

Sailing Instructions

SailFest 2017

PHRF-Mid Atlantic

Saturday 9/9/2017

A NJORC Qualifying Event

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Should there be a conflict between the sailing instructions (SI) and the Notice of Race (NoR) the SIs will take precedence. This changes rule 63.7
- 1.3 These Sailing instructions can be verbally changed on the water

2 Entries

- 2.1 Eligible boats may enter this regatta by completing online registration using the regatta Network Sailfest – PHRF MA entry form in accordance with the procedures described in the NoR.
- 2.2 The minimum hull length for a boat shall be 18 feet.

3 Ratings

- 3.1 All PHRF class entrants shall have a valid 2017 PHRF-MA rating certificate.

4 Notices to Competitors

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at the regatta on the official notice board located in the lower deck meeting room of Toms River Yacht Club (TRYC).
- 4.2 Beginning at 1000 of race day, competitors are encouraged to monitor fleet channel VHF 06 for race announcements.
- 4.3 Any changes in these SI will be posted before 0930 on the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2200 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole of TRYC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.

6 Schedule

- 6.1 Competitor's Briefing: Fri. 8 Sept. 2017 @ 1900 Hours TRYC
- 6.2 Course Signals for First Division: Sat. 9 Sept 2017 @ 1100 Hours. Division 1 & 2 may have a combined start. If that is the case NP #3 will be flown at the warning.
- 6.3 Prizes: Sat. Sept 9. 2017 After Racing

6.4 If no warning has been signaled by 1430 hours for one or all classes, the racing for that class shall be abandoned.

7 Racing Area

The racing area will be the water's of the Toms River and Barnegat Bay.

8 Boat Check In

Before the first warning signal of the first start, each boat shall pass the Race Committee and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the committee. A boat shall not check-in by radio.

9 Divisions and Classes

The Race Committee will divide the fleet into Spin and Non-spin classes. **Multiple classes may start together.**

9.1 Classes:

Non-spin class Numeral Pennant #1

Spin class flag Numeral Pennant #2

Non-spin & Spin combined start Numeral Pennant #3

10 Courses and Marks

10.1 All turning and passing marks will be government marks or drop marks.

Drop marks will be an orange or yellow.

10.2 The starting and finishing mark will be an orange or yellow inflatable and an orange flag from the TRYC Dock regatta flagstaff

10.3 The **LONG COURSE (14.60 NM)** designated by flag W, shall be a distance race **Fl G 4s "G1"** left to starboard, FL R 3M "36" rounded to starboard, and a turning mark Fl R 3M "40" to be rounded to port. FL R 3M "36" & **Fl G 4s "G1"** shall be left to port after rounding Fl R3M "40".

10.4 The **SHORT COURSE (10.06 NM)** designated by flag T, shall be a distance race with, **Fl G 4s "G1"** left to starboard, FL R 3M "36" rounded to starboard and a turning mark Fl G 4M "39" rounded to port. FL R 3M "36" & **Fl G 4s "G1"** shall be left to port after rounding Fl G 4M "39"

10.5 Long Point Fl R "10" (marker for Long Point, this may have a different designation), and G "37", will always be considered as passing marks and shall be passed on the channel side at all times.

10.6 In the event that a mark of the course is not on station, it will be incumbent on each boat to round the established position of that mark. The skipper/owner shall report the missing mark, to the Race Committee within 15 minutes of finishing. Time of rounding and boats within sight shall also be noted.

11 The Start

11.1 The starting line will be between the TRYC regatta flagstaff from which an orange flag is displayed on the end of the TRYC pier and the starboard end starting mark (Start heading out the river toward Island Heights)

11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

12 Individual Recall

The Race Committee may attempt to notify boats identified as OCS by announcing the boat's sail number over VHF radio. Such announcements are made as a courtesy and, as such the following will not be grounds for redress. Failure of the Race Committee to broadcast sail numbers, failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast, a boat's position in the sequence of broadcasted numbers, or the promptness of the broadcast is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

13 Course Change and Shortened Course after the Start

After the start, the course shall not be changed, but may be shortened at any passing or turning mark. This changes rule 32.2(a).

14 Finish Line

14.1 The finishing line will be between the regatta flagstaff from which an orange flag is displayed on the TRYC pier and the port end finishing mark.

14.2 Boats approaching the finish, shall hail the race committee on VHF Channel 06 after passing Long Point Fl R "10".

15 Withdrawal

A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a race shall promptly inform the Race Committee by hail or on the fleet radio channel prior to leaving the racing area. If this is not possible, the boat shall promptly report their action to the Race Committee by calling 732 995-9446

16 Race Time Limit

The time limit for the race is 4.0 hours (non corrected) and all boats must finish within 45 minutes of the first boat in her division. If a boat does not finish within the time limit she shall be scored DNF. This changes rule 35.

17 Penalty System

17.1 Appendix V will be in effect

18 Protest and Redress Requests

18.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee, at her finish, of her intention to protest, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes rule 61.1(a).

18.2 Protests shall be in writing, forms are available at the notice board, and shall be delivered to the Protest Committee or Principal Race Officer within 30 minutes, after the finish of the last boat, in her class.

18.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, as soon as possible.

18.4 Protest notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing. This posting shall constitute the notification required by rule 63.2 and 61.1(b).

18.5 Rule 66 is changed by this sentence: "A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 15 minutes after being informed of the decision."

18.6 A breach of Sailing Instructions 8, 14.2, and 19, shall only be by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. The penalty for breaking of these instructions, which may include disqualification from the race, is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes rule 60.1(a) and 64.1(a).

19 Safety

19.1 In accordance with Rule 4, the responsibility for a boat's decision to race or to continue racing is hers alone. The responsibility for the safety of the boat and each competitor lies solely with each individual and not with the Organizing Authority or Race Committee.

19.2 Competitors should be aware that the Barnegat Bay has areas that are shallow and hazardous and could cause grounding of a vessel without vigilant watch to navigation and water depth. The Race Committee and Organizing Authority will not be responsible for providing any services, salvage or relief, to a grounded vessel.

20 Scoring

20.1 PHRF races will be scored time on distance.

21 Awards

21.1 Trophies will be awarded in each class based on the number of participants in that class. Sub-class trophies may be awarded.

22 Courtesy Broadcasts

Courtesy broadcasts will be made to the fleet on VHF 06. The race committee may attempt to broadcast on VHF information such as when the Race Committee is on station, its intentions, course, sail numbers of boats OCS, etc.