

Women Skippers Race

July 26, 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 for PHRF classes.
 - 1.1.3. The maximum amount of crew allowed will be an LOA +2 format. Take the first digit of the LOA & add 2. Ex. Boats under 30' LOA 4 crew, Boats 30' to under 40' 5 crew, etc.
 - 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. RRS Appendix V1 & V2.
- 1.2. The following racing rules will be changed
 - 1.2.1. RRS 33(a & b) are changed such that the direction and distance to the mark will be announced on
 - 1.2.2. VHF channel 72.
 - 1.2.3. RRS 44.1 "Penalty at the Time of an Incident" is modified as specified in RRS V1.
 - 1.2.4. RRS 62.1a is amended to add "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."
 - 1.2.5. RRS 61.1(a) is amended to include "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 until acknowledged by the race committee."
 - 1.2.6. RRS 61.3 and 62.2 are changed such that the time limit for protests is 2200 hrs. on the day following the race.
 - 1.2.7. RRS 35, RRS A4, and RRS A5 are modified to include a finishing time limit window.
- 1.3. A FEMALE MUST CONTROL THE HELM AT ALL TIMES WHILE RACING.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to boats of PHRF (spinnaker and non-spinnaker) classes. Divisions in non-spinnaker (+2 crewed) and asymmetrical only spinnaker (+2 crewed) are offered.
- 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 1500 hrs, June 25.
- 2.3. 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.
- 2.4. No boat shall make any change during the regatta which would affect its rating.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the LHYC web site (http://www.lhyc.org/) no later than 1700 hrs. on the day prior to the event, and shall be broadcast on VHF channel 72 prior to the first warning signal of the race where the change takes effect.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on LHYC web site no later than 0800 hrs. on the day of the race and announced on VHF channel 72 prior to the first warning signal of the day.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. No signals will be made ashore.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Racing is scheduled for Sunday, July 26, 2020.
- 6.2. The scheduled time for the first warning signal is 1400 hrs.
- 6.3. Up to three races may be sailed, but one race will constitute a series.
- 6.4. If the race committee will not be starting the classes for subsequent races in numerical order, then no less than five minutes before its warning signal, the identity of the next class to start will be announced on VHF channel 72.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The number of classes and the class assignment for each boat will be made at the discretion of the race committee (RC) and indicated on the Scratch Sheet.
- 7.2. Scratch Sheets will be available on the LHYC website (www.LHYC.org) no later than 1800 hrs. on the day before the event. The Regatta Network "Current Registrants" list is NOT the Scratch Sheet.
- 7.3. Classes will be designated by numbers. Class flags will be numeral pennants.
- 7.4. Competitors are encouraged to display the numeral pennant for their class on their backstay or, in the absence of a backstay, from a point near the stern.
- 7.5. Boats wishing to change class, e.g., spinnaker to non-spinnaker, shall notify the RC prior to the first warning signal of the first race of their class. The RC will announce any such changes on VHF channel 72.
- 7.6. 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 Huntington Bay but no further north than Nun "6" off Lloyd Neck. The RC shall announce the approximate position of the starting area on VHF channel 72 approximately one half hour prior to the first scheduled warning signal.

9. COURSES

Course signals will be made by posting a letter on a board on the race committee boat. The letter indicates the course to sail as indicated below. All marks are to be rounded in the order listed, proceeding from the start to the first mark listed, continuing in the order listed. See Illustration A.

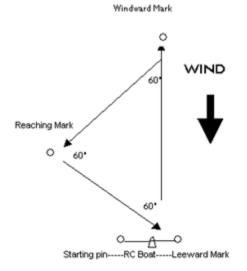
COURSE	MARK	LEAVE TO		
А	Inflatable Mark - "W"	Port		
	Inflatable Mark - "L"	Port/Finish		
В	Inflatable Mark - "W"	Port		
	Inflatable Mark - "L"	Port		
	Inflatable Mark - "W"	Port		
	Inflatable Mark - "L"	Port/Finish		
С	Inflatable Mark - "W"	Port		
	Inflatable Mark - "R"	Port		
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	Inflatable Mark - "R"	Port		
	Inflatable Mark - "L"	Port/Finish		

Government aids to navigation, when not designated as marks of the course, may be disregarded at the discretion of the skipper.

If the course is changed after posting, but prior to the first warning signal, three sound signals will be made.

10.MARKS

- 1.1. The starting mark will be an orange flag with an "X" marked on it.
- 1.2. Inflatable mark "W" (windward) will be located approximately 1 NM to windward of the starting line.
- 1.3. Inflatable mark "L" (leeward) will be located in the vicinity of the starting line
- 1.4. Inflatable mark "R" (reaching) will be located on the left side of the course as follows:



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 the flag on the starting mark as described in 1.1 or a nearby mark of the course.
- 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 finish line will be between the blue flag on a race committee boat and the last mark of the course signalled unless the course is shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2.

14.TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. If no boat in a class sails the course and finishes within 2 hours of the start of that class, the race for that class will be abandoned.
- **14.2.** Any boat failing to finish within 30 minutes plus her PHRF time allowance from the finish of the first finisher in her class, or by 1830 hrs 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
 - 15.1.1. The One-Turn Penalty as described in RRS V1 is in effect. This modifies RRS 44.1.
- 15.2. Post-Race Penalties
 - 15.2.1. 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 no later than 2200 hrs. on the day following the race. 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 to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17.SCORING

- 17.1. The Time-on-Time method of calculating corrected times using A= 650 and B= 550 will be employed.
- 17.2. Each class will be scored separately.
- 17.3. Up to three (3) races may be scheduled, however one race will constitute a series.
- 17.4. No races will be excluded from scoring. This changes RRS A2.

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 manoeuvre, 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 awarded as follows for each class: First, Second, Third, and The Leighway Overall Trophy
- 20.2 The Leighway Overall Trophy will be awarded to the best performing boat as determined by the Regatta Committee.

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, fleetcpt@lhyc.org (914) 406-9158
- 22.2. Protest Committee Chair: Mike Sterflinger, protest@lhyc.org
- 22.3. Fleet Measurer: Charlie Powers, measurer@lhyc.org
- 22.4. Technical Committee, techcomm@yralis.org

23. Illustration A. Courses

