



INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB

6th ANNUAL SPRING SPRINT

"THE GEARTESTER"

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Test it, then Bust it

Includes amendments made March 1, 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. This race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of US Sailing excepting the prescription to rule 34.
- 1.2. The measurement rules used will be PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker rules as administered by the YRA of LIS.
- 1.3. PHRF boats will be scored using the distance racing handicap issued by the YRA of LIS and scored using time-on-distance.
- 1.4. Qualifier for the YRALIS Windigo, Sagola, du Moulin, King's Point, Mertz and Youth Challenge Cup trophies.
- 1.5. All PHRF boats must comply with the YRA of LIS Category B minimum equipment recommendations.
- 1.6. Any weight or crew limits are waived.
- 1.7. Per rule 42.3(i), a boat that runs aground while racing may use its engine or any other method to get refloated provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race.
- 1.8. Each boat shall fly from her backstay six or more feet above the deck a numeral pennant corresponding to her class.

2. DOUBLE-HANDED FLEET RULES

- 2.1. A double-handed fleet may be included provided there are sufficient entries as determined by the race committee.
- 2.2. Crew limit is two persons, one of whom must be 18 years of age or older.
- 2.3. Boats will be scored using the double-handed racing handicap issued by the YRA of LIS and scored using time-on-distance.
- 2.4. Wind vanes or electric self-steering devices may be used.
- 2.5. Jack lines must be rigged both port and starboard, and run from the cockpit to the bow.
- 2.6. Safety harnesses must be worn at all times while racing.

3. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY & FEES

- 3.1. The race is open to boats owned by or under charter to members of the YRA of LIS or other US Sailing Association, and boats of foreign registry.
- 3.2. Eligible fleets are expected to include PHRF fully crewed, PHRF double-handed and PHRF fully crewed/non-spinnaker plus any one-design fleet with five or more entries.
- 3.3. Entry is via the appropriate yachtscoring.com event site.
- 3.4. The entry fee is \$75; \$100 if received after May 13.
- 3.5. The entry fee includes post-race food and beer.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Racing will be held Saturday, May 20, 2017.
- 4.2. The first warning is scheduled for 1100

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available beginning on or before May 17 online at the relevant Yachtscoring page or from Indian Harbor's front desk or a race committee support boat before the start.

6. COURSES

- 6.1. The start line will be east of Little Captain Island OUTSIDE Captain Harbor between Flat Neck Point Shoal RN "2" (40°59.746N/ 073°35.479W) and a yellow flag on the signal boat.
- 6.2. Racing will be approximately 8 miles to 20 miles in length depending on conditions.
- 6.3. Courses and distances will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.4. The finish line will be between Greenwich Harbor Channel RN "2" (40°59.905N/073°37.277W) INSIDE Captains Harbor located at 40°59.905N/073°37.277W. Note: This is NOT the same Nun "2" as is being used for the start.

7. MOORINGS

Guest moorings are available from 1200 Friday, May 19 to 1200 Sunday, May 21 by making prior arrangements with the marine staff (please call 203.869.2484 and ask for a guest mooring).

8. PRIZES

- 8.1. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each division. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 8.2. Prizes will be awarded following racing at the post-race get together at Indian Harbor.
- 8.3. For PHRF fleets with at least five boats having finished both the Geartester and Gearbuster, prizes will be awarded at the annual Indian Harbor Awards Dinner to the boats in those fleets deemed by the race committee to have had the best combined performance.

9. POST-RACE

All competitors are invited to Indian Harbor Yacht Club following the race for beer and food (included in the entry fee) and awards presentation.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

11. CONTACT INFORMATION

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