



MANHASSET BAY YACHT CLUB FALL SERIES

October 13-14, 2012 at 1055 local time
October 20-21, 2012 at 1055 local time

Sailing Instructions *East Circle - East of Execution Rocks*

1. RULES

The race shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including US SAILING prescriptions. Also governing are:

- 1.1 Current YRA of LIS Minimum Equipment Regulation Category C;
- 1.2 Current YRA of LIS PHRF regulations
- 1.3 2012 IRC Rules, parts 1, 2 & 3. For IRC, both Endorsed and Unendorsed Certificates: PHRF Crew weight limitations shall be observed – See YRALIS PHRF Regulations, E. Crew Weight
- 1.4 Each boat shall display the numeral pennant for her assigned class from her backstay or an equivalent position from the time she appears in the starting area until she has finished and cleared the finish area or withdrawn from the race.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS; CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notices to competitors and changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official Fall Series bulletin board at Manhasset Bay Yacht Club by 0900 each race day. Notices and changes will be available on web site (www.manhassetbayyc.org), and the committee will communicate same to contestants via VHF radio channel 69 before the warning signal at approximately 1030 and 1045.

3. RACE CIRCLES – VHF CHANNELS

The entrants will be assigned a race circle on the scratch sheets. The RC will communicate on VHF 69 for the East Circle and VHF 72 on the Inshore Circle Fleet.

Competitors shall monitor VHF channels 13 & 16 for commercial traffic.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club on the main flagpole. If a shore postponement is signalled, the warning signal will be made no earlier than 75 minutes after the AP is lowered. This changes race signals AP.

5. STARTING TIMES/ SYSTEM AND NUMBER OF RACES

5.1 STARTING TIMES/SYSTEM

Starts will be signaled in accordance with RRS 26. Class flags will be the class number as assigned on the scratch sheets. The first warning will be signaled at 1055 local time.

The preparatory signal will be as described in RRS 26 **OR a green, or red flag with multiple sound signals; which means: the color of the flag displayed will identify the color of the weather mark for the class. This changes RRS 26.**

No boat shall start later than four (4) minutes after the starting signal. This changes RRS 63.1.

5.2 NUMBER OF RACES

One race will constitute a series.

After the first race of the day, Code Flag R, will mean another race will be started. This signal will be lowered & accompanied by one horn one minute before the warning signal. The starting sequence will be announced over VHF.

6. RACING AREA

The racing area will be Western Long Island Sound east of Execution Rocks Light for the East Circle.

7. COURSES AND MARK DESCRIPTIONS

If Signal Flag “D” is flown from the RC Signal Boat, the SI Addendum will be used and one long distance race will be sailed that day. The order of class starts may be reversed and the interval between the class starts may vary.

7.1 MARKS/CHANGE of MARKS

For the classes designated Orange on the scratch sheet:

the windward mark will be an orange tetrahedron ;
a new mark, as provided in RRS 33 Changing the Next Leg of the Course, will be a red sphere

For the classes designated Yellow on the scratch sheet:

the windward mark will be a yellow sphere;
a new mark, as provided in RRS 33 Changing the Next Leg of the Course, will be a green tetrahedron

7.2 Change of Course Signals (amends RRS 33 and the Racing signals)

- a) Flag C and a colored flag or board means: The windward mark has been replaced. Sail to a mark that is the same color as the flag or board.
- b) When a change of course after starting only affects some of the classes, these shall be designated by the appropriate numeral pennants.

7.3 COURSES (See Diagrams)

Courses will be signalled with the letters “W” or “L”. All marks on each course shall be rounded to port. A numeral next to the course letters will designate the number of legs or laps to be sailed.

When a Gate is set instead of a single leeward mark, boats will pass between the marks as specified in RRS 28.1 (c).

The courses are:

W . . . The starting line is set to leeward of the leeward mark. The finish line is set to windward of the weather mark for a W3/W5/W7. The finish line is set to leeward of the leeward mark for a W4/W6. The numeral will designate the number of legs to be sailed.

L . . . The starting line is set approximately in the middle of the windward leg. The numeral will designate the number of laps to be sailed.

For all courses the compass heading and approximate distance to the weather mark is posted on the signal boat, and announced over VHF Channel 69. For all courses, there may be an offset mark at the windward mark approximately 100’ on a beam reach from the windward mark.

8. STARTS

The starting areas will be within an approximate six-mile radius of Execution Rocks. The signal boat will fly a Race Committee flag and a Manhasset Bay Yacht Club burgee. The starting line will be set between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a pin displaying an orange flag.

Each boat before its first race of the day shall sail past the starboard side of the RC signal boat to show its sail number.

The RC will hail OCS numbers via VHF 69 for Red Fleet, and no redress will be granted in regard to the order, timeliness or other aspects of OCS hails. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1.

Any keep-away buoys attached to the signal/finish boats are deemed to be part of those boats.

9. FINISH

For each fleet the finish will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat **and a pin displaying two flags, one orange and one yellow.** The finish line will usually be on the opposite side of the finish boat than the starting line was.

10. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat in each class will be three (3) hours for drop mark courses. Boats failing to finish within the time limit, within 40 minutes after the first boat in that class finishes or within the time of the first class finisher plus their time allowance, whichever is later, will be scored “Did Not Finish.” This changes RRS 35.

11. WITHDRAWAL OR ABANDONMENT BY A BOAT

Any boat withdrawing before the start or retiring from the race for any reason shall, at the earliest possible moment, notify their Fleet's race committee either directly by VHF Channel 69, or contact the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club by telephone (516) 767-2150.

12. PROTESTS

12.1 LODGING PROTESTS/PROTEST TIME LIMIT

Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS 61 which is modified as follows: A boat initiating a protest against another boat shall display a red flag from its backstay or equivalent position. The protesting boat shall notify their race committee after finishing on VHF Channel 69 of its intent to protest. The Race Committee will broadcast a summary of reported protests, alternative penalties, and after the last race of the day, the protest time limit for each fleet for that day. Broadcasts will start when appropriate for each race and will be repeated until each protest has been broadcast twice.

A written protest shall be filed with the Front Desk at the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club office no later than two hours after the last finish in that fleet that day. Fax number (516) 767-2076. Parties to a protest shall report to the Front Desk on arrival.

12.2 PROTEST HEARINGS

Protest hearings will be held at Manhasset Bay Yacht Club as soon as possible after each race day. A protest against a boat whose representative has not announced his intention to appear at the hearing by reporting to the Jury Secretary in person or by telephone (516) 767-2150 within one hour of the filing of the protest may be heard without representation from the protested boat as provided in RRS 63.3(b).

13. ARBITRATION

13.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing shall be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B. After the written protest form is properly lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed. Unresolved arbitration will be passed along to the protest committee. A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will be scored as designated in paragraph 14 (Scoring).

13.2 The arbitrator is neither the race committee nor the protest committee; therefore, the opinions of the arbitrator and the decisions made during arbitration cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed.

14. SCORING

A low point scoring system RRS Appendix A will be used, with a boat's worst score discarded if five or more races are completed, and with the following changes:

OCS & RAF . . number of class starters in that race plus 1 point

DNF& TLE . . number of class finishers in that race plus 2 point

A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will receive a penalty score of 40% of the number of boats entered in the class (rounding 0.5 upward) added to her finishing position, except that she will not be scored worse than DSQ. The scores of other boats will not be changed.

15. RADIO/TELEPHONE/INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing not publicly available to all boats. *Competitors shall not use mobile telephones or internet capable devices until they are no longer racing.*

16. PRIZES

The JOHN B. THOMSON, SR. TROPHY will be awarded to the IRC or One Design/Level yacht having the best overall performance as determined by the Regatta Committee.

The TED CLARK TROPHY will be awarded to the PHRF yacht having the best overall performance as determined by the Regatta Committee.

Trophies will be awarded to the top placing boats for each class for the series.

All prizes will be awarded on the MBYC Lower Terrace on Sunday, October 21, at approximately 1730.

17. SAILOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

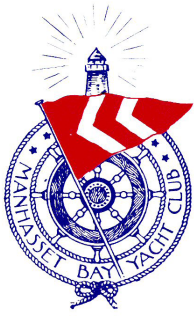
By participating in this event, a sailor acknowledges that sailboat racing involves danger of severe personal injury. Each participant acknowledges that he or she is solely responsible for his or her own safety and that of the crew and boat. By participating, he or she represents that the boat and its equipment are in sound condition, that all required safety equipment is aboard, accessible for use and in operable condition, and that the decision to race, not to race, or to withdraw after starting is solely his or hers (see RRS 4). The owner, skipper and each crew member by participating in this event, waives and releases claims for bodily injury, death and property damage (including claims arising from negligence or lack of due care) which he or she may have, now or in the future, against Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, the YRA of LIS, and their respective officers, trustees, committees, members, employees and agents arising out of participation in this event.

Manhasset Bay Yacht Club	Daniel E. Brown, Commodore
Regatta Chair	Greg Danilek
Event Chair	Greg Danilek & Susan R. Miller
Principal Race Officer	Susan R. Miller, RRO

Participants are cautioned to extend the right-of-way to commercial vessels making a passage through the racing areas.

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