



# BLACK ROCK HARBOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

May 11, 2016 - September 7, 2016

Organized by Black Rock Y.C. and Fayerweather Y.C.  
Black Rock, Connecticut

## 1 Rules

1.1 The races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*(RRS) 2013-2016, and the current PHRF Regulations as adopted and amended by the YRA of LIS.

1.2 Crew Weight limits and the crew weight credits indicated on a boat's PHRF certificate, will not apply.

1.3 It is the responsibility of the each boats owner or owner's representative to maintain and have aboard a proper safety equipment and a current 2016 YRA of LIS, PHRF certification.

## 2 Check-in and Retirement

2.1 A boat **intending to start** a race shall approach the race committee signal boat with their main up and on starboard tack and hail her division and sail number before the warning signal at 1850 hours. Boats arriving late to the starting area or boats who's class is not in the starting sequence shall stay clear of the starting area

2.2 A boat **retiring** from a race must inform the race committee as soon as possible. The race committee monitors VHF channel 68.

## 3 Notices to Competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors and scratch sheets will be posted on the official notice boards located in the main hall of Fayerweather YC and on the Black Rock YC notice board located on the deck.

3.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1730 on the day it will take effect.

## 4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made from a race committee boat, either on a mooring in Black Rock Harbor, or docked at FYC, will be considered as signals made ashore

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replace with "not less than 45 minutes" in the race signal AP.

## 5 Schedules

5.1 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1850 hours from May 11, 2016 through August 10, 2016. On August 17, 2016 and thereafter, the first warning signal is scheduled for 1830 hours.

## 6 Divisions

### 6.1

Division: 1, Spinnaker boats w/PHRF rating 99  
Or Lower.

Division: 2, Spinnaker boats w/PHRF rating 100  
Or Higher.

Division: 3, (non/Spin) boats w/PHRF rating  
159 and lower.

Division: 4, (non/Spin) boats w/PHRF rating  
160 or Higher.

Division assignments may be altered at the discretion of the organizing authority.

6.2 If there is less than three boats starting in a division the R/C will combine that division to start along with another division.

6.3 Class flags will be the numeral pennant corresponding to the division number.

## 7 Courses and Signals

7.1 **Courses**, The marks to be used are shown on the attached page titled "Black Rock Harbor Race Course Marks" Further footnoted with v10 on the bottom of the page. The course to be sailed will be signaled by posting the letters that correspond to the marks that are to be

rounded. They will be posted on the course board in the order in which they are to be rounded, and shall include the finish mark. All rounding marks are to be left to the same side as the starting mark. Letters that correspond to rounding marks that are to be left to the opposite side shall be circled on the course board. A number following the list of marks to be rounded may be used to indicate the number of times around the course.

7.2 Spinnaker boats will sail windward leeward courses and Jib and Main boats will sail random leg courses.

7.4 Aids to navigation not used as turning marks may be disregarded with the following exceptions:

No yacht shall pass:

Between 100ft west of LC and Penfield Light,

Between Penfield Light and Lantern point,

Between Flasher 2A and Fayerweather Light (abandoned).

## 8 The Start

8.1 The **Starting Line** will be between a flag on the race committee boat and the starting mark.

8.2 Races will be started using rule 26, with no changes:

<b>Signal</b>	<b>Flag</b>	<b>Sound</b>	<b>Min</b>
Warning	Class flag displayed	1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black	1 sound	4
One-Minute	Preparatory flag removed	1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed	1 sound	0

8.3 A series of short sound signals or hails may be made before the starting sequence begins in order to attract attention. Neither failure to make this signal nor failure of a boat to hear it will be grounds for redress.

8.4 **Starts will normally be rolling.** At the start signal the Division Pennant will be removed and replaced by the next division's Pennant, which will be their warning signal.

8.5 **Divisions will start in following order,** Division 1 will start first, followed by division 2, and 3 lastly Division 4, in a rolling sequence.

8.6 **Individual Recalls** will be signaled by displaying the code flag "X" and one sound. An "over early" boat will be hailed to restart by her name or sail number and an attempt may be made to notify her over VHF Channel 68. Neither failure to hail nor failure of a boat to hear their hail will be grounds for redress.

8.7 **General Recalls** will be signaled with code flag "First Substitute" (FS) and two sounds. A new warning signal for the recalled division will be made one minute after lowering "FS" and one sound. Succeeding divisions shall follow the order of the new start.

## 9 Change of Course after the Start

A change of course will be signaled by a race committee boat making sound signals, displaying flag "C", and displaying the remaining marks to be passed, including the finishing mark. This changes rule 33.

## 10 The Finish

10.1 The **Finish Line** is between a flag on a race committee boat and the finish mark and shall be crossed in the direction of the course from the last mark.

10.2 The Time limit will be 2100 hours, All boats not finishing by the time limit will be scored TLE

## 11 Starting Area

The starting area is around Red 2A, Black Rock Harbor.

## **12 Penalty System**

A boat breaking a rule described in RRS Part 2 ("When Boats Meet") may take a penalty by promptly making **one turn** including one tack and one gybe. This modifies the "two turns rule" (formerly the 720 rule).

## **13 Scoring**

13.1 The Low-Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A will apply. Except that Rule A2 is changed to exclude the worst scores for each boat for all races in excess of 60% of the total number of races in the series. At least one race must be completed to constitute the Series.

13.2 A modified YRA of LIS, PHRF "time on time" scoring procedure will be used.  
 $TCF=650/(550+PHRF)$

13.3 For the purpose of calculating 60% of the total number of races sailed will be multiplied by .6 and rounded upward.

13.4 A boat serving as Race Committee will be scored as having competed in that race, and will be assigned a score equal to her average for **all** races sailed in the series.

## **14 Protests**

14.1 In addition to the requirements of rule 61, the protestor must also inform the race committee as soon as possible after finishing or retiring of the intent to protest. The completed US Sailing protest form must be delivered to the Race Committee within 1 hour after the race committee signal boat docks. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

14.2 The Organizing authority shall select a three member Protest Committee as soon as possible. One member shall be appointed Protest Committee Chairman. The three member Protest Committee must not be

comprised of any interested party. Club members who are US Sailing Certified Race Officers and/or US Sailing Certified Judges may also be selected to serve on the three member Protest Committee and shall be given preference in selection. The Protest Committee Chairman will schedule the date to hear the protest.

## **15 Liability**

Competitors participate in the racing at their own risk. See RRS rule 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 racing.

## **16 Radio Communication**

16.1 The race committee will monitor and utilize VHF Channel 68 once "on station."

16.2 The race committee may designate an unofficial observer to transmit courtesy broadcasts such as course changes, postponements or abandon races, for the safety of boats out of hailing distance or sight of the R/C boat. (It is the responsibility of each competitor to observe the race committee's visual signals, failure to hear courtesy broadcasts and errors or omissions on the part of the designated observer will not be considered as grounds for granting redress).

## **17 Trophies**

17.1 The first, second, and third place winners of the Series in each Division will be awarded overall "Black Rock Harbor Wednesday Night Series" trophies at the awards night held at Fayerweather Yacht Club on November 5, 2015.

17.2 Boats that have not complied with the requirements for registration (entry fee and valid 2016, PHRF issued by the YRA of LIS) will not be eligible for Trophies.

17.3 Black Rock Yacht Club will also award trophies for their member's top finishing boats that participated

in the Series. The trophies will be awarded the annual awards night held at Black Rock Yacht Club on October 22, 2016. Boats wishing to compete for these awards must indicate their intention to “BRYC” yachting chairman Michael Cooleen. To be eligible, a boat must be at least co-owned by a Black Rock Yacht Club member. Black Rock Yacht Club or Fayerweather Yacht Club may also award additional trophies at their discretion.

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## **Race Course Marks**

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- A – Special Starting Mark – either orange pin with orange flag or orange tetrahedron**
- B – Bridgeport Outer Channel Buoy RW “BH” WHIS**
- C – Green Can “3” Bridgeport Entrance Channel**
- D – Green Can “5” Bridgeport Entrance Channel**
- E – Green Can “7” Bridgeport Entrance Channel**
- F – Green Can “9” Bridgeport Entrance Channel**
- G – Green Can “11” Bridgeport Entrance Channel**
- H – Special mark (orange tetrahedron) approximately 1 nautical mile to windward**
- J – Special mark (orange tetrahedron) approximately 1 1/2 nautical miles to windward**
- K – Special mark (orange tetrahedron) approximately 2 nautical miles to windward**
- L – Special mark (orange tetrahedron) approximately 1 nautical mile to leeward**
- M – Special mark (orange tetrahedron) approximately 1 1/2 nautical miles to leeward**
- N – Special mark (orange tetrahedron) approximately 2 nautical miles to leeward**
- P – FL R Bell “20” 1 nautical mile South of Point no Point – Stratford**
- R – FL R Bell “18” 2 nautical miles South of Point no Point – Stratford**
- S – FL R Bell “22” 3/4 nautical mile South of S. Pine Creek Point – Southport**
- T – FL G “LC” off Penfield Reef**
- V – G C “3” at Middleground**
- W – FL Green “1” at Stony Brook**
- Y – G “11A” Gong 1.5 nm NNW Port Jefferson Entrance**
- Z – RW “PJ” MO(A) Whis 1.5 nm N Port Jefferson Entrance**