



NEW YORK YACHT CLUB RACE WEEK AT NEWPORT

Presented by Rolex

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Newport, Rhode Island



PART I SAILING INSTRUCTIONS incorporating Amendment #1

GENERAL

NYYC Race Week Classics Weekend will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 14-15, with racing for Classics, 12 Metres and Herreshoff "S" Class yachts.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Race Week website can be found at <http://nyyc.org/nyyccrace-week-jul14-22/>.
- 1.3 **Check-in:** Each yacht shall register at the check-in desk at the NYYC Sailing Center at Harbour Court prior to racing at the times so designated in the Notice of Race.
- 1.4 **Crew Waiver:** No crew shall be aboard a yacht while racing unless he/she has executed an online Crew Waiver Form. The Crew Waiver Forms are available on the Race Week website. Registration will not be complete without receipt of a complete Crew Waiver Form.
- 1.5 **Offshore Special Regulations: Offshore Special Regulations:** At minimum, all yachts shall comply with the 2012-2013 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR), Category 5 posted as NOR Addendum 1 on the Race Week website and shall comply with their class rules, where applicable. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.
 - a) Yachts that are not normally rigged with lifelines are exempt from Regulation 3.14.
 - b) All competitors, and in particular the person in charge, shall be fully aware of and understand the responsibilities described in OSR 1.02 and RRS 4:

1.02 Responsibility of Person in Charge

1.02.1 The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

ADD: He shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the Person in Charge in the event of his incapacitation.

1.02.2 Neither the establishment of these Special Regulations, their use by race organizers, nor the inspection of a yacht under these Special Regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge.

1.02.3 Decision to race -The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone - RRS Fundamental Rule 4.

- 1.6 The prescriptions of US SAILING that are posted as NOR Addendum 2 on the Race Week website shall apply.
- 1.7 The NYYC Classics Rules posted as NOR Addendum 3 shall apply to all yachts racing in the Classics division. CRF classes will race non-spinnaker.
- 1.8 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.

- 1.9 The following documents (found on the Class website at <http://www.12mrclass.com/>) shall apply to the 12 Metre Class only:
- The International Twelve Metre Association (ITMA) By-laws and Regulations as of July 8, 2008 and updated November 11, 2011;
 - The International Twelve Metre Class Rule approved July 17, 2011;
 - Amendment E – Table 1 to the Class Rules revised March 9, 2012.

2 ENTRIES

Eligible yachts shall enter by completing online registration with the Organizing Authority on the Race Week website. Eligibility requirements for yachts and method of entry are detailed in the Notice of Race.

3 NOTICES, COMPETITOR INFORMATION AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Notices, including race results, amendments and protest hearing schedules, shall be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the courtyard of the NYYC Sailing Center at Harbour Court. This information may also be posted on the Race Week website.
- 3.2 Flag signals will be flown from the flagpole at Harbour Court.
- 3.3 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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. Flag “Lima” will be flown to signify such posting.
- 3.4 When Pennant “AP” is displayed ashore, “one minute” is replaced with “not less than one hour” in Race Signal “AP”.

4 CLASSES AND IDENTIFICATION

- 4.1 Scratch Sheets - The Organizing Authority will divide yachts into classes. Scratch sheets will be distributed at registration, posted on the Official Notice Board and posted on the regatta website.
- 4.2 **Backstay Flags** - Each yacht shall display the Rolex backstay flag provided at registration while racing.
- 4.3 **Class Flags** – Each yacht shall display the numeral flag corresponding to her class designation, as shown on the scratch sheet, from her backstay approximately six feet above the deck and above the Rolex flag, from the warning signal of the first class in her fleet until she is no longer racing. Yachts without a permanent backstay shall conspicuously display these flags in an alternate position in the aft part of the yacht.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 All races will count in the series.
- 5.2 Course signals are scheduled to be made at 1055 for racing on Saturday, July 14 and Sunday, July 15. The first warning signal is scheduled to be made at 1100.
- 5.3 For the first race on each day, the **Herreshoff S Class** will be the last class to start. See SI 7.1 Check-in.
- 5.4 No warning signal shall be made after 1500 on Sunday, July 15.

6 RENDEZVOUS LOCATIONS

The rendezvous location shall be in the vicinity between the north of Gould Island and Halfway Rock. The Race Committee may give further direction on VHF channel 72.

7 CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

- 7.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race each day, all yachts, except for the Herreshoff S Class, shall check in with the Race Committee Signal Boat by passing astern on starboard tack and announcing their sail number. The Race Committee will acknowledge by responding with the number heard. The **Herreshoff S Class** shall **check-in** as above AFTER the 12 Metre classes have started.
- 7.2 Yachts retiring are requested to inform the Race Committee on VHF channel 72 or by calling (401) 845-9633.

8 COURSES & MARKS

The courses and marks are described in the SI Addendum A.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will endeavor to announce the next class(es) to start on VHF Channel 72.
- 9.3 A yacht starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 9.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark. The Race Committee may deploy a "Keep Off" buoy(s) that shall be considered an integral part of the Race Committee Signal Boat.
- 9.5 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

10 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each premature starter over VHF channel 72. Failure to make such an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line is described in SI Addendum A.

12 GOVERNMENT BUOYS

Government buoys have no required side except when specified as marks of the course. Caution should be exercised for safe navigation.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that a yacht has the choice between penalty systems, and the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. A yacht may choose either to:

- a) take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2; or
- b) take a Scoring Penalty in accordance with rule 44.3. The scoring penalty will be 2 places.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit to sail the course and finish is as follows:
 - a) For a course around Conanicut Island - six hours.
 - b) For a course using government or set buoys - four hours.
- 14.2 Yachts failing to finish within 60 minutes of the first yacht in her class to sail the course and finish, or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) and scored points as described in SI 16.3. This changes rules 35 and A4.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 A yacht intending to protest shall report both their intention and the yacht being protested to the Race Committee on the VHF channel 72 at the finish of the race.
- 15.2 Written protests shall be submitted to the Jury Secretary in the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as possible, but not later than one hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat has docked. The time limit for filing a protest will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.3 Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.4 Protest hearings will take place at the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The Jury will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of yachts who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest rooms.
- 15.5 When a yacht has been involved in an incident that may be subject to protest, it is her responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any yacht to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Jury as grounds for proceeding under rule 63.3(b).
- 15.6 Rule 63.5 is changed by adding, "A protest involving contact may be heard by the Protest Committee even though the requirements of rule 61.1(a) and 61.3 have not been fulfilled."

- 15.7 Breaches of SIs 4.2, 4.3, 7, 9.5 and 18.2 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 15.8 A violation of SI 18.2 will be considered “a gross breach of a *rule*” under rule 69.1(a).
- 15.9 On Sunday, July 15, a written request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered to the Jury Secretary:
- Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the Protest Committee’s decision on the previous day; or
 - No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the Protest Committee’s decision on that day; or
 - If no races are held on Sunday, July 15, within one hour after racing has been abandoned.
- This changes rule 66.
- 15.10 On Sunday, July 15, a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered in writing no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 A yacht’s series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be no drop race. This changes rule A2.
- 16.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 Yachts that have started and failed to finish within the time limit for any reason, shall, without a hearing, be scored by the Race Committee with points equal to the number of yachts in her class that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit, plus two. This changes rule A4.1, A4.2, and A5.
- 16.4 The 12 Metre classes may be started together, but will be scored separately (Traditional, Modern, Grand Prix).
- 16.5 The CRF Classes 1 and 2 will be started separately, but will sail the same course and be scored together.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Race.

18 NOTES

- 18.1 Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay and its approaches are considered restricted channels for commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver. Competitors must comply with the government right-of-way rules when in proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic.
- 18.2 In the event there is racing in Narragansett Bay, competitors should be aware of heightened security around the Navy base in Newport just to the north of the Newport Jamestown Bridge. The area to the east of a line defined by a series of white buoys marking the Newport Security Zone along the coast of the Naval Facilities from Coasters Harbor to the breakwater at the north end of Coddington Cove shall rank as an obstruction. Yachts shall not enter this area. A Navy patrol boat monitors the area and vessels navigating in the Exclusionary Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval authorities.
- 18.3 All times herein are Eastern Daylight times. Bearings are in degrees magnetic and are approximate. Distances used herein are expressed in nautical miles (when not otherwise defined) and are approximate.

18.4 Newport Tides

Day	Date	High Tide	Low Tide	High Tide
Saturday	July 14	0451	1007	1723
Sunday	July 15	0545	1058	1812

18.5 For further information please contact:

New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court
 5 Halidon Avenue
 Newport, RI 02840
 Tel: 401-845-9633
 Fax: 401-846-3303
 Email: sailingoffice@nyyc.org
 Website: www.nyyc.org/157th-annual-regatta/

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS- ADDENDUM A

Part I – Classics Weekend - Saturday-Sunday, July 14-15

Courses will be designated using marks found on the South Bay Race Chart and in this Addendum.

A1 COURSES

A1.1 Special courses will be designated using buoys as described on the 2009-2012 South Bay Race Chart provided at registration and in this Addendum. Do not use older versions of the Race Chart. (Note: Designated courses from the back of the South Bay Race Chart will not be used.)

- a) The Race Committee will post the course on a white board on the starboard side of the Signal Boat, listing the marks in the order to be rounded, and the required side to leave each mark, using the designations on the 2009-2012 South Bay Race Chart or this Addendum. The Race Committee will also announce the course on VHF channel 72. Failure to hear this announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- b) Special Mark “U”
 - The Race Committee may add a first mark to any course by posting mark “U”.
 - The bearing and distance to Mark “U” will be displayed on a whiteboard and announced on VHF channel 72.
 - Mark “U” will be a YELLOW tetrahedron buoy.
- c) The course will be:
 - Start
 - Special Mark “U”, if used
 - Round the marks in the designated order leaving each mark to the designated side
 - Finish between a staff displaying the orange flag on the Race Committee boat displaying a blue flag and the nearby ORANGE tetrahedron finishing mark.
- d) **Around Conanicut Island** - if the Race Committee lists “CI” on a white board, the course will be:
 - Start
 - Special Mark “U”, if used
 - R “2” Fl R 4 Sec Bell 900 yards NE of Conanicut Point to port
 - C “5” 1,250 yards NW of Conanicut Point to port
 - The center span of the Jamestown Verrazano Bridge
 - RG “NR” Bell 650 yards SW of Beavertail Point to port
 - Finish off Fort Adams between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and the finishing mark, which will be an 8’ orange tetrahedron buoy. The finishing line will be located approximately 0.25 NM north of the Fl R 6 sec Horn “2” on the northern point of Fort Adams.
- e) In fog at the finish, the Race Committee Boat may ring a bell rapidly, for approximately 5 seconds, at intervals. The same Race Committee Boat may or may not start and finish each race.
- f) **Except when starting or finishing, a yacht shall not pass through the start line or finish line.**

A2 MARKS

A2.1 The starting mark will be a YELLOW tetrahedron buoy. The finishing mark will be an ORANGE tetrahedron buoy.

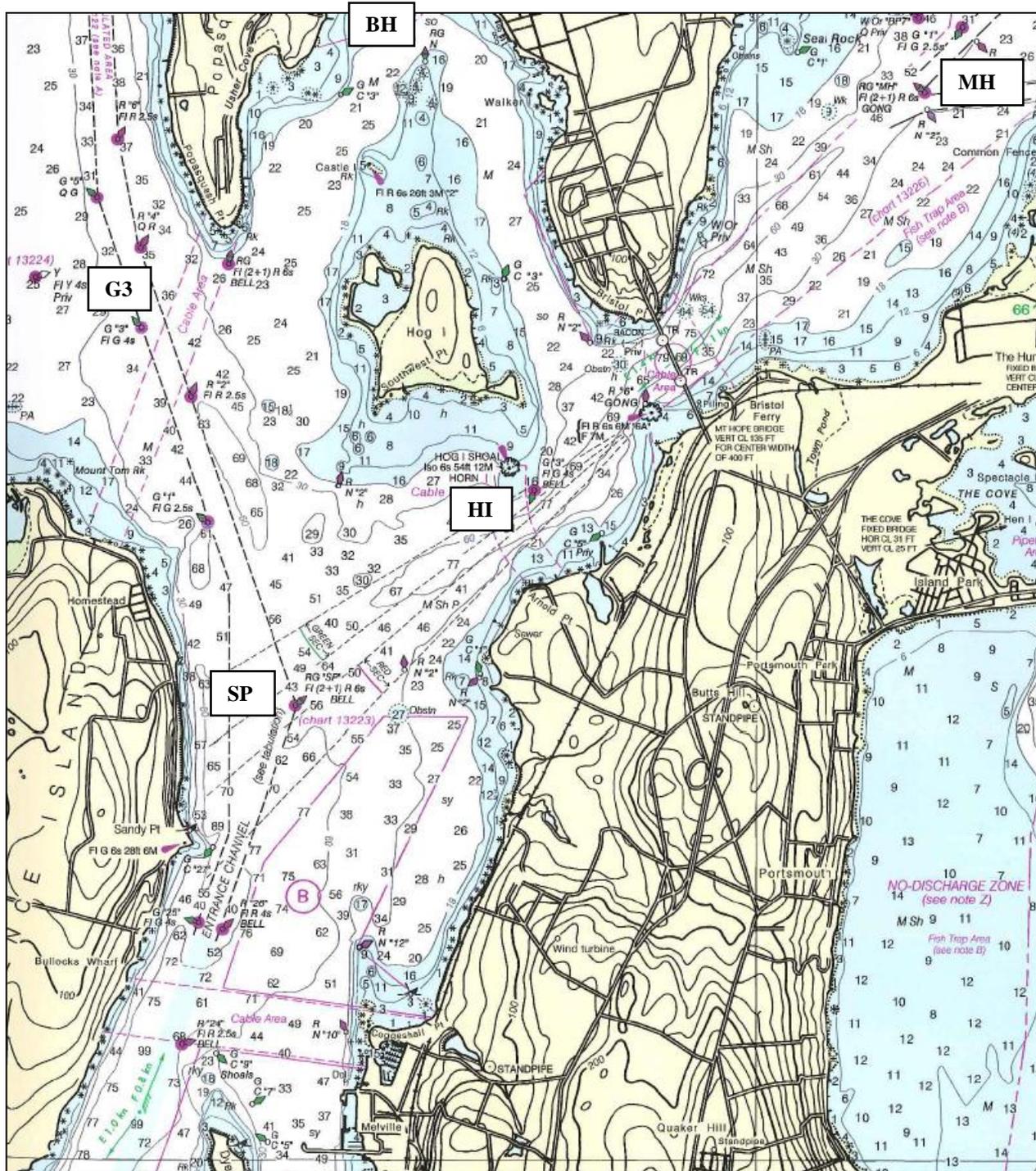
A2.2 Mark “U”, if used, will be a YELLOW tetrahedron buoy.

A2.3 Special NYYC Temporary Inflatable Race Marks 16 and 17 as designated on the 2009-2012 South Bay Race Chart, if used, will be ORANGE tetrahedron buoys.

A2.4 For classes 4, 5, 6 and 7, the Race Committee may set a special mark “L” approximately 0.1 NM to windward of the start line. The mark will be an 8’ YELLOW tetrahedron buoy.

ADDITIONAL MARKS

This diagram should not be used for navigation. Use Charts 13223, 13226 and 13224 for more detail.



- SP RG "SP" FI (2+1) R 6s BELL approx. 0.75 NM northeast of Sandy Pt. on Prudence Island (41° 36.928' N, 71° 17.592' W)
- G3 G "3" FI G 4s approx. 0.5 NM southwest of Popasquash Neck
- MH RG "MH" FI (2+1) R 6s GONG to port (41° 39.544' N, 71° 14.039' W)
- BH RG N approx. 0.8 NM north of Hog Island in Bristol Harbor
- HI G "3" FI G 4s BELL approx. 0.4 NM south southeast of Hog Island (41° 37.834' N, 71° 16.253' W)

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