



14th ANNUAL AMERICAN YACHT CLUB
High Performance Dinghy Open Regatta
Rye, New York - October 7th - 8th, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- i. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
- ii. The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS60.3, 63.2, and 63.4 shall not apply.
- iii. The Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix T "ARBITRATION" shall apply.
- iv. US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 "PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT" shall apply.
- v. J/70 Class Rules III.I.3(Support Boats) and 111.1.4 (Corinthian Division) will apply.
- vi. The Orange Fleet will use standard starting sequence as prescribed by Rule 26. The Yellow Fleet will use the Audible-Signal Racing system with a 3 minute starting sequence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- i. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Event Website at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4240>. The Race Committee may also make updates to the physical notice board on the porch of the American Yacht Club, however if there is any difference between them the board on Yachtscoring shall prevail.
- ii. Copies of notices posted on the official notice board may be distributed to competitors via email and/or text messages. Competitors are asked to ensure their contact details are input and correct on the event website. This functionality is a courtesy only and failure to send or receive any notices shall not be grounds for redress, this changes rule 62.1

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI's will be posted on the official notice board, 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.

4 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.

5 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS - EMERGENCY ONLY

- i. Each boat may carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channel 16, 69 (Orange circle) & 68 for Safety and Rescue. 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. They can do this on channel 69. If Competitors need assistance or help, they can contact the Safety & Rescue boat on channel 68.



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6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

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

Saturday, October 7

0900 Competitor's Briefing Orange Circle in front of AYC clubhouse, Yellow Fleet in front of AYC Junior club house.

1030 Scheduled First Warning Signal of the day (All Classes)

Sunday, October 8

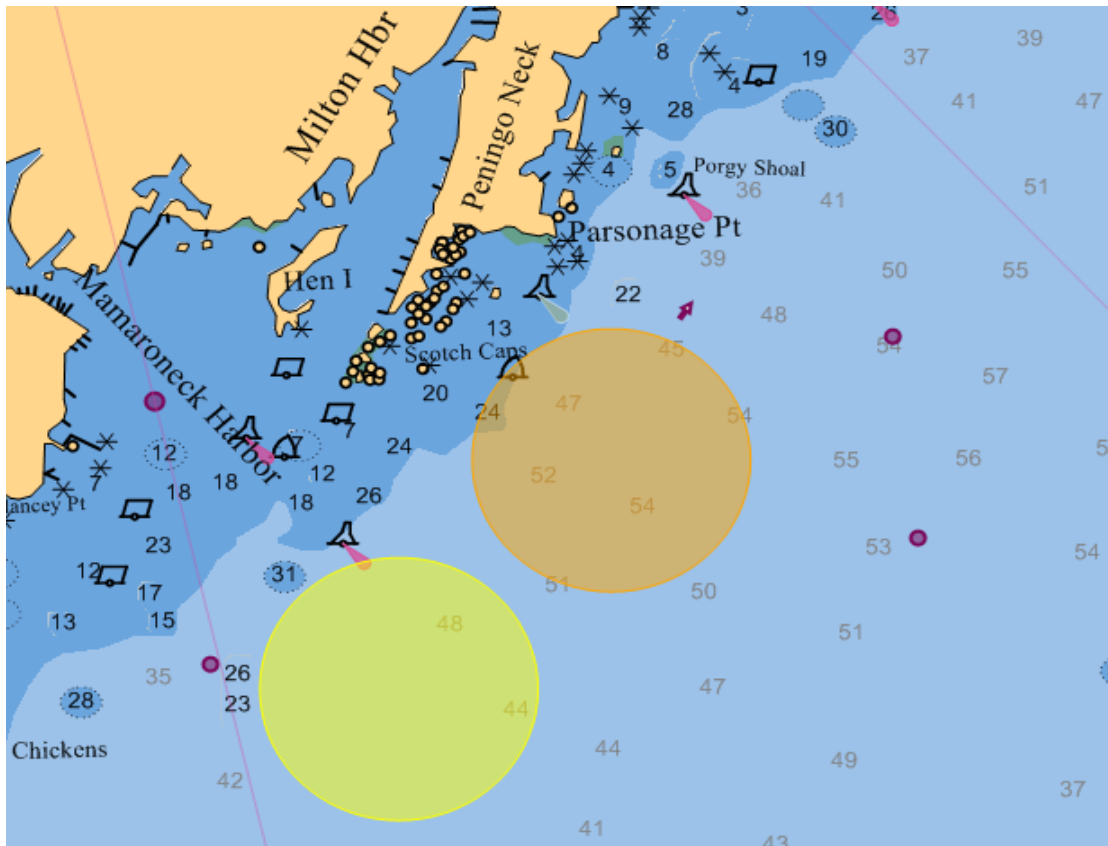
1000 Scheduled First Warning Signal (All Classes)

(No Warning Signal will be given after 1500 on Sunday, October 8)

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

7 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. UFO, Moth and WASZP classes shall sail on the Yellow Course. All other classes shall sail on the Orange Course



- ii. The race committee signal boat for the Orange Circle will be "Peningo" (white hull). The race committee signal boat for the Yellow Circle will be a large blue rib.








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8 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be numeral pennants as shown below.

Orange Circle		Orange Circle				
						
1	2	3	4	5		
Viper	J/70	K6	PY-1	420		

9 COURSES (Orange Course)

- 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. 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.
- vi. For the International 420 class sailing the WL course, a shorter weather mark may be used. The short weather mark will be a white tetrahedron with no offset mark on the same bearing shown on the signal board but at a 0.25 Nautical Mile shorter distance. A change “short weather mark” will also be a white tetrahedron at a 0.25 NM shorter distance with no offset mark. If a short weather mark will be used, the course board display will be “5S” and it will be announced prior to the start. There will be no offset mark with the White Tetrahedron.

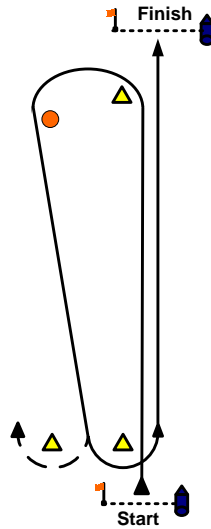


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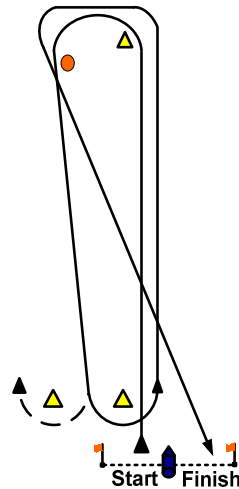
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Sample Orange course board and configurations which may be read, left to right or right to left depending on the signal boat and location of the viewer (labels may not be displayed):

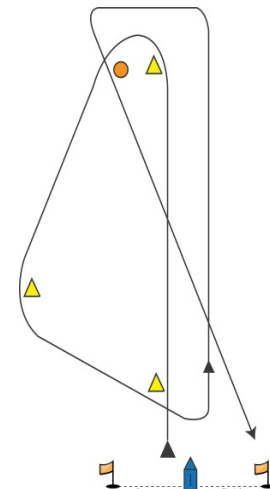
Bearing	Range	Class	Legs
2	0	1	6
3	.7	2	4
0		3	4
		4	2



Example: (3) Course



(4) Course



(9) Modified Gold Cu

10 Courses for Yellow Circle

- The course for the competitors in the Yellow Circle will be given verbally before the start of each race. This will be discussed at the briefing on Saturday morning for the Yellow fleet in front of the American Yacht Club Junior Clubhouse.
- All turning rounding marks and the start mark left to port.
- Leeward marks will be Leeward marks only, no gates.
- 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.

11 MARKS

- 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.
- Yellow Circle rounding marks will be Yellow inflatable tetrahedrons. Yellow Circle Start and Finish marks will be Orange inflatable tetrahedrons. There will be no offset marks on the Yellow Circle.



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12 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.

13 THE START

- i. 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 the port end starting mark.
- ii. 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.
- iii. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- iv. 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.

14 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

15 THE FINISH

- i. The finish will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 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.

16 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



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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.

17 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 30 feet long or less than 3/8" diameter and a paddle shall be carried by all boats at all times; except, due to practical limitations International 420's are excused from carrying a paddle. Foiling Moths and UFO's are excused from carrying towline and paddle.

18 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.

19 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.

20 SCORING and PRIZES

- i. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- ii. 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.

21 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.

22 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.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY



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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.

24 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.

25 CONTACT INFORMATION

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