

GYC Woman Skippers Invitational Regatta 2019
July 20, 2019
Genesee Yacht Club
Rochester, New York

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta shall be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the *USSA Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Where appropriate, the 2019 Genesee Yacht Club Sailing Instructions shall apply, copies of which will be available at the Skipper's Meeting.
- 1.3. All boats shall have a female at the helm from and including the start to the finish.

2. SKIPPER'S MEETING

- 2.1. The Skipper's Meeting will be held at 9AM on Saturday, July 20th at GYC.

3. DIVISION SPLITS

- 3.1. Division Splits will be determined by the Race Committee (RC) prior to the Skipper's Meeting, copies of which will be distributed to the competitors at that time.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1. There are 3 races scheduled, and the series may be shortened to 1 or 2 as determined by the Race Committee (RC) and will then constitute the series.

5. THE COURSES

- 5.1. The diagram attached to these instructions shows the possible course configurations. (See Section 13)
- 5.2. The course designation and approximate distance and bearing to the first mark, will be displayed on the RC signal boat. All marks are to be taken to port. The RC may announce this information on VHF Channel 71, including which division should sail a short course if applicable.

6. DIVISIONS AND ORDER OF STARTS

- 6.1. Races will be started in the following order
 - 6.1.1. Division 1 - International Code Flag 1
 - 6.1.2. Division 2 - International Code Flag 2
 - 6.1.3. Division 3 - International Code Flag 3
 - 6.1.4. Division 4 - International Code Flag 4

7. STARTING

- 7.1. The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and an orange mark.
- 7.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 7.3. The starting sequence will follow the current USSA Rule 26.
 - 7.3.1. The Warning Signal for each start will be the division flag for that division (code flags 1 through 4) with one loud sound. It will be given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
 - 7.3.2. The Preparatory Signal for each start will be code flag "P" with one sound. It will be given 4 minutes before the starting signal.

- 7.3.3. At the One-Minute Signal, Code flag "P" will be lowered with one long sound, one minute before the starting signal.
 - 7.3.4. The Starting Signal is the lowering of the division flag for the division that is starting, accompanied by one loud sound.
 - 7.3.5. The Warning Signal for each succeeding division is the Starting Signal for the preceding division.
 - 7.3.6. As a courtesy to the fleet, an attention (sound) signal may be given approximately six minutes before the first start.
8. Finishing
 - 8.1. The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and an orange tetrahedron.
9. SAFETY/SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITY
 - 9.1. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper/owner of the boat, who must do his/her best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and fit to face any condition that can reasonably be expected.
 - 9.2. A boat retiring from a race is required to notify the RC before leaving the course area, or, if that is not possible, immediately after arriving ashore.
10. PROTESTS
 - 10.1. Notice of intention to protest shall be given to the RC immediately upon finishing either by VHF radio Channel 71 or by hail.
 - 10.2. Notification of Protest against a Boat: A protest flag must be displayed promptly and until the protesting boat is no longer racing; the protested boat must be verbally hailed, with the word "Protest" clearly indicating the protestor's intent, and a US Sailing Protest Form (available bulletin board) must be submitted to a Regatta Chairwoman. Protests must be submitted within two hours of the time of the Race Committee's docking. *This replaces rule 61.3 in the USSA rules.*
 - 10.3. Protests will be heard immediately following the end of the Regatta.
11. SCORING
 - 11.1. Scoring for all divisions will be on a corrected time basis (time-on-time) using PHRF-LO time-ontime correction factors.
 - 11.2. The Regatta will be scored as provided in *Appendix A* of the *USSA Racing Rules* using the Low Point System.
12. PRIZES
 - 12.1. Keeper trophies will be awarded to the first place boat and flags will be awarded to the first three boats in each division with the lowest points in the regatta.
 - 12.2. In addition, the following GYC perpetual trophies will be awarded, with each winner receiving a keeper trophy.
 - 12.2.1. The *Mighty Mary Award* is given to the all female GYC boat with the best points for the series.
 - 12.2.2. The *Guest Trophy* is given to a non-GYC boat with the best points for the series.
 - 12.2.3. The *Lindsley Award* is given to the GYC Spinnaker boat with the best points for the series.
 - 12.2.4. The *Elaine Carter Trophy* is given to the GYC Genoa Only boat with the best points for the series.

13. 2016 WSI COURSE DIAGRAMS



