



Lloyd Harbor Yacht Club

Sunset Series

Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Sept. 5

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:
 - 1.1.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - 1.1.2. The current PHRF regulations, as administered by YRA of Long Island Sound (YRALIS) including non-spinnaker regulations
 - 1.1.3. YRA of LIS PHRF weight limitations will not apply for this series, nor will credits or penalties for crew weight be applied to the boat's base ratings.
 - 1.1.4. Current Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations of YRALIS, Category C.
 - 1.1.5. Current class rules for one-design fleets.
 - 1.1.6. RRS Appendix V1 & V2.
 - 1.1.7. RUNNING LIGHTS MUST BE DISPLAYED FROM THE FIRST WARNING SIGNAL.
 - 1.1.8. The RRS will be changed as noted in these instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to boats of PHRF (spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and cruising canvas), and One-Design classes of at least 21' LOA.
 - 2.1.1. Eligible boats can enter and electronically pay the entry fee using the Lloyd Harbor Yacht Club's online registration at www.lhyc.org, following the link to the Race Information page.
- 2.2. Entrants must possess a valid YRALIS PHRF certificate, a valid one-design certificate, or receive a waiver and LHYC handicap rating from the LHYC Measurer.
- 2.3. The intent of the Cruising Canvas division is that all sails will be of woven polyester such as Dacron, no spinnakers, gennakers, or Code 0 sails may be used.
- 2.4. No boat shall make any change during the regatta which would affect its rating.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the LHYC web site (<http://www.lhyc.org/>) no later than 1200 hrs. on the day where the change takes effect, and shall be broadcast on VHF channel 72 prior to the first warning signal.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the LHYC website prior to 2000 hrs. on the day before it will take effect and may be announced prior to the first warning signal on VHF channel 72.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. No signals will be made ashore.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Racing is scheduled for the 6 consecutive Wednesdays of Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Sept. 5.
- 6.2. The scheduled time for the first warning signal is 1900 hrs.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The number of classes and the class assignment for each boat will be made at the discretion of the race committee (RC) and indicated on the Scratch Sheet.
- 7.2. Scratch Sheets will be available on the LHYC website (www.LHYC.org) no later than 2100 hrs. on the day before the event. The Regatta Network "Current Registrants" list is NOT the Scratch Sheet.
- 7.3. Classes will be designated by numbers. Class flags will be numeral pennants.
- 7.4. Competitors are encouraged to display the numeral pennant for their class on their backstay or, in the absence of a backstay, from a point near the stern.
- 7.5. Boats wishing to change class, e.g., spinnaker to non-spinnaker, shall notify the RC prior to the first warning signal of the first race of their class. The RC will announce any such changes on VHF channel 72.
- 7.6. All boats shall identify themselves to the RC by sailing past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack with mainsail hoisted prior to the first warning signal.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. Rendezvous will be made in Huntington Bay but no further north than Nun "6" off Lloyd Neck. The RC shall announce the approximate position of the starting area on VHF channel 72 approximately one half hour prior to the first scheduled warning signal.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Course signals will be made by posting a letter on a board on the race committee boat. The letter indicates the course to sail as indicated below. All marks are to be rounded in the order listed, proceeding from the start to the first mark listed, continuing in the order listed

COURSE	MARK	LEAVE TO
A	Inflatable Mark – "W" windward	Port
	Inflatable Mark - "L" leeward	Port/Finish classes marked "S" on the Scratch Sheet
	Inflatable Mark – "W" windward	Port
	Inflatable Mark - "L" leeward	Finish classes marked "L" on the Scratch Sheet
B	Inflatable Mark - "W" windward"	Port
	Inflatable Mark - "L" leeward	Port
	Inflatable Mark – "W" windward	Port/Finish classes marked "S" on the Scratch Sheet
	Inflatable Mark - "L" leeward	Port
	Inflatable Mark – "W" windward	Finish classes marked "L" on the Scratch Sheet
C	Bell "8" (Target Rock)	
	Inflatable Mark - "L" leeward	Port/Finish classes marked "S" on the Scratch Sheet
	Bell "8" (Target Rock)	
	Inflatable Mark - "L" leeward	Finish classes marked "L" on the Scratch Sheet
D	Inflatable Mark – "W" windward	Port
	Inflatable Mark - "L" leeward	Port
	Inflatable Mark – "W" windward	Port
	Inflatable Mark - "L" leeward	Port/Finish classes marked "S" on the Scratch Sheet
	Inflatable Mark – "W" windward	Port
	Inflatable Mark - "L" leeward	Finish classes marked "L" on the Scratch Sheet

- 9.2. Government aids to navigation, when not designated as marks of the course, may be disregarded at the discretion of the skipper.
- 9.3. Classes designated for either the "L-Long" or "S- Short" courses will be indicated on the Scratch Sheet.
- 9.4. If the course is changed after posting, but prior to the first warning signal, three sound signals will be made.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. The starting mark will be an orange flag with an "X" marked on it.
- 10.2. Inflatable mark "W" (windward) will be located approximately 1 NM to windward of the starting line.
- 10.3. Inflatable mark "L" (leeward) will be located in the vicinity of the starting line

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started according to RRS 26 using a rolling sequence where the Start of one division is the Warning Signal for the following division unless otherwise announced by the RC.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and the flag on the starting mark as described in 10.1 or a nearby mark of the course.
- 11.3. The RC will attempt to identify OCS boats and broadcast their sail numbers via VHF channel 72. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification and the timing and order of such hail shall not be cause for redress. This changes RRS 62.1a.
- 11.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area and boats in their starting sequence.
- 11.5. Any boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- 11.6. If the automated starting system is used, i.e., the Ollie System, racers should be aware of the short, repetitive sounds emitted prior to the initial warning signal and not consider them part of the starting sequence.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 12.1. Courses will not be changed after the first start signal, but may be shortened.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the last mark of the course signalled unless the course is shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2. The race committee boat may shine a light at the mark to highlight the finish line. If finishing after dark, yachts shall shine a light on their sail numbers and report them to the race committee.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. The time limit will be 21:30 for class 1, 21:35 for class 2, 21:40 for class 3, etc. Any boat not finishing by the time limit will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF), which shall be scored as the number of boats checked in plus one. This changes RRS rules 35 and A4.2.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. Penalties at the Time of the Incident
 - 15.1.1. The One-Turn Penalty as described in RRS V1 is in effect. This modifies RRS 44.1.
- 15.2. Post-Race Penalties
 - 15.2.1. The Post-Race Penalty as defined in RRS V2 may be taken prior to the earlier of; the opening of a protest hearing, or the warning signal of her class on the next day of racing.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. A boat initiating a protest shall immediately after finishing, notify the race committee over VHF channel 72 of its intent to lodge a protest and the identity of the boat(s) being protested until acknowledged by the race committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 16.2. Notice of Protest(s) by the RC will be made via VHF channel 72 to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.3. Protests shall be written on US Sailing protest forms or equivalent and shall be delivered to the Protest Committee Chairman as described as described in "Contacts", Section 23.2. Protests shall be delivered in person or via email to protest@lhyc.org no later than 2200 hrs. the day following the race. The same time limit applies to protests by the RC about incidents they observe in their racing area and for requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.4. Protest hearings will be scheduled accordingly, and posted on the event website notice board to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The Time-on-Time method of calculating corrected times using A= 650 and B= 550 will be employed.
- 17.2. Each class will be scored separately.
- 17.3. Six (6) races are scheduled; however, two (2) races will constitute a series.
- 17.4. A boat's series score will exclude her worst race score if four (4) or more races are completed or worst two scores if six (6) races are completed. This changes RRS A2.
- 17.5. A boat shall receive credit for serving as race committee, provided that the owner schedules his participation in advance, provides the full complement of RC necessary, and the boat is not racing. If the regatta committee supplies an advisor, this does not affect qualification for this credit. A score will be awarded for the race in which the boat serves equal to the numerical average of all the races she sails in, less her allowed throw out(s), except that no score will be awarded if her class has no race that day.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. All boats are cautioned to observe the Navigation Rules of the Road and to extend the right-of-way to commercial vessels, especially those restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, making passage through the racing area. Any boat observed to impede such traffic may be protested by the RC.
- 18.2. A boat withdrawing before the start or retiring from a race for any reason is requested to notify the RC by VHF channel 72 at the earliest possible opportunity.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1. Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channel 72.
- 19.2. Except in an emergency, 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.
- 19.3. The RC shall use VHF channel 72 for any radio communications with competitors. As an additional courtesy, radio prompts may be given to preface any actions by the RC. Boats shall not be entitled to redress for the following: misstatements by the RC, or failure of a boat to hear or receive a broadcast.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows for each class: First if 3 or more registrants, Second if 5 or more, Third if 7 or more and Fourth if 11 or more.
- 20.2. The Sunset Trophy will be awarded to the overall best performing PHRF yacht as determined by the Regatta Committee.
- 20.3. This is a qualifying race for the North Sails Huntington Bay Boat of the Year Trophy. Participation earns two points.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely 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 regatta.
- 21.2. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

22. Contacts:

- 22.1. LHYC Fleet Captain: Jim Meystrik, 2 Mulberry Drive, Halesite, NY 11743, fleetcapt@lhyc.org
- 22.2. Protest Committee Chair: Mike Sterflinger, 220 Taylor St, Centerport NY 11721, protest@lhyc.org
- 22.3. Fleet Measurer, Charlie Powers, measurer@lhyc.org
- 22.4. Technical Committee Chair, techcomm@yralis.org

Illustration A - Courses

