



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA HAMPTONS CHALLENGE REGATTA
August 18, 2018
Noyack Bay

1. RULES

The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in THE RACING RULES of SAILING for 2017-2020 including the prescriptions of US Sailing to Rules 34, 40, 48.1, 60.3(b), 61.4, 63.2, 63.4, 64.3, 67, 76.1 and Appendices R, U, and V.

Scoring for each Division will be PHRF / Time on Time using PHRF of Eastern Long Island ratings and the TCF formula $650/(550+PHRF)$.

In the case of conflicts between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern. This modifies Rule 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

All notices to competitors including any changes or additions to the NOR and/or these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the [Regatta Website Official Notice Board](#). Additionally, the Race Committee will broadcast any and all changes to the Sailing Instructions at 1000 hours via VHF 72. Failure to receive such changes or amendments shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes rule 90.2.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

There being no central location available to most competitors, signals will NOT be made ashore. Visual signals will be made from the Race Committee Signal Boat. This changes rule 90.2.

4. DIVISIONS

The following Divisions have been established for the race

Division	PHRF Rating Band
1 (Spinnaker)	0 - 116
2 (Spinnaker)	117 - 300
3 (non-Spinnaker)	110 - 190

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

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1000	Check - In, Noyack Bay
1055	Course Posted
1100	Warning Signal, Division 1
1105	Start, Division 1
1110	Warning Signal, Division 2
1115	Start, Division 2
1120	Warning Signal, Division 3
1125	Start, Division 3

No race will be started after 14:00 hours.




All visual and sound signals will be supplemented by radio broadcasts from the signal boat on VHF 72.

6. POSTPONEMENTS

Postponements will be signaled by the raising of signal flag "AP" accompanied by two sound signals. Postponements will be in multiples of five minute increments. A single sound signal will be made one minute prior to the lowering of signal flag "AP".

If a postponement is signaled during a starting sequence, a new starting sequence will begin with a Warning Signal. That signal will be made one (1) minute following the lowering of "AP". The Division whose starting sequence was interrupted will be the next to start. Any remaining Division starts will be delayed accordingly.

7. CLASS FLAGS

Class	Description	Warning/Start Flag
Spinnaker 1	Division 1	
Spinnaker 2	Division 2	
Non Spinnaker	Division 3	

Division Flags will be used by the Race Committee during the starting sequences as defined by Rule 26. Flags need not be flown from the boats of individual competitors.

8. RACING AREA

All racing will be located within the general confines of Noyack Bay.

9. THE COURSE

The attached diagram will show a course configuration consisting of six (6) legs. All Divisions will sail the same course.

No later than the Warning Signal for the first Division start, the Race Committee Signal Boat will display the approximate compass bearing and length of the first leg.

Please note that all provisions of RRS 32 will be in effect. Should it be deemed necessary, the race committee will shorten the course and/or abandon racing.

10. MARKS

All marks will be inflatable tetrahedrons and are rounding marks. Government marks and private aids to navigation located in the vicinity of any leg of the course are not marks to be observed.

A race committee boat signaling a change of course is NOT considered a mark of the course. A new tetrahedron will be located at the prescribed location and will constitute the new mark to be rounded.

11. THE START

The race will be started by using the provisions of RRS 26 with the Division warning signal made five (5) minutes before the Division starting signal. Please note that, following a Division start, there will be a five (5) minute period before the warning signal for the next Division is made.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end of the line and a tetrahedron inflatable mark located at the port end of the line.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the five minute starting sequence for other Divisions.

A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes of its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

If the hull, crew or equipment of any boat is on the course side of the starting line at the time of her start, the signal boat will display code flag "x" accompanied by one sound signal. The race committee will also attempt to notify all premature starters via VHF 72. The race committee will also acknowledge once each premature starter has returned to the pre-start side of the starting line. Failure to make such a broadcast or to make it within a prescribed time shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Should the race committee deem it necessary for fair racing, any mark of the course may be re-located. When doing so, the race committee procedure employed will be as follows:

A race committee vessel will be located in the vicinity of the mark prior to the one being relocated. That vessel will display code flag "C" and sound four short sound signals. The committee will attempt to sound that signal repeatedly, so all competitors are alerted.

In addition the race committee vessel will display the approximate compass bearing to the relocated mark. If the length of the next leg is also being changed, the new length will also be shown together with a "+" sign if the length is being increased and a "-" sign if it is being decreased.

A change to the compass direction and/or length of a leg of the course does not change the location of the other marks of the course.

13. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V, Alternative Penalties will be in effect.

The One and Two Turn Penalty System described in RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will be in effect. The provisions of RRS 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) will also be in effect. The provisions of 44.3 require the offending boat to display a yellow flag from the time of the incident and to inform the race committee within one (1) minute of finishing.

Failure of a boat to take a "turns" penalty does not preclude that competitor from subsequently taking a scoring penalty under RRS 44.3. A penalty taken after the race will be subject to the provisions of rule V2 of Appendix V.

15. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for all divisions will be three (3) hours. Boats failing to finish within one (1) hour after the first boat in their Division sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS

For each division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the Division has finished or the time limit for the race has expired, whichever is earlier. This changes RRS 63.1.

The requirements of Rule 61.1 will be strictly enforced. A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat(s) at the first reasonable opportunity, hail "Protest", and display a red flag and shall display the flag until she is no longer racing.

The intention to protest shall be announced by hail or VHF channel 72 to the Race Committee as soon as possible after the protesting yacht has finished. The hail shall include the sail number(s) of the protested yacht(s). Protests and requests for redress must be submitted in writing within the time limit on the standard US Sailing Protest Form. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

Valid protests and requests for redress as defined by RRS 61 and 62 will be heard in the Judges Area.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

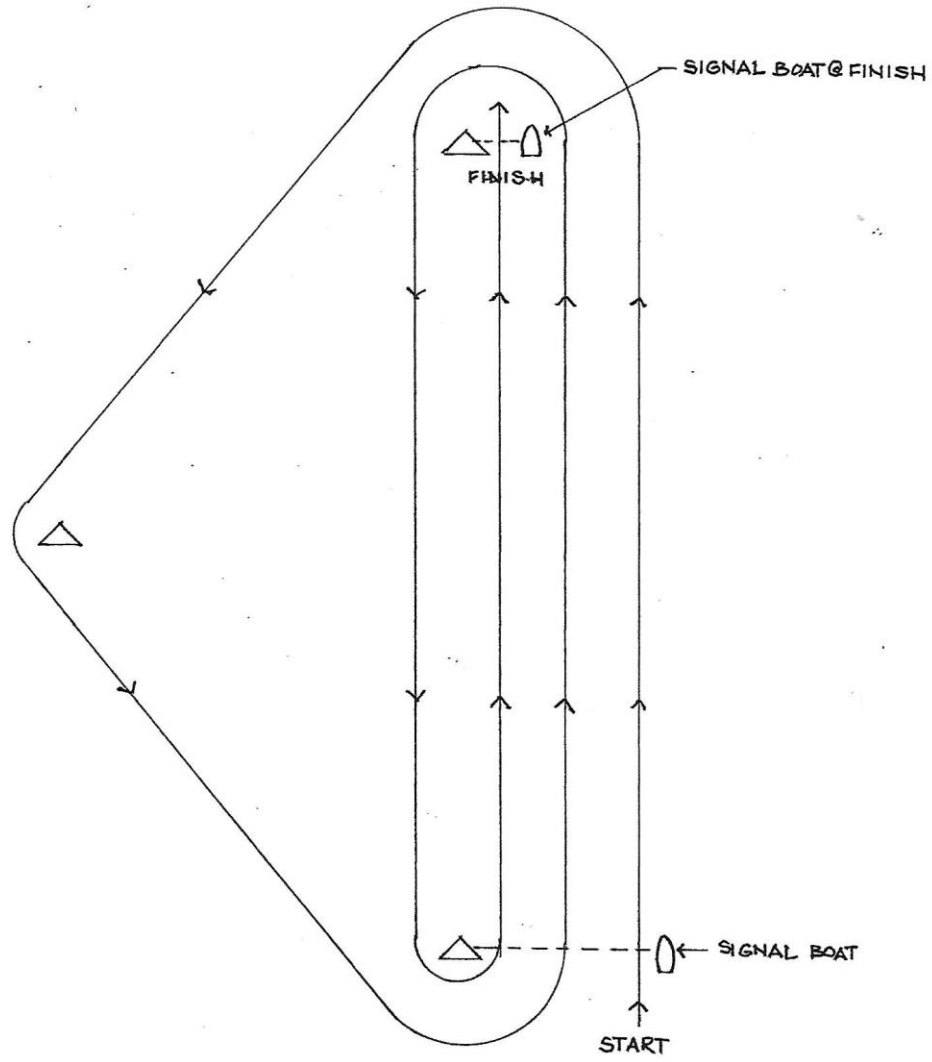
The race committee will endeavor to supplement all visual and sound signals with voice announcements/explanations via VHF channel 72. All competitors are required to carry aboard a working VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channel 72.

At the conclusion of racing, the race committee will broadcast a list of those boats for which it has received verbal notice of an intent to protest.

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk, see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the race.



COURSE DIAGRAM

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