2017 Gill Trophy Organizing Authority: SM Sailing Host: Stage Harbor Yacht Club Chatham, MA July 24-26, 2017 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.
- 1.3 RRS 64.1 is changed to allow penalties imposed by the Protest Committee, for hearings held under RRS 60.3, as changed, which may range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the <u>Regatta Network Event Website</u> and the bulletin board at the Stage Harbor YC.
- 2.2 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the Stage Harbor YC.
- 3.2 If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered.

4 SCHEDULE:

Monday, July 25

- 0930 Registration
- 1100 Clinic Starts
- 1700 Clinic Ends

Tuesday, July 26

- 0830 Late Registration & Rigging
- 0915 Sailors meeting & Harbor Start. Racing will continue throughout the day at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Wednesday, July 27

- 0930 Sailors Meeting & Harbor Start Racing will continue throughout the day.
- 1500 No first warning signal will be made after this time. Trophy Presentation as soon as possible after racing
- 5 **RACING AREA:** The racing area will be Nantucket Sound outside of Stage Harbor at the discretion of the Race Committee
- 6 MARKS: All marks will be Orange and Yellow inflatable buoys and pink tuna balls.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2 Offset Mark: When the RC intends to set an offset mark, the letter "O" will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat along with the course designation. The offset mark at approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the windward leg. Boats shall leave Mark 1 to port and then the off-set mark to port.

7.3 Leeward Gate: When the RC intends to set a gate instead of Mark 2, the letter "G" will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat along with the course designation. All boats shall sail between Mark #2 S and Mark #2 P in the direction from the last mark and round either Mark #2 S to starboard or Mark #2 P to port. If only one leeward mark is in place, boats shall leave it to port.

8 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

- 8.1 The starting line will be between the Orange flag on the RC boat and a mark.
- 8.2 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 8.3 The class flag will be a pink flag.
- 8.4 The finish line will be between the Orange flag on the RC boat and a pink ball.
- **9 TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for each race will be 45 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than 15 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, and A5.

10 PROTESTS

- 10.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention, including the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1a.
- 10.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Chief Judge within **30** minutes after the Race Committee boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day.

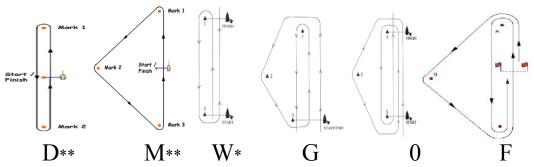
11 SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply.
- 11.2 A boats series score will exclude her worst score if five or more races are completed.
- 11.3 One race constitutes a series; ten races are scheduled.

12 TROPHIES:

- 12.1 The top boat representing a SMSA club will win the Gill trophy
- 12.2 The top six (6) boats will receive trophies.
- 12.3 Everyone else is eligible for a prize to be raffled off at the end of the awards ceremony; you must be present win.

APPENDIX A – COURSES



** A number after the course indicates the number of laps (i.e. D2 means course D twice around).
* W3 finish upwind; W4 finish downwind

