



SEAWANHAKA CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

FLEET RACING

Sundays, May 23 – October 7, 2010

2010 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

Fleet racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the rules of the class participating (except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions), and by the Sailing Instructions. Fleet Racing is designated Advertising Category A.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible boats are those owned by or chartered to members of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club (SCYC), other yacht clubs in Oyster Bay or Cold Spring Harbor and other invited guests. Boats may enter a race by checking in with the race committee before the warning signal for the race.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at SCYC.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE & AFLOAT

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee boat docked at the service dock at SCYC.
- 5.2 Code Flag 'AP' (Answering Pennant) over 'H' (half white, half red) with two sound signals (one signal when lowered) means 'Do not leave shore. All races not started are postponed. Further signals will be made ashore.' All radio announcements will be on channel 10
- 5.3 Code Flag 'L' displayed ashore means 'A notice to competitors has been posted on the notice board and a copy of the notice may be obtained from the Race Committee before the first warning signal.'

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The first warning signal for Races are scheduled every Sunday at 1430 from May 23 through October 7, 2010 as per posted Race Committee Schedule.
- 6.2 Two races are scheduled for each race day for the One-Design Keelboats wishing to participate, which includes Sonar, Fish, and Shield classes.

7. CLASS DESIGNATION

Boats will be assigned to a class by the Race Committee. Boats shall start with and race in their assigned class. If a class Flag is not available, the appropriate numeral pennant assigned to a class shall be used as the class flag. The classes are as follows:

- Class 1: Sonar Numeral Pennant "1", Class Flag or Placard I
Class 2: Shields Numeral Pennant "2", Class Flag or Placard II
Class 3: Others Numeral Pennant "3" or Placard III
Other classes may ask the Race Committee for a start. If granted, additional designations will be made.

8. RACING AREA

The rendezvous area for the start of the first race on each race day shall be in the area of Class Racing mark "J", NUN "2" one half hour before the first scheduled signal of the day. The Race Committee shall fly flag "L", which means "come within hail or follow this boat", and will then position the starting area, for the best wind conditions.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The course shall be signaled by placards displayed in the order of rounding reading from the top down, bow to stern. A red placard signifies that the mark shall be rounded to port. A green placard signifies that the mark shall be rounded to starboard.
- 9.2 Government marks may be passed on either hand except when used as a rounding mark of a course. RN 2A off Plum Point must be observed at all times.
- 9.3 The course for a Class will be displayed under the Class Placard.
- 9.4 When the starting mark is an inflated buoy and that starting mark is used as a rounding mark of the course; it shall be signaled by placard "Z".
- 9.5 When the windward mark is an inflated buoy it shall be signaled by placard "Q".
- 9.6 When the Leeward mark is an inflated buoy it shall be signaled by placard "U".
- 9.7 When circumstances dictate, the Race Committee may verbally announce the course from the Race Committee boat.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 The approximate location of the marks and their letter designation are found on a chart titled "CLASS RACING MARKS" dated May 1, 2007, a copy of which may be obtained from the front desk at SCYC or the Race Committee Boat.

11. START

- 11.1 Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag and Sound starting signal</u>	<u>Minutes Before</u>
Warning	Class Flag; 1 Sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag; 1 sound	4
One Minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Start	Class Flag Removed; 1 sound	0

- The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a yellow or orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the pre-start side of a nearby mark.
 - 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

- 11.4 There must be at least (2) two boats in any class to start a race. The Race Committee shall not start a

race if only one (1) boat is present. The Race Committee shall note which boat was present in their report.

11.5 A boat shall not start later than five minutes after her starting signal.

11.6 The warning signal of the first race of each day shall be in accordance with paragraph 6.2 unless otherwise stated on the posted Race Committee Schedule

11.7 On Sundays when there is a Team Race being run by the same Committee competitors shall refer to the Addendum for Team Racing for additional instructions.

12. RECALLS

12.1 For the One-Design Keelboats: Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. In addition, the Race Committee will attempt to hail the recall number of each recalled boat on VHF Channel 69. This modifies RRS 41. The recall number shall be the boat's sail number. If RRS 30.1 is in effect, boats which cross the starting line in the minute prior to the start may be notified before the starting signal. The following shall not be grounds for redress (This modifies RRS 62):

- a) Failure of a boat to hear or receive a recall broadcast;
- b) A boat's position in the sequence of recall numbers broadcast;
- c) Promptness of the broadcast.

13. FINISH

13.1 The finish for a class will be at the last mark listed on the course board for the class.

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

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 A race in any One-Design Keelboat Class in which no boat has finished within 2 hours shall be canceled. Boats shall have one half hour to finish after the first boat has completed the race. Boats failing to finish within that time shall be scored TLE.

14.2 If the lead boat in a One-Design Keelboat race has not rounded the first mark of the course within one hour of the class start, the race will be canceled for that class.

14.3 The Race Committee shall not cancel racing for a race day before 1700 hours, unless: (1) only one (1) boat intends to race; or (2) all boats intending to race agree to cancellation.

15. PROTESTS

15.1 Protests by boats shall be written on forms available at the front desk of the SCYC and lodged there before 2000 hours on the day of the race.

15.2 Protests will be heard on the following Saturday morning at 1100 hours at the SCYC clubhouse, unless adjourned by the Chairman of the Protest Committee or settled by acceptance of arbitration.

16. ARBITRATION (This modifies RRS Part V, Section B)

16.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing may be held after the filing of the written protest and prior to a protest hearing.

16.2 The following Seawanhaka Race Committee members are designated as arbitrators pursuant to this paragraph; Alfred C. Constants III; Bruce Cook; Ian McCurdy; Anne Mooney; and William R. Denslow, Jr.

16.3 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.

16.4 A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing shall receive a penalty score in accordance with 17.2 below.

16.5 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.

17. SCORING

17.1 Class scoring shall be in accordance with a system determined by the participating class.

18. SAFETY

A boat that retires from a race, or from continued racing on a particular day, shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible of their intent to retire.

19. VHF REQUIREMENTS

Each One-Design Keelboat must carry a VHF on board. This provision shall specifically modify any class rule of the One-Design Keelboats. The Race Committee shall monitor and make announcements over VHF Channel 69.

20. COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make radio, telephone or electronic transmissions while racing nor receive special radio, telephone or electronic communications not available to all boats. The Race Committee shall monitor VHF Channel 69.

21. PRIZES

Prizes shall be awarded as determined by each Club and each Class. All prizes will be awarded at the Annual Awards Dinner of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club on October 30, 2010. All competitors are invited to attend the dinner.

22. SAILOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

By participation in racing, a sailor acknowledges that he or she is solely responsible for his or her own safety and that of the crew and boat; that he or she represents that the boat and its equipment are in sound condition, and that all required safety equipment is aboard, accessible for use and in operable condition; that the decision to race, not to race, or to withdraw after starting is solely his or hers; and each sailor hereby releases Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, its officers, trustees, employees, and all members of the Race Committee, whether or not members of SCYC, from any and all liability or claims for personal injury or property damage or death resulting from participation in racing to the fullest extent permitted by law. The skipper of each boat shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew both on the water and on the club premises.

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