



# 2012 IDEAL 18 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

September 28 - 30, 2012

*Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich, Connecticut*

Organizing Authority

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the **rules** as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)*.

1.2 All of the prescriptions of US Sailing will apply.

1.3 Racing rules 26, 35, 40, 41, 44.1, the Preamble to Part 4, and Part 5 are changed as follows:

(a) The Sound-Signal Starting System, RRS S will be used;

(b) Time limits are as described in SI 14 below;

(c) **Life jackets shall be worn by all competitors at all times while afloat;**

(d) Coach boat assistance included in RRS 41 is described in SI 19 below.

(e) The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty;

(f) Part 5 is modified to provide for arbitration of Part 2 protests.

1.4 As permitted by RRS 87, rules 4.6 and 13.4 of the Ideal 18 Class Rules are changed as follows: the hull surface below the top waterline stripe shall have an anti-fouling bottom paint or coating; and, boats shall be raced by two persons. The Ideal 18 Class Association has approved these two class rules changes. The Organizing Authority may require that boats be inspected to ensure compliance with the bottom paint requirement.

1.5 The equipment required to be aboard each boat while racing is listed in Ideal 18 Class Rule 10, and includes PFD's, a separate throwable PFD with whistle, anchor & anchor line, bucket, pump, and paddle. The Organizing Authority may require that boats be inspected ashore or during the on-water check-in each day to verify compliance with on-board equipment requirements.

1.6 Bow numbers will be distributed during check-in. They are to be applied to both sides of the bow in the following manner: the leading edge of the forward number shall be two inches aft of the stem with its' top two inches below the deck edge. The aft number shall then be applied one inch aft of the forward number and two inches below the deck edge. The Organizing Authority may supply event advertising material, with instructions for application to the hull.

### 2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Main Lobby of the Club House.

### 3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole on the front lawn of the Club House.

4.2 When pennant AP is displayed ashore with two sound signals, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP, meaning that racing is postponed, and the first warning will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered with a sound signal.

### 5. Schedule of Races & Events

5.1 Event dates and times, the dates of racing, and the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day are:

Friday, September 28

1700-2000 Check-In\* & Late Registration

Saturday, September 29

0800-0930 Check-in\* & Late Registration

0930 Competitors' Meeting

1000 Harbor Start

All boats must be afloat by 1000

1055 First Warning

1830 Event Dinner

Sunday, September 30

0900 Harbor Start

0955 First Warning

Awards will be presented shortly after racing ends

\* **Note:** All skippers & crew must check-in for the regatta in person. No exceptions.

5.2 Multiple races will be run on each day. On Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> no warning signal will be made after 1430.

### 6. Class Flag

The class flag will be number pennant 1. Also see SI 10.2.

### 7. Racing Areas

There will be two racing areas off Greenwich, CT: within the waters of Captain Harbor; and in Long Island Sound south of the Captain Islands. The Race Committee Signal Boat will lead the fleet from the harbor to the selected race area.

## 8. Courses

**8.1** Two types of courses may be signaled by mark letter:

(a) **W** – Windward-Leeward. The number following the mark letter indicates the number of legs to be sailed. Examples: W3 means 3 legs: windward, leeward, and finish to windward; W4 means 4 legs, finish to leeward.

(b) **M** – Modified Olympic. This course has 6 legs in the following order: windward, leeward, windward, two reaching legs, and finish to windward.

**8.2** All marks shall be rounded or left to port, *excepting*: if a leeward gate is set, boats may round the right gate mark to starboard or the left gate mark to port.

**8.3** If the leeward mark (or gate) is in the water before a start, it may be ignored when sailing upwind from the start.

**8.4** An offset mark may be set approximately 4 boat lengths to port of the windward mark. If set, the offset mark shall be rounded to port before sailing to the leeward mark.

**8.5** The leeward mark, or the leeward gate if set, will be located approximately 50 yards to windward of the starting line.

**8.6** No later than the warning signal, the course to be sailed and the approximate magnetic compass bearing to the windward mark will be displayed on the course board on the bow of the Race Committee Signal Boat, using placards arranged vertically.

## 9. Marks

**9.1** The marks of the course including the leeward gate, if set, will be pink tetrahedrons.

**9.2** The offset mark near the windward mark, if set, will be a brightly colored round hip-hop buoy.

**9.3** A new mark, as provided in SI 11.1, will be a pink tetrahedron with a black band.

**9.4** The starting marks will be the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and a yellow tetrahedron at the port end. The finishing marks will be the same as the starting marks, and will not be moved except in the event of a substantial wind shift.

## 10. The Start

**10.1** Races shall be started using RRS S, the Sound-Signal Starting System, and a 3-minute sequence. This changes RRS 26. A mechanical sound-box will be used.

**10.2** Supplemental visual signals will be used, but audible signals shall govern. See RRS S for other important applicable rules of the Sound-Signal Starting System. Should the mechanical sound-box fail, the RC will make an announcement that hand-timed sound signals are in use.

**10.3** The starting line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat, and the port-end starting mark.

**10.4** Excepting after a General Recall, a series of short horn sounds will be made before the warning signal, to alert boats that a sequence will begin soon. In addition, in the 20 seconds before the warning signal, there are several series of mechanically produced short count-down sounds.

**10.5** A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 & A5.

## 11. Changing the Next Leg of the Course

**11.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark or gate (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark (or marks) as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

**11.2** If the windward mark is changed, a new offset mark may not be set.

## 12. The Finish

**12.1** The finishing line will be the same as the starting line.

**12.2** If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Substitute pennant (with no sound) while boats are finishing.

## 13. Penalty System

**13.1** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**13.2** Scoring penalties under RRS 44.3 shall not be taken by boats during racing.

**13.3** RRS Part 5 is modified so that Part 2 protests will first be arbitrated.

## 14. Time Limits & Target Times

**14.1** The target time for each race will be 40 to 45 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This amends RRS 62.1(a).

**14.2** The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish.

**14.3** A boat not finishing within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF-TLE (Did Not Finish -Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This modifies RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 15. Protests & Requests for Redress

**15.1** At its' first opportunity after finishing or withdrawing from a race, a boat shall notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest another boat, and provide the sail number of the boat to be protested. This adds to RRS 61.

**15.2** Protest forms will be available at the Front Desk of the Club House. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be in writing and shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

**15.3** The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks. A long sound signal will indicate that protest time has begun. The docking time and protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**15.4** Notices will be posted as soon as possible before or after the protest time limit to inform competitors of arbitrations or hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Notices of protests by the Race Committee will also be posted within the time limit to inform boats of protests under RRS 61.1(b).

**15.5** The time limit for requests for reopening or redress based on a hearing or the scoring is 30 minutes after a hearing decision or scoring results have been posted. This modifies RRS 62.2 & 66.

**15.6** Breaches of SI's 1.5,1.6,15,18,19,21 and NOR's 12, 14.A,14.B, and 15 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This amends RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for breaches of these instructions may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for discretionary penalties imposed under this instruction will be DPI, and they are not discardable.

## **16. Arbitration**

**16.1** For all RRS Part 2 protests, an arbitration hearing will first be held before proceeding to a protest hearing. This modifies RRS Part 5 Section B.

**16.2** After a written protest is filed, one representative from each boat will meet with an arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.

**16.3** A boat accepting fault during arbitration shall receive a scoring penalty of 20% of the number of entries (rounded up 0.5) added to her finish position but no worse than DNF.

**16.4** Arbitrators shall not be considered race or protest committee members; therefore, arbitration decisions cannot be grounds for redress and cannot be appealed.

**16.5** The arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee that hears the protest but may be permitted to observe at the hearing and offer testimony. This amends RRS 63.3(a).

## **17. Scoring**

**17.1** The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used.

**17.2** Three races are required to be completed to constitute the series.

**17.3** (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score subject to RRS 90.3(b).

**17.4** Boats scored DNF-TLE will receive as a race score points equal to two places more than the last boat that finishes within time, but not worse than DNF.

## **18. Safety Regulations**

**18.1** Boats shall check in before the first race each day by passing close to the stern of the Race Committee Signal

Boat after it has anchored, with mainsail raised, and hail their sail numbers until acknowledged.

**18.2** A boat that retires from a race or for the day, or does not intend to start a race, shall notify any race committee boat as soon as possible.

**18.3** Depositing trash in the water is not permitted. Trash may be passed to any race committee boat between races.

## **19. Support Boats**

**19.1** Support boats shall be registered with the Organizing Authority during regatta check-in, and shall comply with all instructions of the Race Committee. A competitor attended by a coach or support boat that breaks any of the support boat rules may break RRS 41. This adds to RRS 41.

**19.2** Support boats shall not fly any burgees, flags or other like pennants or devices, and personnel aboard support boats shall not make any signals or wear distinctive clothing which could be considered as a type of signaling. They shall stay clear of all boats racing after the warning for the first race and until the finish of the last race each day.

**19.3** Before the preparatory signal for each race, support boats shall place themselves 75 yards downwind from the starting line and on the right side of the course, astern of the Race Committee Signal Boat. After the start, they may proceed upwind but only on the right side of the course, staying well clear of all boats that are racing, and when returning downwind, by staying on the same side.

## **20. Prizes**

The ***Ideal 18 North American Champion*** trophy, a perpetual trophy, will be awarded to the winner of the regatta. In addition, prizes will be awarded to at least the 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers. Additional prizes may be awarded. Prizes will be presented after the conclusion of racing on Sunday, September 30, 2012.

## **21. Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to request proof of insurance from any entrant's boat owner. Adequacy of cover is an owner responsibility.

## **22. Safety & Disclaimer**

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely on their own responsibility. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the Organizing Authority the Indian Harbor Yacht Club, its officers, trustees, committee members, and employees, and the Race Committee, Protest Committee, race course assistants, and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, including fatality, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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