

# Hempstead Harbour Club 2019 Ward Bell Regatta August 24, 2019 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### **1 RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. RRS 33 will be changed as follows: Delete 33(a)(1), 33(a)(2) and 33(b). Appendix S will be used for Starting, this changes RRS 26.

### 2 ENTRIES

Open to RS Aero and Laser classes. Competitors may enter online at http://

www.regattanetwork.com/event/19368#\_home. Entry fee is \$20.00. Advance registration is not required, but please try to register online by August 15, so we have an idea of how many boats.

#### **3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Notices to competitors will be posted online at http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19368#\_home. Changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted by 12:00.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** Signals made ashore will be hailed in the boat park. If a postponement is hailed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 20 minutes after the boats are released to launch.

#### **5 SCHEDULE**

A competitors' meeting shall be held at 12:30 on August 24<sup>h</sup>, 2019 on the north porch of the clubhouse. No boats are to leave the shore until the safety boat(s) are afloat and operating. The warning signal for the first race will be at 13:00. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. A maximum of seven (7) races will be sailed.

#### **6 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in the waters west of the mooring field to Hempstead Harbour Club. Competitors shall stay in the racing area.

#### **7 SAFETY**

All competitors, race committee and safety boat operators shall wear PFD's while on the water. At the discretion of the Race Committee, racing may be canceled when potentially unsafe conditions exist.

Boats leaving the racing area to return to shore before the end of the day's racing should inform the race committee or a safety boat.

### **8 CHECK-IN PROCEDURE**

Competitors shall sail by the leeward side of the Race Committee and hail their sail number and name. This may be acknowledged by the Race Committee.

### 9 CHANGES TO CLASS RULES

Lasers and Laser Radials maybe sailed with non-class sails as long as the sailmaker's certification that the sails do comply with the Laser Class dimensions and cloth weights is made available.

#### **10 COURSES and MARKS**

The courses will be Windward Leeward, Triangle or a combination of these or multiple rounds. The course will be hailed by the Race Committee prior to the warning signal. All marks will be inflated spheres. Competitors may not sail through the gate except to start or finish.

### 11 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES, STARTING SYSTEM

The starting and finishing lines will be between a white flag on the Signal Boat and an adjacent inflated mark. Appendix S - Sound Signal Starting System will be used, this changes RRS 26. A class flag will be flown to indicate RS Aero or Laser class start.

#### **12 RECALLS**

**Individual Recalls:** An individual recall shall be signaled with one horn/whistle sound possibly without a flag display. This changes Rule 29.1. The race committee will attempt (but is not required) to hail the last three digits of the sail numbers of boats on the course side of the starting line (OCS). When all OCS boats have started properly an "all clear" hail may be made.

**General Recall:** A general recall will be signaled with a series of horn/whistle sounds. This changes Rule 29.2. In the event of a general recall, Rule 30.1 will automatically go into effect; however the "I"

flag will not be flown. This changes Rule 30.1. After the second General Recall, Rule 30.3 may be hailed as being in effect; however the Black flag will not be flown. This changed Rule 30.3.

# **13 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for each race will be 40 minutes for the first boat to finish.

# 14 PROTESTS

Boats intending to file a protest or request redress shall notify the Signal Boat after finishing the race where the incident occurred. This modifies RRS 61.3.

### 14 POST-RACE PENALTIES and EXPEDITED HEARINGS

US Sailing Prescription Appendix T - Alternative Procedures for Dispute Resolution, Sections B - Post Race Penalties and C - Expedited Hearings shall be used.

#### **15 SCORING**

The scoring of each series shall use Appendix A- Scoring. 1 race is required in order to have a series. A boat's worst score shall be excluded if 5 races are completed.

### 16 WITHDRAW and DNFs

Boats that withdraw are please asked to notify the RC.

Commodore: Ron Doering Regatta Chairmen: Bob Canavan

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