



# Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club

Organizing Authority

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE

**2010**

## OYSTER BAY CHALLENGE

June 12-13, 2010

Oyster Bay, New York, USA

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The penalty, if any, for breaking a Class Rule will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes rule 64.1(a).
- 1.3 USCG-approved PFDs shall be worn at all times while on the water except while actively adding or removing clothing. This modifies the preamble to Part 4 and rule 40. Competitors must supply their own PFDs. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing unless team identification bibs are issued. A breach of this sailing instruction may only be protested by the Race Committee, Protest Committee or Umpires. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 1.4 No boat shall discharge trash of any kind into Oyster Bay or Cold Spring Harbor. Any boat observed breaking this rule is subject to protest only by the Race Committee, Protest Committee or Umpires. The penalty for a breach of this rule, which may include disqualification from a race, is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes rules 60.1(a) and 64.1(a).
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the main clubhouse.

## **3 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be announced at the Participants' Meeting on the day it will take effect and posted immediately thereafter, except that changes made to the Sailing Instructions on the water may be made orally by the race committee and/or umpires, and will be effective immediately, in which case Flag "U" will be flown from the Signal Boat.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee signal boat, the *Seawanhaka*, while docked.
- 4.2 When a Postponement (flag AP) is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag AP is lowered. This changes Race Signal AP.

## **5 BOATS PROVIDED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)**

- 5.1 Sonars will be provided by Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club for competing teams. The boats have been equalized in performance potential to the extent possible and organized into fleets. An alternate boat may be substituted in case of a breakdown. Claims regarding the performance of the boats will not be grounds for a redress request. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 5.2 To keep the boats as equal as possible, the following limitations shall apply to all competitors:
  - a. The boats shall be sailed with the rigging and fittings as supplied. Replacement of broken or damaged gear may only be made with gear sanctioned by the OA.
  - b. Electrical or rigging tape may be used to help prevent gear from snagging. Duct tape is prohibited.
  - c. Halyards shall not be unrove.
  - d. Standing rigging shall be set to a standard setting prior to the start of the regatta and shall not be adjusted nor tensions altered for the duration of the event except by the OA.
  - e. Mast block placement shall be set prior to the start of the regatta and shall not be altered for the duration of the event except by the OA.
  - f. Only one set of sails shall be used for the duration of the event unless a substitution is authorized by the OA.
  - g. Every effort should be made to avoid damage to hulls, rigging and sails.
  - h. Competitors are responsible for inspecting their assigned boats each day for possible breakdowns and missing equipment. Discrepancies must be reported immediately.

5.3 In addition Competitors must adhere to Appendix A “Rules For The Handling of Boats”

## **6 SCHEDULE**

6.1 Registration will start at 0830 on Saturday June 12. A meeting of participants will be held at 0900 on each day at the main clubhouse. The approximate time of the warning signal for the first race will be announced at the meeting.

6.2 There will be a dinner at approximately 1830 on Saturday June 12.

## **7 REGATTA FORMAT AND TEAMS**

7.1 The regatta format and number of races will be determined by the OA and will be based on the number of teams and the weather conditions. The planned format is multiple round-robins, weather, time and conditions permitting.

7.2 If time, wind, weather or other contingencies make the completion of a current or an additional scheduled round robin or series impractical, the regatta may be terminated and the results based on the team standings at the completion of the immediate prior round robin(s) or series. The OA, in consultation with the Umpires or Protest Committee, may terminate or alter the format in progress, or make such other arrangements as may be necessary to conclude the event.

7.3 Any crew substitutions must be approved in writing by the Organizing Authority.

## **8 FLEET DESIGNATION, STARTING ORDER, AND FLAGS**

8.1 Teams will be assigned to boats as designated on the rotation schedule in Addendum 1. Weather, time and conditions permitting, round robin races will be held in the order shown in Addendum 1.

8.2 Boats will be identified by colored patches on their mainsails. The color panels will be issued to the first team to use each boat and they are to apply them to the mainsail. At the end of the event, the color panels will be removed from the sail and returned to the OA.

8.3 Each skipper will be given a set of protest/umpire/breakdown flags at the first Participants Meeting. This set shall stay with the skipper throughout the event and shall be returned to the OA after the last race on Sunday.

## **9 RACING AREA**

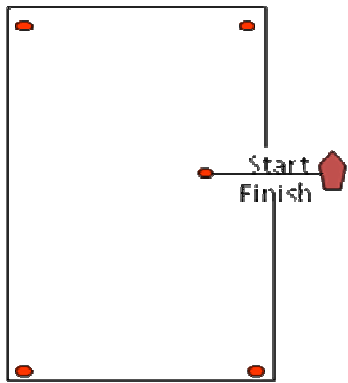
The racing area for this regatta will be Oyster Bay, Cold Spring Harbor and/or West Harbor. The location of the rendezvous will be announced at the Participants' Meeting.

## **10 COURSE**

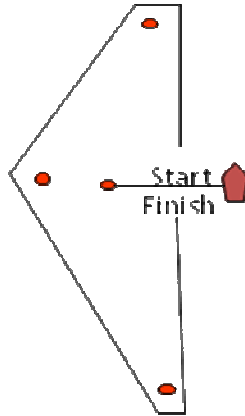
10.1 The Course flag will be displayed at or before the warning signal. Race duration is targeted for approximately 20 minutes.

10.2 The Race Committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark by changing the position of the next mark or the finishing line, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates. Subsequent legs may be changed to maintain the course configuration. There will be no visual or audible signals for a course change. This changes rule 33.

10.3 Races may not be shortened. This changes rule 32 and Race Signal Flag “S”.



**Course "A"**



**Course "B"**

## **11 MARKS**

All marks will be inflatable marks.

## **12 START AND FINISH**

12.1 The start and finish lines will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and an inflatable mark.

12.2 Races will be started using the Sound-Signal Starting System in Appendix S of the *RRS*. This changes rule 26.

## **13 RECALLS**

Individual recalls will be made in accordance with rule S6 using the bow number, modified in that the Individual Recall flag (flag "X") will be displayed for up to one minute following the start.

## **14 TIME LIMIT**

14.1 The time limit will be 40 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish and, for all other boats, within 10 minutes of the first boat to finish. Any boat not finishing within 10 minutes of the first boat to finish or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored points equal to the number of boats entitled to race.

14.2 If no boat has rounded the first mark of the course within 10 minutes after the start of a race, the race shall be abandoned.

## **15 PROTESTS, BREAKDOWNS, AND REDRESS REQUESTS**

15.1 Rule D2.4(b) applies for all protests.

15.2 Rule 61, Protest Requirements, is modified in that a boat intending to protest or request redress shall report that fact to the Race Committee Signal Boat immediately after finishing the race and clearly identify the boat(s) being protested or the reason for the redress request.

15.3 Flag "V" shall be flown from the port shrouds to signal a breakdown. A decision by the race committee under Rule D5 shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes *RRS*62.

## **16 UMPIRES**

Races will be umpired. Competitors from the team not racing during a flight may be required to provide members to assist the umpire team.

## **17 SPINNAKERS**

When the Race Committee Signal Boat displays flag “K” at or before the Warning Signal, spinnakers shall not be used for that race.

**18 PRIZES**

The Oyster Bay Challenge Trophy shall be awarded to the winning team.

**19 DAMAGE DEPOSIT AND COST OF RECTIFYING DAMAGE**

Each team shall pay to the OA at registration a damage deposit of US \$1,500 (US \$500 per boat). This may be used to pay for the cost of repairs to boats and sails up to a maximum of US \$500 per boat for any one incident. Money that is not used or needed to pay for the repair of boats or sails used in the regatta will be returned. In the event of damage, all decisions relating to repairs, cost of repairs and liability for payment shall be made by the OA and shall be final. If any part of a team's damage deposit is used, the team shall restore the damage deposit to its original amount before the team will be permitted to continue in the event.

**20 SAFETY AND LIABILITY**

- 20.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether at sea or in the harbor, and nothing in this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she finds herself. By going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 20.2 Nothing done by the organizers will reduce the responsibility of the boat nor make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may occur, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include without limitation the Organizing Authority, the Race Committee, patrol boats and launches.
- 20.3 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve a boat of her responsibilities.
- 20.4 The fact that the boats are provided by the OA does not reduce the responsibilities of a boat under the paragraphs above.

Dated: June 10, 2010

Addendum #1 round robin: order of races

Race 1 – NYYC v Noroton

Race 2 – NYYC v SCYC

Race 3- Noroton v SCYC

## APPENDIX A - RULES FOR THE HANDLING OF BOATS

### 1.0 **General**

While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.

### 2.0 **Prohibited Items and Actions**

Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by an umpire otherwise, the following are prohibited:

- 2.1 Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- 2.2 The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- 2.3 The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the Race Committee.
- 2.4 Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- 2.5 Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- 2.6 Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- 2.7 Taking a boat from its mooring without having paid the required damage deposit or having permission from the Race Committee or, on race days, while flag AP is displayed ashore.
- 2.8 Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.
- 2.9 Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 2.10 Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay, or changing the position of the mast blocks.
- 2.12 Omitting any headsail car or turning block before sheeting to a cam cleat.
- 2.13 The use of electronic instruments other than compass and watches and timers.
- 2.14 Marking directly on the hull, lines or deck.
- 2.15 Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- 2.16 Using the spinnaker pole to wing out the foresail.
- 2.17 The use of the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) above the lower bottle screw (turnbuckle) to facilitate tacking or gybing is prohibited.
- 2.18 Hiking: no part of the body below the waist may be positioned outside the sheer line.
- 2.19 Use of duct tape is prohibited.

### 3.0 **Permitted Items and Actions.** The following are permitted:

- 3.1 Taking a bag on board containing:
  - a) basic hand tools
  - b) adhesive, electrical, or rigging tape
  - c) line (elastic or otherwise of 4mm diameter or less)
  - d) pens or pencils and notebooks
  - e) tell tale material
  - f) hand held compass, watches and timers

- g) shackles and clevis pins
  - h) Velcro tape
- 3.2 The use of the contents of the bag to:
- a) prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets
  - b) attach tell tales
  - c) prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
  - d) make note of control settings in notebooks
  - e) make minor repairs and permitted adjustments
- 3.3 Changing the number of mainsheet or jib sheet purchases.
- 3.4 The use of the following items to facilitate hiking is permitted provided they are not modified in any way and any load imposed does not result in damage:
- a) working sheets
  - b) standing rigging (unless prohibited by specific SI)
  - c) fixed equipment
- 4.0 **Mandatory Items and Actions.** The following shall be mandatory:
- 4.1 Before leaving a boat:
- a) rolling, bagging and placement of the sails as directed.
  - b) leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day.
  - c) Tie the tiller off with the backstay lines so the tiller will not move.
  - d) cleaning the boat, removing all trash and removing all tape and marks.
- 4.2 At the end of each sailing day:  
Completion of a written damage report and submitting it to the Race Committee ashore, even if no damage or loss is recorded. Reports shall include any evidence of matters which could cause damage or disadvantage to the boat in future races.
- 4.3 Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be made to the Race Committee in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.
- 4.4 Compliance with any regulations, including speed restrictions and navigation marks, while leaving or returning to the berth or mooring.
- 4.5 Infringement of item 4.2 and 4.3 will be considered as damage and any cost of rectification will be deducted from the damage deposit.
- 5.0 **Equipment List**  
The following non-fixed items, provided by the OA, are to be carried on board at all times in the designated place while sailing. Any loss shall be reported on the daily damage report.
- SAILS & SAILING EQUIPMENT
- Mainsail and battens
- Signaling flags
- Jib and jib sheets
- Spinnaker, Spinnaker sheets, spinnaker pole
- Tiller Extension