

**MRYC**  
**2018 Commodore Cup**  
**Distance Race**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**9/9/2018**

**RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix V will be in effect
- 1.3 Competitors meeting will be held at 8:30 9/9/2018 on the first floor of MRYC
- 1.4 These Sailing instructions may be changed verbally on the water

**ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

2.1 Eligible yachts (valid 2018 PHRF-MA certificate required) shall enter by completing registration with the Organizing Authority, Via [http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17288#\\_home](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17288#_home)

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the MRYC Official Notice Board located on the first floor of the club outside of the staff office
- 3.2 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 6 to communicate with the classes.

**CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0700 on the day of racing

**SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Flag signals will be flown from the flagpoles of the Manasquan River Yacht Club
- 5.2 When Pennant "AP" is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than one hour" in Race Signal "AP".

## **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

<b>6.1 Race</b>	<b>Day and Date</b>	<b>Harbor Gun</b>	<b>Course Signals</b>
1	Sunday, 9/9/ 2018	0900	1100 Hours

No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.

## **CLASS ASSIGNMENTS and CLASS DESIGNATORS**

7.1 There will be one class Non-Spin class designated as class 1, Numeral Pennant #1

## **RACING AREA**

8.1 The Race Committee will set up in the vicinity of of Manasquan Inlet R "2M", FL 4s bell buoy.

## **THE COURSE**

9.1

Course #1

This will be a Non-spin distance race from a starting line near the Manasquan Inlet mile marker to the Shark River Navigation Buoy marking the entrance to the Shark River Inlet in Belmar, New Jersey.

The rounding will be a port rounding there will be an inflatable boundary / passing mark approximately 3 miles north of the starting line that must be passed within 200 feet keeping it to Starboard while sailing north and Port while sailing south. The finish line will be in the vicinity of Manasquan Inlet. This course may change due to conditions on race day and if so the course will be announced verbally on the water

Course #2

This will be a Non-spin race from a starting line near the Manasquan Inlet mile marker. The rounding will be a port rounding there will be an inflatable mark approximately 3 miles north of the starting line. The finish line will be in the vicinity of Manasquan Inlet mile marker The Race committee will post the Bearing and distance to the windward mark

## **MARKS**

10.0 Inflatable Marks will be orange or Yellow inflatable marks.

10.1 The starting and finishing marks will be Inflatable marks

## **THE START**

11.1 Prior to the warning signal of the first race of the day, each yacht shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat and hail her sail number and class.

11.2 Races will be started using rule 26.

11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the starting mark.

11.4 A yacht starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.1.

## **INDIVIDUAL RECALLS**

12.1 The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each premature starter over VHF channel 6. Failure to make such an announcement or to hear the announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

## **THE FINISH**

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark.

## **TIME LIMIT**

15.1 The time limit for the race course #1 will be 5 hours and race course #2 2.5 hours. If a yacht does not finish within the time limit she shall be scored DNF. This changes rule 35.

15.2 Yachts failing to finish within 45 minutes (plus their handicap allowance) of the first yacht to sail the course and finish, or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) and scored points as described in SI 18.3. This changes rules 35 and A4.

## **RETIREMENT**

16.1 A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area, or if that is impractical, then as soon as practical, after arriving ashore.

## **PROTESTS**

17.1 A protesting yacht shall inform the Race Committee on the VHF Channel 6 at the finish of a race, until acknowledged by the Race Committee. This modifies rule 61.1(a). All protests will be heard at MRYC

17.2 The protest time limit is 1 hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks. Protest forms are available on the Protest Committee notice board. The end of protest time will be posted on the Protest Committee notice board.

17.3 Notices will be posted to inform competitors of protest hearings in which they are parties as soon as possible after the protest time limit. Hearings will be held as soon as possible, approximately in the order received. Location and times will be posted.

17.4 Yachts may not protest other yachts for retirement from race notification, safety equipment, and disposal of trash. The penalty for breaking these rules is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes rule 60.1(a).

## **SCORING**

18.1 RRS Appendix A will apply

18.2 Yachts that have started and fail to finish within the time limit for any reason, shall, without a hearing, be scored TLE by the Race Committee

18.3 PHRF classes will be scored using time on distance.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

19.1 All yacht racing in the ocean classes shall carry an operable VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels 6 and 16.

19.2 A yacht shall neither make any telecommunications (including cellphone communications) while racing nor receive any telecommunications while racing that is not available to all yachts.

## **SAFETY**

20.1 All yachts shall carry the safety equipment required by National, State, Local, applicable Class Association rules and/or regulations.

20.2 No yachts shall carry anchors affixed to their bows.

## **DISPOSAL OF TRASH**

21.1 Yachts observed discharging trash over the side shall be either disqualified from all races sailed, or subject to other suitable disciplinary action, or both.

## **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, "Decision to Race". The OA, Race Committee & MRYC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

## **PRIZES**

23.1 The prizes will be presented at MRYC, at the conclusion of the days racing.