



INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB
2017 CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA
SEPTEMBER 16, 2017
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. For the purpose of RRS 14 and 44.1, any contact between boats shall be considered serious damage. This changes rule 44.1.
- 1.3. If a conflict exists between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the main lobby at IHYC.
- 2.2. The race committee intends to broadcast pertinent race information on VHF 05A. Failure of such information to be given or received shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on Saturday, September 16th.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole at IHYC.
- 4.2. When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal "AP".

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND RACE

Friday, 9/15: 1600 – 2100 Boat arrivals, check in, and Welcome Party

Saturday, 9/16	0900 – 1000	Last minute check-in
	1000	Mandatory Competitors’ Meeting
	1100	Harbor Start
	1150	Course Signals
	1155	First Warning Signals
	1700	Cocktails and Awards Dinner

*All classes shall sail one race.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Class flags will be numeral pennants.
- 6.2. Class assignments will be shown on the final scratch sheet, which will be available by 0900 on Saturday 9/16 online at www.yachtscoring.com and through www.indianharboryc.com. The final scratch sheet and starting order will also be distributed at the competitors’ meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board. Owners/skippers are cautioned to use the final scratch sheet as the preliminary scratch sheet is subject to change.
- 6.3. All competitors shall fly their class flag as designated on the scratch sheet. Flags shall be flown from the permanent backstay approximately six feet above the deck. Yachts with no permanent backstay shall fly their class flag from another conspicuous location.
- 6.4. Classes may be started together. This will be indicated on the scratch sheet along with starting order and assignment to the Long or Short Course.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Captain Harbor and in Long Island Sound, as shown in Addendum 3.

8. COURSES AND MARKS

- 8.1. Marks are described in Addendum 1.
- 8.2. Yachts will sail one of two courses: a Long Course or a Short Course. Long and Short course assignments will be given on the scratch sheet.
- 8.3. A list of potential courses is given in Addendum 2. Each course is designated by a single letter: Course A, Course B and so on. Each course shows the order in which marks are to be passed. All courses start inside Captain Harbor, proceed to an inflatable mark to windward of the race committee signal boat (Mark “Z”) and then proceed in the order indicated around government marks in Long Island Sound in the vicinity of the mid-Sound buoy (32A) and the Captain Islands.
- 8.4. Government marks that are not marks of the course may be passed on either side at the sole discretion of the skipper/owner.

- 8.5. Courses and course distances will be determined by the race committee and shall not be subject to redress.
- 8.6. No later than five minutes before the first warning signal, the race committee will designate the Long and Short courses by displaying on the signal boat course board the course letter underneath “L” for Long Course and “S” for Short Course.

9. PRE-START IDENTIFICATION AND RETIREMENT

- 9.1. Prior to the first warning signal, all competing yachts shall sail past the stern of the race committee boat on starboard tack and announce their yacht name and sail number.
- 9.2. A yacht retiring shall inform the race committee on the assigned VHF hailing channel (05A). This is a safety requirement allowing the race committee to monitor the whereabouts of the fleet.

10. STARTING PROCEDURES

- 10.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS rule 26. There will be a five minute interval between one start and the warning for the next start. This modifies RRS Rule 26.
- 10.2. The race committee will attempt to hail boats that are OCS, but failure to hail, or a competitor not hearing her hail will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 29.1.
- 10.3. An Individual Recall will be signaled by one sound from the race committee signal boat and the display of code flag “X”. A General Recall will be signaled by two sound signals from the signal boat and the display of the “First Repeater”. A new warning signal will follow as soon as possible in the judgment of the race committee.

EXAMPLE STARTING SEQUENCE

1150	Course Signals	
1155	Warning (first start)	First start class flag(s) raised with sound signal
1156	Preparatory Signal	“P” flag raised with sound signal
1159	Preparatory Signal	“P” flag dropped
1200	First Start	First start class flag(s) dropped
1205	Warning for start 2	Second start class flag(s) raised

11. STARTING LINE

The starting line will be between a flag on the race committee signal boat and an adjacent mark or inflatable buoy. The starting line will be inside Captain Harbor.

12. FINISH LINE

The finish line for all classes will be between Captain Island Red Nun 'N2' (Race Course mark 'M') off the western end of Great Captain Island and a flag on the signal boat. The signal boat will display a race committee flag and an IHYC burgee.

13. TIME LIMITS

All yachts must finish the race within five hours of the last division starting time. Those yachts not finishing within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1. A protesting yacht shall notify the race committee of its intent to protest via the assigned hailing channel (05A).
- 14.2. Protests shall be filed with the Race Committee as soon as possible following completion of the race but no later than one hour after the last boat's finishing time or the signal boat docking time, whichever is later. Protest forms are available at the IHYC Front Desk, and may be turned in to the IHYC Front Desk. Protest hearings, if any, shall be scheduled and heard at a time and place designated by the race committee.
- 14.3. A yacht being protested may exonerate itself on the race course immediately following the infraction, as long as the exoneration turn(s) does/do not impede the progress of other yachts. At the first opportunity after the race, a yacht which has exonerated herself shall report that fact to the race committee via the designated hailing channel (05A) and identify the boat infringed against. This modifies RRS 44.2.

15. SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCE

Results for handicap classes will be based on CRF MK II ratings and course distances as determined by the race committee. If applicable, one-design classes will be scored within their class provided there are a minimum of five boats per class.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Racing awards will be presented at the Saturday Awards Dinner. Awards for first, second and third place finishes will be presented to all classes.
- 16.2. Yachts competing in a spinnaker class are not eligible for the Long Island Sound Classic Yacht Regatta Series trophy or the Frank Bowne Jones Trophy.
- 16.3. Subject to 16.2, the Frank Bowne Jones Founders Cup will be awarded for the fastest corrected time by a classic yacht on the Long Course.
- 16.4. The Spartan Trophy will be awarded for the fastest corrected time by a yacht other than the Frank Bowne Jones Founders Cup winner on the Long Course.
- 16.5. The Victory Trophy will be awarded for the fastest corrected time by a yacht on the Short Course.

17. RADIO USE

A race hailing channel will be confirmed at the competitors' meeting, and is planned to be 05A. The Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to inform competitors regarding postponements, general recalls and other race-related information. The absence, inaccuracy or lack of timeliness of such broadcasts shall not be grounds for granting redress. The Race Committee will be under no obligation to acknowledge or answer radio communications except to acknowledge retirement, protests or reports of exoneration.

18. SAIL AND EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS

Sail and equipment limitations shall be as stated in the Notice of Race for all classes.

19. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

19.1. As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored by the Indian harbor Yacht Club: the owner, helmsman and each crew member agrees that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility, and each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Indian Harbor Yacht Club and any of its officers, trustees, members committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat, including safety equipment.

19.2. All yachts in the Classic, Vintage and Spirit of Tradition classes shall observe the "one boat length" rule. In all cases on the race course after the start, any burdened vessel shall maintain a distance no less than its overall length from any right-of-way vessel. This modifies RRS 14 (Avoiding Contact) as an addition hereto.

20. CONTACTS

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Addendum 1

Racing Mark List

Mark	Description of Mark	Approx. Location
A	Gong G"1"	0.5 NM E of Little Captain Island
B	Bell R"32A"	2.3 NM SSE of Greenwich Point
C	Bell R"32"	0.8 NM S of Shippan Point
D	Bell R"28C"	3.4 NM N of Eatons Neck
E	Can C"13"	0.9 NM N of Eatons Neck
F	Gong G"15"	0.9 NM NNE of Lloyd Point
G	Bell G"17"	1.4 NM N of Rocky Point
H	Gong C"19"	0.6 NM N of Oak Neck Point
J	Gong G"21"	0.3 NM N of Matinecock Point
K	Nun "40A"	0.3 NM SSE of Peningo Neck
L	Bell R"36"	1.0 NM SW of Great Captain
M	Nun N"2"	0.2 NM SSW of Great Captain Island
N	Nun N"2"	0.4 NM ENE of Great Captain Island

Addendum 2

IHYC Classic Regatta Course List

Course	Rounding Order Of Marks	Distance (NM)
A	N C B A C B M	18.4
B	N C G B M	12.3
C	N C B A M	10.2
D	A B A M	8.0
E	N C F M	12.0
F	A G B M	11.1
G	A B G M	9.7
H	A B A M B A M	16.6
I	A F C M	12.2
J	N C B A C M	17.9
K	A M C M	13.8
L	N C M	9.7
M	A B C A B C M	19.9
N	A G C A M	14.4
O	A G A B A M	17.0
P	A B G A M	11.7
Q	N C F A M	14.2
R	A F A M	13.4
S	N F C M	14.5
T	N C A B M	13.9
U	A M	2.6
V	A H F G B M	17.1
W	A B C M	10.7

Note Prior to sailing the posted course, all boats shall round inflatable mark “Z” to windward of the start.

