors to hear the broadcast, will not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 29.1 and 60.1 (b).

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB and e-mailed to the fleet no later than the Friday of the week before the Tuesday on which they take effect. All communications with competitors will be electronic.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

For safety reasons, signals made ashore will be flown from the Signal Vessel while at the dock and broadcast over VHF 05A.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Except for July 4th, races will be conducted on each Tuesday evening beginning on May 9th and ending on August 29th. The first signal will be made at 1900.



6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Each boat intending to race shall display her class numeral pennant from her backstay. Classes are designated on the Scratch Sheet posted on the ONB.
- 6.2 Each Breakwater Irregulars ("BI") boat may fly the BI burgee from a starboard shroud not above the lower spreaders, and each Halloween YC ("HYC") boat may fly the HYC burgee from a starboard shroud not above the lower spreaders

7. THE RACING AREA







- 7.1 The racing area will be the waters of Long Island Sound southerly of Stamford and Greenwich.
- 7.2 Before the first scheduled start, all boats shall rendezvous with the RC boat at Bell R"32" ("The Cows").

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The course for each division will be signaled on a course board mounted on the signal boat.
- 8.2 Marks shall be rounded in succession in the displayed order from left to right. It is the intention but not the obligation of the race committee to announce the course via radio.
- 8.3 At, or prior to the first warning signal, the course for the first class will be signaled. 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 rule 27.1.
- 8.4 Display of code flag "2nd Repeater" along with the course signals, or the digital display of  after them, indicates that the course is to be sailed twice around with the start mark ( or R"32") being treated as a turning mark of the course.

9. THE MARKS

- 9.1 The marks are designated as follows:

Board	Mark
	Green Gong "15" Lloyd Point
	Green Bell "17" Oyster Bay
	Red Bell "32A" Mid Sound
	Red Nun "34" Greenwich Point
	Bell "1" Little Captain's Island
	Green Gong "1" Stamford Harbor
	Red Bell "32" The Cows
	Temporary Starting Mark

- 9.2 Marks shall be rounded so that the boat's rhumbline course to the next mark does not cross the rhumbline course from the previous mark.

- 9.3 When the designated course is reciprocal, the mark shall be left to Port.
- 9.4 When the course contains reciprocal legs to be sailed AFTER the first signaled mark or marks, the mark between the reciprocal legs shall be left on the same side as the preceding mark.

10. CHECK-IN

Before its division start, each boat shall approach the stern of the Signal Vessel and declare her intention to start. Boats shall NOT check in by radio.

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag ("line flag") on the signal boat and Red Bell 32, or a temporary mark (S) set by the RC.
- 11.2 When the starting line is set, the RC will display the "line flag."
- 11.3 **STARTING SEQUENCE**
5 minutes before the first warning, code flag "F" will be displayed with one sound signal. This changes rule 26.
- 11.4 **Please note: the RC may elect to start two or more classes simultaneously – watch the flags, and listen for announcements.**
- 11.5 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 rule is subject to protest by the race committee.
- 11.6 A boat shall not start later than 15 minutes after her starting signal.

12. RECALLS

In the event of an Individual Recall, infringing boat(s) may be recalled by name or sail number over VHF channel 05A. Failure of an OCS boat to hear a recall announcement or failure of the RC to make such an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 29.1 and 60.1(b).

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line will be between the "line flag" on the signal vessel and a nearby mark, except as may be modified by 13.2.
- 13.2 The race may be shortened at any mark of the course. If the race is intended to be shortened for one or more classes, but not all, that or those class' code flag(s) will be displayed below code flag "S."
- 13.3 At the finish, each boat is responsible for making sure the RC has established positive identification.

14. PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed in that a boat may take a one turn penalty when she may have broken one of more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*. However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the zone of any rounding or finishing marks, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty in compliance with rule 44.2.
- 14.2 Penalties for breaches of non-Part 2 rules may be less than DSQ if the protest committee so decides. This changes rule 64.1.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The time limit for all boats to finish is 2200.

- 15.2 If a single boat is unduly delaying the completion of a race, the RC may order the race terminated and score that boat last place. This changes rules 35, A4.1, and A4.2.
- 15.3 A boat withdrawing from the race must report to the RC, either in person or over channel 05A, as soon as practicable and wait for acknowledgement from the RC.

16. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Immediately after finishing or withdrawing, a protesting boat shall verbally inform the RC of her intention to file a protest.
- 16.2 Protests must be filed in writing and postmarked no later than 2359 the day after the race. Protests shall be emailed to Ray Redniss at rredniss@gmail.com or by FAX to 203-357-1118.

17. ARBITRATION

- 17.1 Arbitration will be held in accordance with Appendix T.
- 17.2 One representative from each boat will meet with an arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn.
- 17.3 The arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony given and offer testimony. This changes RRS 63.3(a).
- 17.4 It is intended that protests be heard at 1900 at SYC on a date to be determined by the parties in conversation with the mediator. It is intended but not required that such hearing be scheduled within 15 days following the race in which the protest occurred.

18. SCORING & PRIZES

- 18.1 A boat's series score will be the total of her best race scores comprised of one more than half of the races held. Boats whose crew serves as race committee may substitute a score of the average of half the races held for her score of the "one more than" race.
- 18.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF and scored points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus one. This changes rule A4.2.
- 18.3 Prizes will be awarded per the current "General Conditions-Prize Rules" posted on YS and the perpetual awards posted on www.breakwaters.org.

19. SAFETY

See Sailing Instruction 1. The RC may randomly inspect selected boats to check for compliance with safety equipment requirements.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 It is the intention of the RC to monitor channel 05A during all races. If a skipper is unsure if a race will be held because of weather conditions, the RC may be contacted on channel 05A beginning at 1800, or by telephone to the SYC Dock House at 203 348-2575.
- 20.2 Other than as described in these instructions, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, nor receive special communications, not simultaneously available free of charge to all boats.