



Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club

Shields Fleet 5

2010 District One Championship Regatta

June 19th & 20th, 2010

Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club
Oyster Bay, New York

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009 -2012*
- 1.2 Protest Arbitration as defined below in paragraph 14.5 of these Sailing Instructions will be used at this regatta.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Junior Club of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee boat docked at Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race on June 19 and 20, 2010 is 1100 hours. The warning signal for each succeeding race on each day will be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.2 There will be a maximum of three races each day.

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The racing area will be Long Island Sound off Oyster Bay, New York.
- 6.2 The rendezvous area for the first race on each day of the regatta will be in the vicinity of R32A BELL in mid-Long Island Sound.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The course will be a Windward-Leeward course with the number of legs specified by placard on the Race Committee boat.

L2 Windward, finishing to leeward

W3 Windward, leeward, finish to windward

L4 Windward, leeward, windward, finish to leeward

W5 Windward, leeward, windward, leeward, finish to windward

- 7.2 The bearing from the Starting mark to the Windward mark will be displayed on a placard on the after part of a placard rack on the Race Committee boat.
- 7.3 An offset mark will be used at the windward mark

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons
- 8.2 The offset mark will be an orange hippity-hop.
- 8.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 11, will be orange tetrahedrons.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff flying a yellow or orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the nearby mark.
- 9.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1 and 63.1.

10 RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2. In addition, the Race Committee will attempt to hail the recall number of each recalled boat on VHF channel 69. The following shall not be grounds for redress (this modifies RRS 62.1):

- a. failure of a boat to have a VHF radio;
- b. failure of a boat to hear or receive a recall broadcast;
- c. a boat's position in the sequence of recall numbers broadcast;
- d. promptness of the broadcast

11 CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

To change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff flying a yellow or orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the nearby mark.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit for each race will be two (2) hours.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

13.3 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within one (1) hour after the start, the race will be abandoned.

14 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, & ARBITRATION

14.1 Forms for protests and requests for redress will be available in the Junior Club of Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there before the expiration of applicable time limits.

14.2 The time limit for protests and requests for redress is one hour after the principal race officer returns to shore at the end of the day. The time limit will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.

14.3 Notice of protest by the Race Committee or by the PRO will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

14.4 Notice of hearings will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board within thirty (30) minutes of the time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in a location indicated on the Regatta Notice Board. Parties should remain in the area of the hearing location to be available when called.

14.5 Arbitration (This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS): For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing will be held as soon after submission of the protest form as is possible. One representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator; no witnesses will be allowed. Decisions made during arbitration are not grounds for redress or reopening and cannot be appealed. A boat that accepts fault at arbitration will receive a score for the place worse than her actual finishing place by the whole number [rounding 0.5 upward] nearest to 40% of the number of boats entered, except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF. The scores for other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score. The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest, but will be permitted to observe the testimony at the hearing and offer testimony.

14.6 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 thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

15 SCORING

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

- 15.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series. The regatta will consist of a maximum of six (6) races.
- 15.3 If five (5) or more races are completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16 SAFETY

- 16.1 Before the warning signal for the first race of each day, a boat shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee boat on starboard tack and check in. The penalty for failure to comply with this rule shall be determined by the PRO in his/her sole discretion and may include disqualification from one or more races.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

17 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat and its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Shields Class Association rules and with the rules of this regatta.

18 MEDIA, IMAGES, SOUND AND COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club and its sponsors, if any, shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.
- 18.2 VHF radio will be used by the Race Committee to communicate announcements to competitors. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 69.
- 18.3 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19 SUPPORT BOATS

Support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for a race until after all boats have finished or the Race Committee has signalled a postponement, abandonment or general recall.

20 HAUL OUT & BOTTOM CLEANING

Boats participating in this regatta shall be afloat by 2000 hours on Friday, June 18th, 2010, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the PRO. Bottom cleaning after 2000 hours on Friday, June 18th, 2010 will not be permitted during the regatta.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers of boats placing first through third in this regatta.

22 DISCLAIMER

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 behaviour of each member of the crew both on the water and on the club premises.

Andrew Kennedy, Principal Race Officer
Wayne Marciano, Regatta Chairman