



Youngstown Yacht Club

Level Regatta

July 27 & 28, 2013

Sailing Instructions



1 RULES

This Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, except as any of these is altered by the Sailing Instructions.

2 ENTRIES AND CLASS PLACEMENT

2.1 The Organizing Authority, whose decision is final, shall determine eligibility for entry and class placements.

2.2 Divisions may consist of more than one class for the purpose of starting order; however, each class will be scored separately.

2.3 RRS 77 and Appendix G are modified in that: Boats competing in the same Race Area with duplicate sail numbers shall be required to affix decimal points to their mainsails, said points to be provided by the registrar with installation instructions. Only boats required to do so for this year's Regatta are permitted to display such points. Please remove points from previous years.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors (other than changes in the Sailing Instructions), division and class placement sheets, will be marked "FINAL" and posted in a timely manner at several locations on the Youngstown Yacht Club Property. Division and class placement sheets will include division assignments, class assignments, and starting order.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 hrs on the day it will take effect on the Official Notice Board located in the doorway of the Regatta Office.

4.2 In addition, on the water Sailing Instruction changes may be accomplished by the Race Committee making a VHF announcement within 10 minutes prior to warning signal of any race.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole adjacent to the Youngstown Yacht Club clubhouse.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 It is the intent of the Race Committee to run as many races as practical on each day of racing up to a maximum of eight (8) races for the event.

6.2 The warning signal for the first start of the first race each day will be made at 1000 hrs. Please be courteous and start breaking up rafts at 0815 hrs.

6.3 No starting sequence shall begin after 1430 hours EDT Sunday, July 28, 2013.

7 SAFETY

It is the responsibility of each boat to ensure that the proper safety equipment is on board and that safety procedures are known and followed.

8 RACING AREAS

8.1 Attachment A shows the location of the five race areas:

- North Sails Course A
- Ullman Sails Course B
- UBS Munro-Burns Group Course C
- RCR Yachts Course D
- Haarstick Sailmakers Course E

8.2 Boats in transit shall stay clear of boats racing on other course areas. Penalty for breaking rule 8.2 to be determined by the Protest Committee.

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 The course number and approximate bearing and distance to Mark 1 will be displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat. Any variation in course length determined by the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. The first and last legs may be longer than the distance from Mark 2 to Mark 1.

9.3 The Offset Mark (offset) used in conjunction with the courses described in this section will be set at approximately a right angle to the windward legs of the course and approximately 50 to 100 yards from mark 1.

9.4 When code flag "G" is flown, the leeward mark will be a gate. On a leeward leg, except for a finish leg, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the windward mark and round either gate mark.

9.5 After starting, boats shall not pass between a start/finish mark and the RC Boat except when finishing.

9.6 When code flag "C" is flown, 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 replace, it will be replaced by an original mark. See SI 10.1

9.7 If the windward marks (Mark 1 and offset) are changed they will be replaced by a single mark.

9.8 If the leeward marks (Mark 2P and 2S) are changed they will be replaced by a single mark.

10 MARKS

10.1 Inflatable marks will be used for all courses. Details of the marks to be used on each course will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to 0800hrs, Saturday July 27 2013.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 There will be a minimum of 1 minute between the starting signal of the previous start and the warning signal for the next start.

11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.4 Replace 'class' with numerical start assignment in RRS 26. This modifies rule RRS 26.

11.5 Numerical start assignment flags will be the corresponding international code flags.

11.6 A boat not starting within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1.

12 RECALLS

12.1 The Race Committee may attempt to notify boats identified as OCS by announcing their racing numbers on the VHF channel described in Sailing Instruction 20 and Attachment A. The following will not be grounds for redress:

- Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast
- A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers
- Failure of the Race Committee to hail a boat's number

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark.

14 TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28 and finish is two and one half (2.5) hours.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in that class sails the course and finishes will be scored the number of finishers plus two (2) and should proceed to the starting area if another race is scheduled. This changes RRS 35 and A4.2.

15 RETIRING FROM A RACE

A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race area.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

16.1 For all classes, except the 8 Metres, J70, Viper 640 and Melges 24 the Two-Turns Penalty (rules 44.1 and 44.2) shall apply.

16.2 For the 8 Metres, the 20% percentage scoring Penalty (rule 44.3) shall apply.

16.3 For the J70, Viper 640 and Melges 24 classes, Two-Turns Penalty (rules 44.1 and 44.2) shall apply and the first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One Turn Penalty when it may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

16.4 For all classes US Sailing Prescription Appendix T, Section B (Post-Race Penalties) will also apply.

17 PROTESTS

17.1 RRS 61.1(a) is amended by adding to it the following ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT: "Notice of intent to protest and the racing number of the protested boat(s) shall be given to the Race Committee promptly upon finishing by hail or VHF communication acknowledged by the Race Committee. A boat intending to protest but retiring before finishing shall notify the Race Committee of her intent and the racing number of the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity."



17.2 Protests shall be written on protest forms available from the Jury Secretary located at the Regatta Office. Completed protest forms shall be submitted to the Jury Secretary within 45 minutes of the docking of the Race Committee finish boat for the division involved (the “protest time limit”).

17.3 The times of protest hearings, arbitrations and the parties involved will be posted on the window located adjacent to the front door of the Regatta Office. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2 (Time and Place of the Hearing). Hearings will start after the protest time limit has expired, and generally will be heard in the regatta office in the order the protest forms were submitted.

17.4 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

17.5 The following sailing instructions are not subject to protest by a boat and may have a penalty other than DSQ, at the discretion of the Protest Committee: 7, 8.2, 15, 21, 23, 24, 27.

18 ARBITRATION

US Sailing Prescription Appendix T, Section D (Arbitration) will apply. Forms to accept a post-race penalty are available from, and completed forms may be submitted to, the Jury Secretary located at the Regatta Office.

19 SCORING

19.1 Handicap scoring for all non-level classes will be based on PHRF-LO handicap utilizing the time on time method for PHRF classes or IRC for IRC classes.

19.2 One completed race shall constitute a series.

19.3 A boat’s series score will be the total of all of her race scores. This changes RRS Appendix A.

20 COURTESY BROADCASTS

The Race Committee may attempt to provide information on VHF radio as a courtesy. In all cases, race signals shall govern. Courtesy broadcast channels are as follows:

- Course A - VHF channel 69
- Course B - VHF channel 71
- Course C - VHF channel 72
- Course D - VHF channel 68
- Course E - VHF channel 73

21 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat may not make any radio transmissions while racing except on VHF Channel 16 or with the Race Committee on the Course VHF Channel (See SI #20). While racing, a boat shall not receive ANY communication unavailable to all competitors. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

22 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the boats placing first, second and third overall in each class for the Regatta. In addition to these keeper trophies, perpetual trophies may be awarded to certain classes.

23 HAUL OUT

There are no restrictions on hauling boats in the J70 and Melges 24 classes during the regatta. In all other classes boats are prohibited from hauling out during the period following the first signal of the first day, Saturday, July 27, 2013 until racing is concluded Sunday, July 28, 2013, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.

24 ADVERTISING

Competitors shall conform to ISAF Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

25 MEDIA AND TELEVISION

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage taken of themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event, to be published in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

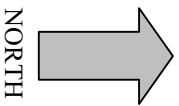
26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

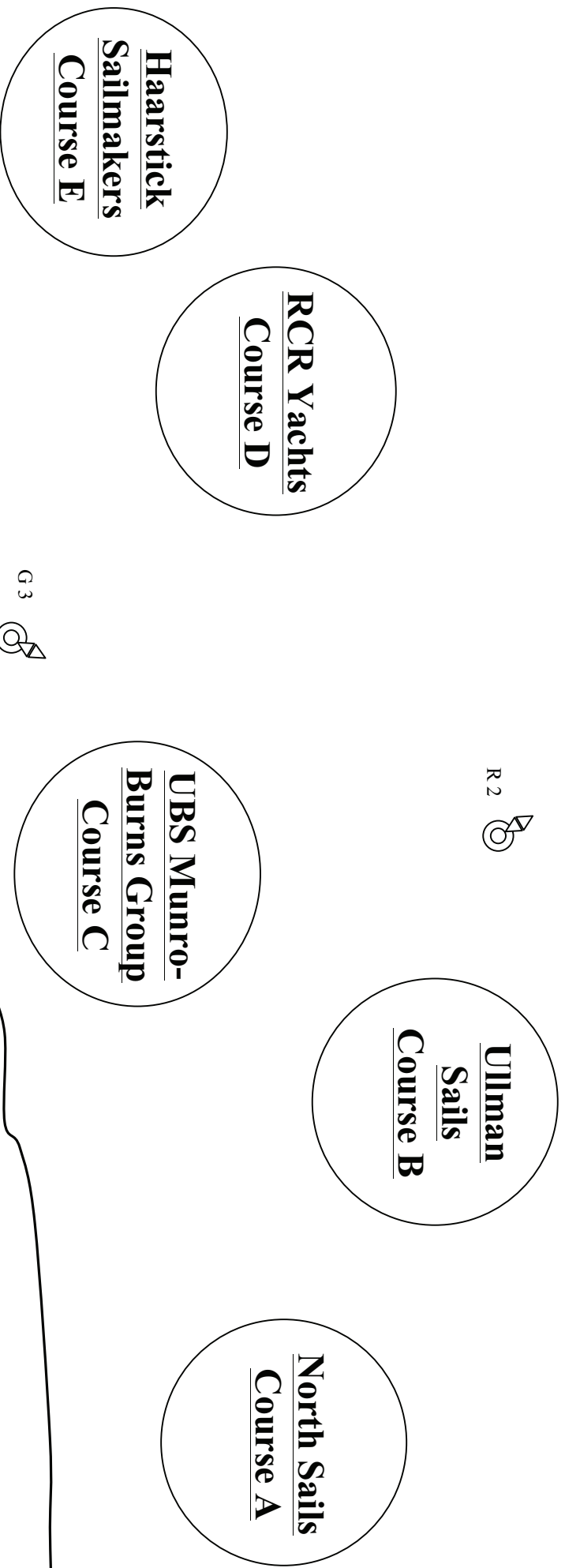
27 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

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**ATTACHMENT A:
2013 YOUNGSTOWN LEVEL REGATTA
APPROXIMATE RACE AREA LOCATIONS**



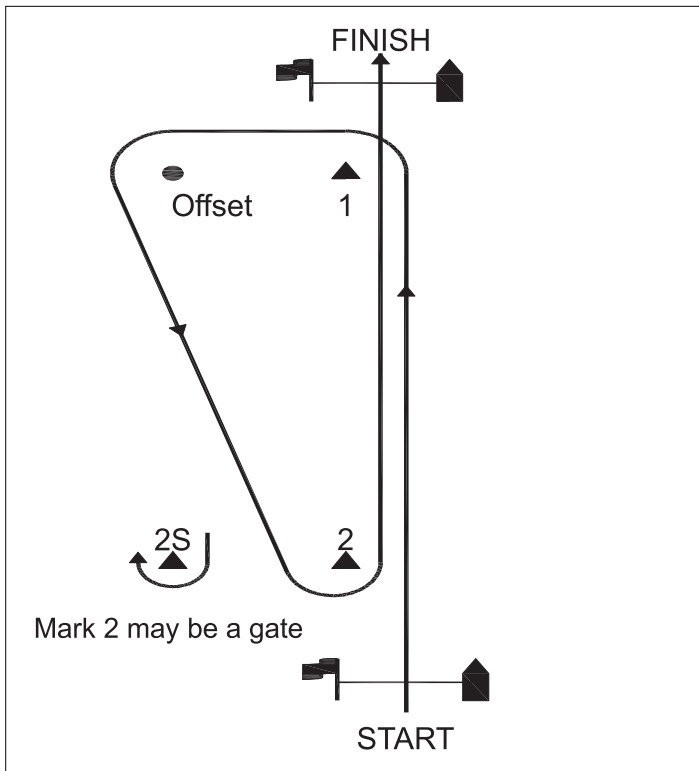
APPROXIMATE course and distance from NW corner of Fort Niagara to center of Course Area:

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| • Course A: | 65° Mag; | 5.0 Nautical Miles | CH 69 |
| • Course B: | 40° Mag; | 3.5 Nautical Miles | CH 71 |
| • Course C: | 35° Mag; | 1.5 Nautical Miles | CH 72 |
| • Course D: | 295° Mag; | 2.2 Nautical Miles | CH 68 |
| • Course E: | 285° Mag; | 3.8 Nautical Miles | CH 73 |

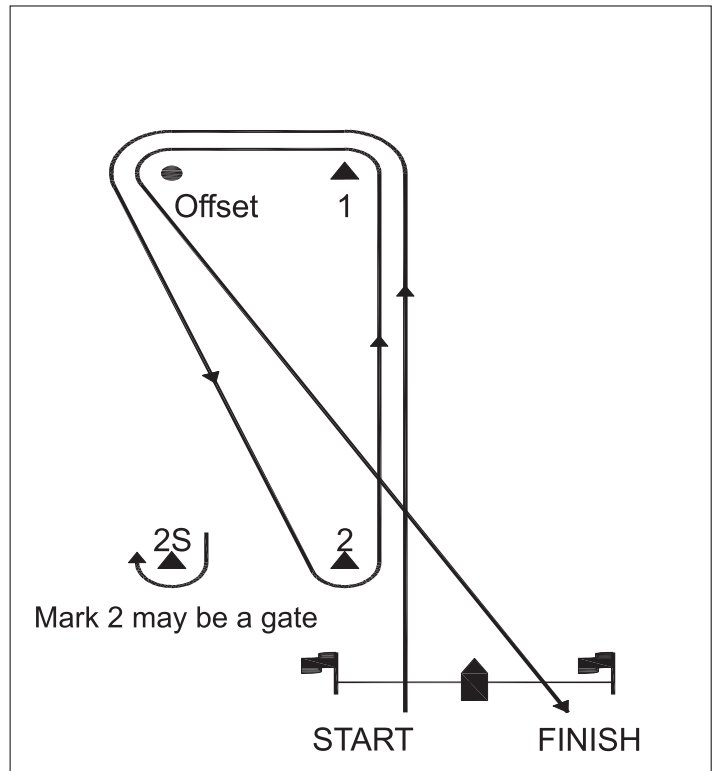
Youngstown Level Regatta Sailing Instructions – Attachment B

2013 Level Regatta Appendix B

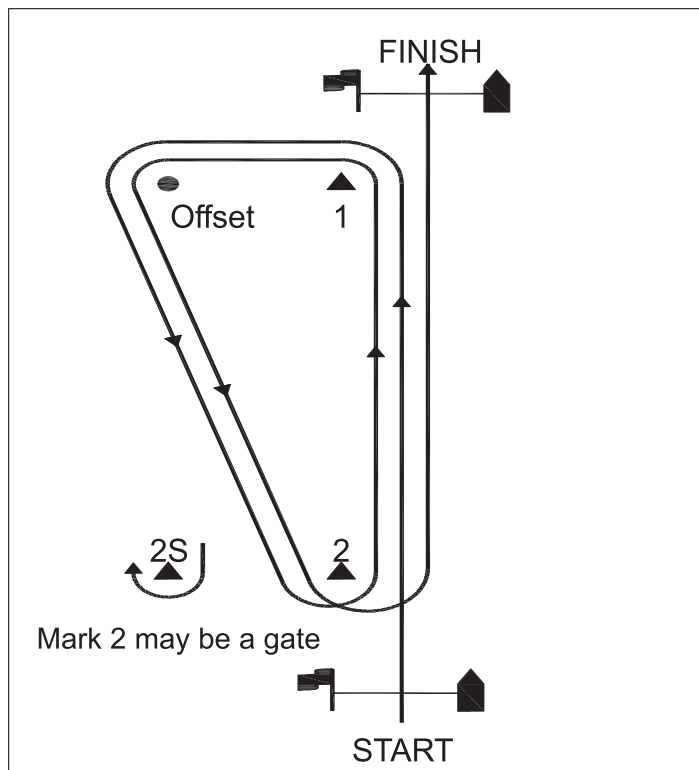
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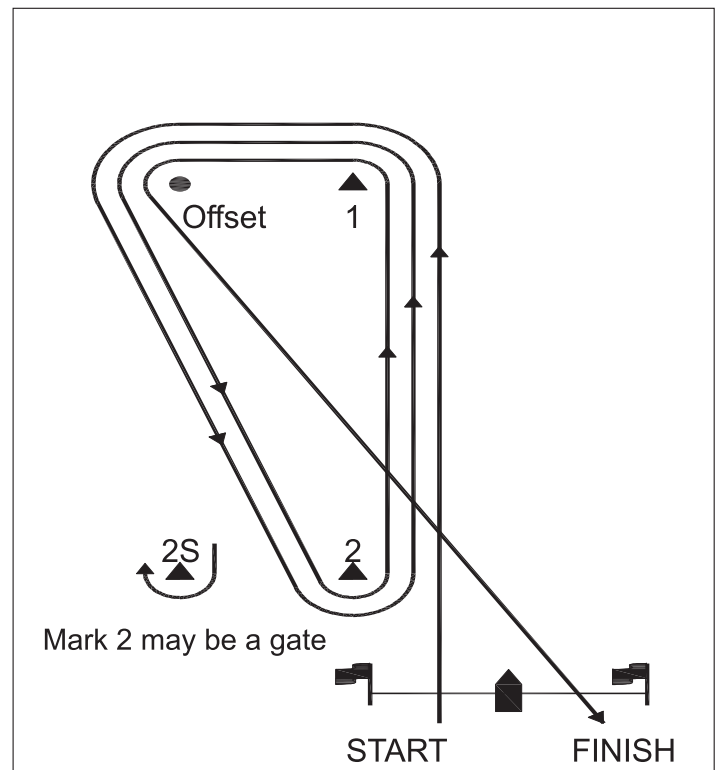
Course #4: Four Legs - Downwind Finish



Course #5: Five Legs - Upwind Finish



Course #6: Six Legs – Downwind Finish



LEVEL REGATTA EMERGENCIES

ON THE WATER:



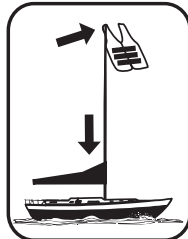
If a person is injured or has a medical emergency requiring immediate attention



Call "**Coast Guard Station Niagara**" on **VHF Channel 16**.



Identify which **race course** you are on and **state the nature of your emergency**. If you have GPS, give your longitude and latitude.



Lower your sails and proceed toward the Niagara River under power. **Hoist a life jacket into the rigging** to identify your boat to the coast guard. Follow any additional instructions from the Coast Guard.



Head to **Coast Guard Station** Niagara located at the mouth of the Niagara River (northeast corner)

ON-SHORE FIRST AID:

To Contact Police:

Emergencies Dial 911

Police: Dial 716-438-3393 (Niagara County Sheriff)

The **Information Tent** will have limited first aid supplies for minor incidents and will provide information on contacting the appropriate emergency service providers if needed.