



Lloyd Harbor Yacht Club

Commodore's Cup

August 21, 2020

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. US SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS (SER), Nearshore Category.
 - 1.1.5. Competitors are expected to abide by state and local health guidelines.
 - 1.1.6. The COVID-19 Pandemic brings special considerations to yacht racing. It is the responsibility of each skipper to interpret, follow and enforce governmental guidelines regarding the Pandemic on their boat.
 - 1.1.7. Current class rules for one-design fleets.
 - 1.1.8. RRS Appendix V1 & V2.
 - 1.1.9. RUNNING LIGHTS MUST BE DISPLAYED FROM THE FIRST WARNING SIGNAL.
 - 1.1.10. The RRS will be changed as noted in these instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to boats of PHRF classes of at least 21' LOA whose owner is a member in good standing of the LHYC.
- 2.2. Entry is done using the Lloyd Harbor Yacht Club's online registration at www.lhyc.org, following the link to the Race Information page. The final deadline for entries is 2400 hrs, August 20.
- 2.3. There will be two divisions, Cruising and Racing. Boats which generally do not race and use "cruising canvas" will race in the cruising division. All other boats will race in the Racing Class.
- 2.4. 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.
- 2.5. This is a Non-Spinnaker event. No spinnakers of any variety may be used.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the LHYC web site (<http://www.lhyc.org/>) and shall be broadcast on VHF channel 72 prior to the first warning signal.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hrs. on the day it will take effect and announced prior to the first warning signal on VHF channel 72, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs. on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. No signals will be made ashore

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Racing is scheduled for August 21, 2020
- 6.2. The scheduled time for the first warning signal is 1900 hrs.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. There will be two divisions, Racing (Class 1) and Cruising (Class 2). Boats which generally do not race and use "cruising canvas" not to include high-tech materials (Mylar, Kevlar, carbon fiber, etc.) will race in the cruising division. All other boats will race in the Racing Class.
- 7.2. The class assignment for each boat will be made at the discretion of the race committee (RC) and indicated on the Scratch Sheet.
- 7.3. 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 AREAS

- 8.1. Rendezvous will be made in the vicinity of Nun "2" at the entrance to Lloyd Harbor.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Courses will be signaled by the RC using a letter placard indicating the course.
 - 9.1.1. **Course A:** Flasher "1" (Sand City) to port, Bell "8" Target Rock to port, then finish.
 - 9.1.2. **Course B:** Bell "8" Target Rock to starboard, Flasher "1" (Sand City) to starboard, then finish.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. The starting and finishing mark will be Nun "2" off Lloyd Harbor.

11. THE START

- 11.1. RRS 26 "Starting Races" is amended to use the audible -signal Racing System of Appendix U: Modified for a 5-minute sequence using Ollie Automated Signals (No Flags).
- 11.2. The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times. These signals shall be timed from their commencement and shall govern, even if visual signals are also used.

Signal	Sound	Time before start
Attention	Radio announcement	Before the warning
Warning	1 Long horn + Radio	5 minutes
Preparatory	1 Long horn + Radio	4 minutes
1 Minute	1 Long horn + Radio	1 minute
Start	1 Long horn + Radio	

- 11.3. Races will be started using a rolling sequence where the Start of one division is the Warning Signal for the following division unless otherwise announced by the RC.
- 11.4. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and Nun "2"
- 11.5. 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.

- 11.6. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area and boats in their starting sequence.
- 11.7. Any boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- 11.8. 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 finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and Nun "2" 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 2110 hrs. for all boats. Any boat not finishing by the time limit will be scored Did not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS rules 35, 63.1, and Appendix A.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. Penalties at the Time of the Incident
The One-Turn Penalty as described in RRS V1 is in effect. This modifies RRS 44.1.
- 15.2. Post-Race Penalties
The Post-Race Penalty as defined in RRS V2 may be taken prior to the opening of a protest hearing.

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. Repeating the notification at [reasonable] intervals 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 by 2200 hrs. on the day following the event. 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. Time allowances will be as per YRALIS PHRF procedures using time on distance and will be based on the course distance of 3.4 nm.

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 maneuver, 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 given as follows: Overall winner will receive the Commodore's Cup
- 20.2. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place finishers in both divisions.

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: Ed Kawecki, fleetcapt@lhyc.org
- 22.2. Protest Committee Chair: Mike Sterflinger, protest@lhyc.org
- 22.3. Fleet Measurer: Charlie Powers, <mailto:charles.powers.yra@gmail.com>
- 22.4. Technical Committee, techcomm@yralis.org