

International K6 Regatta for the Owen Torrey Trophy

October 26, 27 and 28, 2012

Organizing Authority: American Yacht Club (“AYC”)
Rye, New York

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the rules of the International K6 Class as shown at www.k6class.org, except as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions will apply and will be posted at www.rsk6usa.com for review by non-US competitors.
- 1.3 Class rules requiring competitors to be members of the class association will not apply.
- 1.4 In event of conflict between the notice of race and the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions will govern. This changes rule 63.7.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the front porch of AYC.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 BOATS

- 4.1 Boats will be provided for all non-US competitors, who without prior permission of the organizing authority shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that:
- (a) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - (b) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
 - (c) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted consistent with the class rules and paragraph 4.2.
- 4.2 All competitors (in own boats or in borrowed boats):
- (a) may adjust lower shrouds on the water or on shore;
 - (b) may adjust upper shrouds only while on shore; and
 - (c) shall have on the boat while afloat all equipment needed for sailing as well as lifting straps, rudder cover and keel hoist.
- 4.3 The penalty for not complying with any of the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
- 4.4 Competitors who have borrowed boats shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the race committee signal boat at the AYC dock.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Dates of racing: Friday, October 26 (which will be scored as the Friday Series) and Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28 (which will be scored for the Owen Torrey Trophy).
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1030 on Friday, October 26 and 1000 on Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28.

7 CLASS FLAG

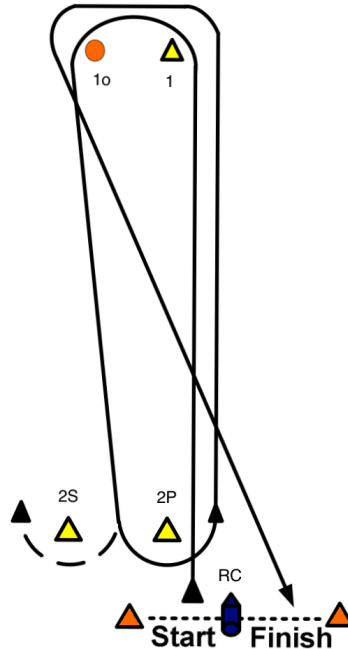
Class flag will be a flag displaying the K6 insignia.

8 RACING AREA

Racing will be in Long Island Sound in the vicinity of Milton Point. See Appendix A: Racing Areas.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The below diagram shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



- 9.2 On Friday, October 26, 2012, when code flag Foxtrot is displayed prior to a starting sequence, the course is changed to the following:
- Starting line;
 - Mark 1, rounding it in a manner which makes it a turning mark from the starting line to "Scotch Caps" R42 (red bell);
 - "Scotch Caps" R42, leaving it to starboard;
 - Buoy 2 (red can) entering Mamaroneck Harbor, leaving it to starboard;
 - Finishing line as defined in 13.3.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 Mark 1o will be a red or orange inflatable sphere.
- 10.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 10.4 The starting and finishing marks will be a race committee boat at the starboard end and an orange inflatable tetrahedron at the port end.
- 10.5 For the course described in 9.2, the two government marks are as described in 9.2 and shown in Appendix A: Racing Area
- 10.6 The finishing marks for the course described in 9.2 will be a race committee boat at the port end and the AYC main dock at the starboard end.

- 10.7 The race committee signal boat may have one or more inflatable buoys attached to it, which will be considered part of the committee boat for the purpose of rule 31.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 11.3 The race committee will endeavor to hail sail numbers of OCS boats. Failure of a boat to hear a hail or the timing of a hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.
- 12.3 The race committee may adjust the position of mark 2P or 2S (the “gate”) to attempt to “square” the gate to the wind direction while boats are racing on that leg. There will be no signal to indicate that mark 2P or 2S will be or has been adjusted. This modifies rule 33.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat on the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark, except as required by rule 32.2(c).
- 13.2 For the course described in 9.2, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the finishing mark at the port end and the course side of the starboard-end finishing mark.
- 13.3 If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Substitute (with no sound) while boats are finishing.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Race Time Limit is 60 minutes and Mark 1 Time Limit is 30 minutes.
- 15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee immediately after finishing that race and state the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes rule 61.1(a).
- 16.2 At the first opportunity during, or immediately after, a race, a boat that took a One-Turn Penalty shall report that to the race committee, identifying the other boat(s) involved. This changes rule 44.2.
- 16.3 Protest forms are available at the front desk of AYC main clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.4 The protest time limit will be 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks and will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.5 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.6 Hearings will be held in the AYC main clubhouse and will begin as soon as practicable.
- 16.7 A protest involving a rule of Part 2 will first go to arbitration. Any protest unresolved by arbitration will be heard by the protest committee immediately following the arbitration hearing. This changes Part 5 Section B.

17 ARBITRATION

- 17.1 After a written protest is filed, one representative from each boat conforming to rule 63.3(a) will meet with an arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.
- 17.2 A boat that accepts fault at the arbitration shall receive a penalty of 40% of the number of entries, rounded to the nearest whole number, added to her finish position except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF.
- 17.3 Decisions accepted at arbitration cannot be appealed, reopened or grounds for redress.
- 17.4 The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest but may be permitted to observe the hearing and give testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores except that if a boat rotation scheme has been implemented and not all competitors have raced the same number of races, the race committee may use average scores.
- 18.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 Boats that were scored TLE per 15.3 will be scored 2 points more than the number of finishers, but not more than DNF. This changes rule 35.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard or CE approved personal flotation device at all times while on the water except while actively adding or removing clothing.
- 19.2 Competitors must check-in by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack before the first race of each day.
- 19.3 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the race area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. If unable to notify the race committee before leaving the race area, the competitor shall inform the AYC front desk upon arriving ashore.

20 COACH BOAT

The organizing authority may provide an on-water coach to photograph and videograph races and to lead a discussion on land after racing. This coach may offer coaching to the last-place boats in a race, which will not be grounds for protest by other boats. This changes rule 41.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed on support and race committee boats.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1 Except in an emergency or to report a protest or withdrawal, or as otherwise provided herein, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other electronic communication.
- 22.2 A boat shall not communicate by radio with commercial craft, except in an emergency. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in a rule 2 hearing against the offending boat.

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 Prizes for the Friday Series will be given at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 23.2 Prizes for the Owen Torrey Series will be given to the top 3 teams. The name of the overall winner will be inscribed on the Owen Torrey Trophy.

24 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 such as tugs and barges. Any boat observed to impede such traffic may be protested by the race committee.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. As a condition of the participation of any competitor in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by AYC, the competitor agrees that his or her safety and that of the boat and the decision to start or continue a race is solely the competitor's responsibility. See rule 4, Decision to Race. All competitors waive all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against AYC and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity.

26 OTHER DOCUMENTS

Regatta documents, scratch sheets and results will be located at www.yachtscoring.com

27 CONTACT INFORMATION

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Appendix A: Racing Area

