

Cow Bay Cruising Association ("CBCA") --- 2012 Series

Warm-up: May 10, 17

Spring: May 24, 31, June , 7**, 14, 21, 28, July 5, 12

Summer: July 19, 26, August 2**, 9, 16, 23, 30, Sept 6

** Spinnaker race for Division I (as approved at annual meeting)

Eligibility: Open to auxiliary powered cruising sailboats, 22 feet or more in length equipped with life lines (unless the boat is part of a recognized one-design class for which life lines are not required), running lights (which must be on after sunset), and head, whose owners have registered with the CBCA. All boats must be capable of motoring to and from the starting area. Skippers are strongly requested to join the YRA of LIS.

Entries: For an application, please go to <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=570>, select Cow Bay Cruising Association Series as the event, and proceed to register and submit payment. Entries must be made on a CBCA application form and be submitted as part of the registration, along with a valid PHRF certificate. Questions may be directed to the fleet's scorer Eric Weintraub, email at eric@adgiftsinc.com. **No boat will be scored without a fully completed and paid entry.**

Ratings: Current PHRF handicap ratings as assigned by the YRA of LIS will be used for new boats in the fleet, or for any claimed PHRF changes. For assistance with new or revised ratings, contact YRA of LIS, email at YRALISPHRF@OptOnline.net. Rating adjustments may be made to reflect the skill of the sailors and/or the competitiveness of the various boats in the conditions encountered in Manhasset Bay.

Divisions: Entrants will sail in three divisions:
Division I - The lower rated boats (0-89 PHRF)
Division II - The mid-rated boats (90-149 PHRF)
Division III - The higher rated boats (150 and higher PHRF)
There will be a cruising class within Division III

Rules: The current Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") shall govern, except as modified below, and except that the prescriptions of RRS 82 are deleted and RRS 82 shall not apply (the Disclaimer, Waiver and Indemnity provisions of the CBCA Application to govern instead).

Special CBCA Rules:

- 1) Only one spinnaker pole or whisker pole shall be used at a time. This changes RRS 50.2 Pole cannot be extended beyond or be longer than the J or SPL measurement in your YRALIS PHRF certificate.
- 2) Jib and/or Genoa must be attached to the forestay (only one sail allowed at a time, except when changing). Spinnakers, Bloopers, code zeros and Staysails are not allowed except in specifically designated spinnaker races (see asterisked dates above). Division II boats may join in these spinnaker races, but will be scored for qualifying purposes only.

3) There is no weight/crew restriction for any CBCA event.

Marks: Marks and restricted areas are as defined on the Cow Bay Racing Association chart, which may be picked up online or at any of the bay yacht clubs.

Courses: The CBCA Commodore or Race Committee will announce the course on VHF Channel 72 using internationally recognized call signs, e.g. Alpha, Bravo Charlie, Delta, etc. The course will establish the marks and indicate whether the marks are to be rounded to port or starboard. If a course is posted on the Worry Wart course board, the posted course shall be the official course. Courses posted or announced as “B A B A”, or similar, are NOT considered twice around.

Twice Around: A twice around course will be signaled by a “T” flag. For “twice around” courses, yachts **shall** cross the start/finish line on each upwind leg and shall **not** cross the start/finish line on downwind legs except to finish. An example of a twice around course is “BA Twice around” posted “BA” with the T Flag flying.

Shortened or Changed Course: The Race Committee or Commodore may change or shorten the course by making announcements over VHF channel 72. It is the responsibility of the competitor to monitor VHF 72 throughout the race. This changes RRS 32 & 33.

Start and Finish: In the vicinity of the committee boat, the Worry Wart, anchored approximately 1/2 mile NW of mark B in Manhasset Bay.

Start/Finish Line: Between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and an inflatable buoy or pin. After starting, a yacht **may not recross** the start/finish line except when a “twice around” course has been set (see Twice Around instruction). The start line **will not be moved** and will become the finish line, unless an alternate finish line is established by the Race Committee. Prior to their warning signal, yachts shall keep clear of the starting area for the previous division.

Starting Times and Signals –

<u>Time</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag</u>
6:59 PM		3 Horn Blasts	ATTENTION
7:00 PM	Div III	Div III Warning	Hoist Numeral Pennant #3
7:01 PM	Div III	Div III Preparatory	Hoist “P” Flag
7:04 PM	Div III	Div III One Minute	Drop “P” Flag
7:05 PM	Div III	Div III Start/ Div II Warning	Drop Numeral Pennant #3/ Hoist Numeral Pennant #2
7:06 PM	Div II	Div II Preparatory	Hoist “P” Flag
7:09PM	Div II	Div II One Minute	Drop “P” Flag
7:10 PM	Div II	Div II Start/Div I Warning	Drop Numeral Pennant #2/ Hoist Numeral Pennant #1
7:11 PM	Div I	Div I Preparatory	Hoist “P” Flag
7:14 PM	Div I	Div I One Minute	Drop “P” Flag
7:15 PM	Div I	Div I Start	Drop Numeral Pennant #1

Each Hoist & Drop will be accompanied by a sound signal, if no sound signal is made the Hoist/Drop shall control. If using an automated horn system, the sound signal shall control. The absence of a sound signal or flag shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 26 and 62.1.

Recalls: There will be minimal General Recalls. Recalls will be indicated by one horn blast for each yacht over early. RC will attempt to hail sail numbers or announce sail numbers over Ch. 72. Boats over the line early who do not return to recross the starting line will be scored OCS. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification and the timing and order of such hails shall not be grounds for redress. The changes RRS 41 & 62.1.

Postponement/Cancellation: Postponement will be indicated by two horn blasts. The next signal will be the warning signal for the next division to start. Abandonment of divisions not yet started will be indicated by three horn blasts. This changes Race Signals and RRS 32.1

Time Limit: The time limit for all Divisions is 9:30 p.m. Finish by one boat in a division constitutes a race for that division. RC will stay on station until all boats finish or 10:00 p.m., whichever is earlier, after which yachts shall keep their own times and phone or email them to the scorer.

Taking a Penalty: If there is no contact, a One-Turn penalty may be completed for exoneration. This changes RRS 44.1

Protests: In accordance with the current RRS except for fee. Protests must be delivered to the Commodore by noon of the Friday following the race, accompanied by a \$25.00 check made out to CBCA, which will be returned if the protest is upheld.

Yachts shall not interfere with boats in other divisions. The RRS (as modified herein) apply to all divisions.

Series Scoring: Low point scoring, best four races. First gets 3/4 point; second place gets 2 points, third place 3 points, etc. DNF gets the number of starters plus one, DSQ plus two. Based on these scores, in the event of a tie, the boat that beat the other boat the most times wins (all races count in which both boats started). If the tie is not broken by that means, the boat with most firsts, then seconds, then thirds, etc. (all races count) wins. This changes Appendix A and 90.3(a).

Prizes: Awards will be based upon the number of entrants qualifying:

1st Place: Three or more

2nd Place: Five or more

3rd Place: Eight or more

In order to continue to present quality trophies, a yacht may be awarded a single trophy to encompass all awards won during the season.

Columbus Day Race: There will be a Columbus Day Race. A separate circular will be issued for that race.