



HEMPSTEAD HARBOUR CLUB
Heritage Cup
Classic Boat Regatta

September 23, 2017
Hempstead Harbor, NY

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
AMENDED SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 For this regatta for purposes of RRS 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16, the definition of Keep Clear is changed to read:

Keep Clear: One boat keeps clear of another when she is more than one of her hull lengths away from the other boat, when the other can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and, when the boats are overlapped on the same tack and the leeward boat can change course in both directions without immediately making contact with the windward boat.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors and any changes in the Sailing Instructions shall be distributed at the skipper's meeting. It is the responsibility of all competitors to be aware of these notices.
- 2.2 Changes will be announced via Channel 72 prior to the first signal.

3. SCRATCH SHEETS, CLASS FLAGS AND CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

Scratch sheets showing class assignments and class flags will be distributed at the Skippers' Meeting at 0945 on Saturday, September 23rd.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 4.1 Only one race is scheduled
- 4.2 The warning signal for the first start of the day is 1200 hours

5. RACING AREA

The Racing Area shall be in Hempstead Harbor and surrounding Western Long Island Sound.

6. MARKS AND COURSES

6.1 The marks are Hempstead Harbour Club marks and government marks. All shown on the Mark Chart.

B	Scotch Gaps R 42 (Mamaroneck Harbor)
C	Prospect Point RN 4; Red Nun
D	Hempstead Harbor RN 2; Red Nun
E	Prospect Point G 23; FI G 4s Gong
G	HHC Mark – North of Hempstead Harbor
J	HHC Mark – Between Weeks Point and GC Breakwater
K	Matinecock Point Shoal G21
M	HHC Mark – South end of Hempstead Harbor
S	Hempstead Harbor Anchorage B; Yellow Can (southern yellow can)
Y	Hempstead Harbor GC 1; Green Can
Z	Mott Point R 6; Red Bell

6.2 All marks shall be rounded as determined by the Race Committee. The Race Committee shall post a green signal with “S” or red signal with “P” at the end of the course display. Green signal with “S” signifies all marks shall be rounded to starboard, while red signal with “P” signifies all marks shall be rounded to port. If the Race Committee does not signal the direction of rounding the mark, the marks shall be rounded in a direction so that a line drawn from the prior mark (or starting mark) to the mark to be rounded shall not cross a line from the mark to be rounded to the next mark (or finishing mark).

6.3 If there is a green or red “2x” below the course, this signifies to leave marks to starboard or port per in accordance with 6.3 above and the “2x” signifies twice around the course.

6.4 In order to facilitate shortening of course, all boats are required to sail through the starting/finishing line on twice around courses upon commencing the second lap.

6.5 Twice-around courses may be finished by the Race Committee at the conclusion of the first lap by hoisting Code Flag “S” and sounding one horn. All boats must sail through the starting/finishing line during twice-around courses. The Race Committee may broadcast shortening course at Channel 72 at its discretion.

7. START & FINISH MARK

The start & finish mark will be a Hempstead Harbour Club inflatable mark (likely yellow)

8. THE START & FINISH

8.1 The starting & finish line shall be between a orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the Start & Finish mark.

8.2 Starting sequence – Rule 26 Start

- **WARNING** 5 Minutes to Start
Class flag raised accompanied by one horn sound at 5 minutes before the start.
- **PREPARATORY** 4 Minutes to Start
P flag or shape raised accompanied by one horn at 4 minutes before the start.
1 minute before the start - P flag is removed
- **START**
Class flag is removed

8.3 There will be 5 minutes between the start of one class and the warning for the next class

8.4 The starting order will be as follows:

Class 1

Class 2 & 3

Class 4

Class 5 & 6

8.5 A boat starting later than 30 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This modifies RRS rule A4.1.

9. RECALLS

9.1 For Individual Recalls, the Race Committee will endeavor to hail individual boats by loud hailer and/or on the VHF radio 72 and will signal one horn sound. Failure to hear a radio call or hail does not relieve a boat of responsibility to start correctly. This changes RRS rule 29.

9.2 For General Recalls, the Race Committee will sound two horn sounds and hail general recall over Channel 72. This changes RRS rule 29.

10. THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between a blue flag on the Committee boat and the Finishing mark. Boats are required to cross the finish line from the direction of the last mark.

11. TIME LIMITS

All boats must finish within four hours of their start.

12. PROTESTS

12.1 The protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest via VHF Channel 72 or hail the Race Committee after completing the race.

12.2 Protests shall be filed with Race Committee as soon as possible following completion of the race. Protest forms are available at HHC clubhouse.

12.3 Protest hearings shall be heard at the HHC. Protest hearings shall be scheduled and heard at a time designated by HHC.

12.4 If a boat believes they have committed an infraction, the boat may exonerate itself on the race course by completing a Two -Turns penalty immediately following the infraction as long as the turns do not impede the progress of other boats. At the first reasonable opportunity immediately after the race, a boat which has accepted a Two-Turns Penalty shall report that fact to the Race Committee on VHF channel 72 and identify the boat infringed against. This modifies RRS 44.2

13. SAFETY

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

14. RADIO USE

14.1 VHF Channel 72 will be used by the Race Committee for communications.

14.2 Courtesy Broadcasts – A regatta representative will make courtesy broadcasts on VHF Channel 72 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. This changes RRS 62.1

14.3 The Race Committee will be under no obligation to acknowledge or answer radio communications except for acknowledging retirement, protest or 720-degree turns penalty calls.

15. SCORING

The regatta will be scored using the Classic Racing Formula (base rating) for the Classic Yacht and the Spirit of Tradition Divisions while the Good Old Boats Division will be scored using PHRF Time-On-Distance

16. PRIZES

The awards ceremony will be held at Hempstead Harbour Club following the race.

Awards will be provided for each class.

The Heritage Cup will be awarded for the best performance in the Classic Division winner. The Cassidy Cup will be awarded to for the best performance in the Good Old Boat Division.

17. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPETITORS

In consideration of the sponsorship of this regatta and the acceptance of the participant's entry by Hempstead Harbour Club, each participant hereby agrees that the safety of his/her boat and crew, and the decision whether to start or continue to race, is his/her responsibility and not the responsibility of the Sponsor. Each participant hereby waives all claims which he/she may have against the Sponsor and their directors, officers, members, committees, employees or volunteers arising out of or in any way connected with his/her participation in this event or any related activity undertaken by any of them in conjunction with, prior to, during or after this event. Each participant represents to the Sponsor that he/she carries adequate property and liability insurance, that he/she will inform his/her insurance carrier of the foregoing waiver and that he/she will inform all crew members of their responsibilities for safety. Each participant further agrees that the foregoing waiver is binding on his/her heirs, representatives, successors and assigns.