



2012 Long Island Sound IRC Championship
Presented by
The Storm Triesail Club and the Riverside Yacht Club
Saturday and Sunday, September 15 & 16, 2012

IRC Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (RRS) and Parts A, B, and C of the 2012 IRC rules except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 The number of crew allowed will be the crew number on the IRC certificate plus one.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS/REGATTA HEADQUARTERS

Regatta headquarters will be located at Riverside Yacht Club. Except for jury notices, notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the head of the RYC dock. Jury notices will be posted on the jury notice board located near the reception area.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main RYC flagpole
- 4.2 Flag AP displayed ashore means that racing is postponed for the IRC and PHRF courses. When lowered, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes."
- 4.3 Flag AP over flag I displayed ashore means that racing is postponed for the IRC course. When lowered, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes."

5 SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 15
1030 First signal

Sunday, Sept. 16

1030 First signal

1500 No warning signal after this time

6 CLASS FLAGS and CLASS SPLITS

Class	Class flag
IRC Class 1	Numeral pennant 1
IRC Class 2	Numeral pennant 2
IRC Class 3	Numeral pennant 3
IRC Class 4	Numeral pennant 4

The final class splits will be available no later than 1900 Thursday at the RYC front desk.

7 RACING AREA

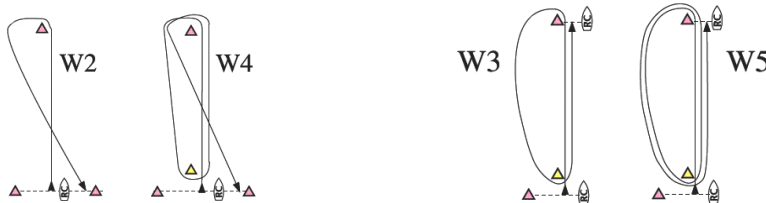
The racing area will be southerly of Little Captain Island

8 COURSES

A course board displayed from the Signal Boat will identify **the direction and distance to the windward mark and** the number of the course to be sailed. Different courses may be sailed for each class and the course board for each class will be displayed before the warning signal for that class. The Race Committee will attempt to notify all competitors of the course to be sailed using VHF Channel 05A.



Windward / Leeward courses will be sailed with marks to be left to port. The course board will display the identifying the course to be sailed by indicating on the bottom line the number of legs.



The Race Committee may set a leeward gate. If no gate is in place, boats are to round the single leeward mark, leaving it to port. The leeward mark or gate will be to windward of the start/finish line. The leeward mark or gate is not a mark of the course for a final downwind leg.

The Race Committee may set an offset mark at the Windward Mark. If set, the offset mark will be a tetrahedron of different color than the windward mark.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be pink, orange or yellow tetrahedrons. The start mark, and finish mark will be the same color. The gate marks will also match, but will be a different color from the start and finish marks.

9.2 A new mark, when used in accordance with instruction 11, Changing the Next Leg of the Course, will be a different color from the original mark.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The warning signal for the second and subsequent starts may be the starting signal for the previous start. The order of starts and class flags for the warning signal will be as noted in Class Flags and Class Splits.

10.2 The start line will be between an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end of the line and the pre-course side of a tetrahedron at the port end of the line.

10.3 An inflatable buoy may be tethered to the stern of the committee boat. Any boat touching this buoy will have broken rule 31 and shall act in accordance with rule 44.1.

11 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 A changed mark will be of a different color than the original mark. Subsequent changes will alternate between the original mark and the change mark.

11.2 If code flag "C" is flown with a class warning signal from the signal boat, that class will sail the first windward leg to the change mark.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 For downwind finishes, the finish line will be between a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of a tetrahedron on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting line.

12.2 For upwind finishes, the finish line will be between the course side of a tetrahedron to port and a blue flag on the signal boat to starboard.

13 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first finisher in her class will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This adds to Appendix A.A11.

14 PROTESTS AND REDRESS REQUESTS

14.1 After she finishes, a boat intending to protest is requested to notify the race committee of her intent and the identity of the protested boat.

14.2 Protest forms are available at the jury desk located at the RYC Clubhouse. Completed protest forms shall be submitted to the jury desk within the protest time limit.

14.3 The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the finish boat docks. Official docking time will be posted on the jury notice board.

14.4 A list of protests and redress requests will be posted on the jury notice board promptly after they are received. Hearings will begin as soon as possible after the posting of the hearing notice.

14.5 Parties and their witnesses should remain in the area of the jury desk and must be available when called.

15 ARBITRATION (This modifies Part 5, Section B, of the RRS)

15.1 For protests alleging a breach of a rule of Part 2, a brief arbitration hearing may be held prior to a jury hearing. One representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.

15.2 A boat that accepts fault at arbitration shall receive a scoring penalty of 40% as calculated in rule 44.3(c), but she shall not be scored worse than DNF.

15.3 Decisions resulting from arbitration cannot be grounds for redress and cannot be reopened or appealed.

15.4 The arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).

16 SCORING

16.1 One completed race constitutes a series and the championship.

16.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores without discard.

16.3 A boat scored TLE will receive 2 points more than the number of finishers in her class, but in no case will she be scored worse than DNF.

17 RADIO

The race committee will attempt to broadcast on VHF Channel 05A information such as location of the signal boat, sail numbers of OCS boats, course type, range and bearing to the windward mark, change of course, etc. Failure to broadcast this information or failure to receive or hear these broadcasts will not be grounds for redress.

18 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

Boats are cautioned to be on the lookout for and yield right of way to commercial vessels, particularly those with limited ability to maneuver such as tugs and barges.

19 PRIZES

19.1 A YRA of LIS IRC Championship Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best overall performance. A keeper trophy will be awarded to that boat.

19.2 Series prizes will be awarded in each class.

20 DISCLAIMER

It is the sole responsibility of the master of each boat to see that she is seaworthy in all respects and that she is manned by a competent crew. The master and all the members of the crew of each boat, by participating in this race, agree to do so at their own risk, and waive any claim against and hold harmless Storm Trysail Club and Riverside yacht Club, its officers, directors, committees, members, employees and agents against any claims arising in any way out of the participation in the Race of such boat, her master and crew.