



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 1 RULES

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including US Sailing Prescriptions.

1.2 All boats must carry the minimum required offshore equipment listed in Appendix B. The race committee reserves the right to inspect any boat to assess compliance. 1.4 Class Rules of PHRF-Lake Ontario (i.e. LO) shall apply.

1.3 Rules may be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

1.4 A boat may use her propulsion engine to get clear after grounding or colliding with a vessel or object, provided the boat does not gain significant advantage in the race.

1.5 Inland navigation rules shall apply between Sunrise and Sunset.

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors shall be located at the designated official notice board determined by the Regatta Chair.

## 3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted by 6:00PM on Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> shortly before the skippers meeting.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at Oswego Yacht Club located at the North end of the pier. 4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 Minutes'. This changes Race Signal AP.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The Skippers Meeting will start at 6:15 PM Friday August 14th

5.2 An Attention Signal may sound as a courtesy at 7:55 Saturday August 15th

5.3 The First Warning will be at 8:00AM Saturday August 15th

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 Division starts will follow RRS Rule 26. Code flags "1" through "8" corresponding to the division numbers defined by the final fleet's splits shall signal each start. The starting signal for each division shall be the warning signal for the next. Fleet splits will be circulated at the Skippers Meeting and posted on the official notice board.

## **7 RACING AREA**

7.1 The racing area shall be the open waters of Lake Ontario. 7.2 Appendix A shows the racing area which covers both coastal and open waters of Lake Ontario.

## **8 COURSES**

8.1 The diagram in Appendix D illustrates the intended course. Spinnaker boats will sail the RED triangular course depicted from start about .25NM northwest of Oswego Light House to Ford Shoals buoy approximately 10NM W and then north to Galloo Island shoal buoy returning to Oswego for the finish. Genoa Only boats will sail the BLUE course from the same starting line to Galloo Island shoal buoy and back to Oswego for the finish. Marks of the course will be left to starboard.

8.2 In the event that the wind subsides and it is not feasible to continue the race 12.2 shall apply. Boats from visiting clubs may head back to their respective clubs and not have to return to Oswego. Skippers will be required to let the Race Committee know of their intentions as described in 13.3.

## **9 THE START**

9.1 The starting line will be located approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of the entrance of the Breakwater of the Oswego Harbor.

9.2 The Starting Line will be between the orange flag on the Signal Boat and the nearest starting mark course side edge.

9.3 An attention signal may be given approximately 1 minute before the first warning. This is not an official time signal and should not be treated as such.

9.4 Boats not Racing – While other boats are racing, boats that are not racing shall stay outside a rectangle defined by the line between the starting buoy and signal boat and extending 35 yards windward and 35 yards to leeward of that line. This is a change to RRS rule 24.1. Boats failing to do so shall be subjected to a 10-minute penalty to their corrected time.

9.5 Boats not in the starting area 30 minutes after the last start may use propulsion to cross the starting line to the pre-start side. No less than 5 minutes after discontinuing the use of propulsion she may properly start

9.6 Boats starting later than 60 minutes after the final start shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

9.7 The race committee shall attempt to announce boats in violation of RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) or 30.1 (I Flag Penalty) via VHF channel 71. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

## **10 TIME LIMITS**

10.1 A boat in each division must finish by 12AM Sunday to constitute full course scoring for that division. The race committee will decide if shortened course scoring will apply per section 12.2 if no boat has finished by this limit.

10.2 Any boat failing to finish by 12:00AM Sunday in a division that has met 10.1 shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rule 35.

## **11 PROTEST TIME LIMIT**

11.1 Protests shall be filed within 2 hours of finishing the race.

## **12 SCORING**

12.1 Scoring shall be based on PHRF-LO Handicap Time-on-Distance.

12.2 In the event of boats not being able to complete the race within the final time limit, the time taken at the Galloo Island Buoy rounding may be used to score some or all of the boats. All boats shall take their own GPS times when they are due north of the green shoal buoy and make note of the

position of any other boats in the vicinity. The Island Boat will be taking rounding times for scoring if present.

### **13 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

13.1 Single-Handed Divisions 13.1.1 The use of Auto-pilots and or self-steering devices shall be permitted for Single handed sailors only.

13.2 While racing and on deck single handed sailors shall wear a PDF and tether to jack lines or sound clipping points.

13.3 Boats retiring from the race shall contact the base officer (or his delegate), as soon as possible. Please indicate your disposition and departure sailing or cruising plans. Contact methods are: • VHF Channel 16 - Oswego Yacht Club (when in radio range) • OYC Clubhouse - 315-343-9459 • Race Chairman (Brian Sturges) 315-591-0302

13.4 Additional safety equipment that should be utilized and use encouraged is listed in the APENDIX B of the NOR.

### **14 FINISHING**

14.1 All boats shall record their own GPS time when crossing the finish line.

14.2 The Finishing line for all divisions shall extend between the Oswego Harbor east pier light and a committee boat or buoy to the east side of the pier.

14.3 Race Committee shall be on station from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Saturday. In the absence of a committee boat on station US prescription to RRS 34 shall apply.

14.4 In the event there is no committee boat on station, boats shall record their own GPS time finishing east of the eastern pier of the Oswego Harbor. This time shall be reported to the Race Committee no later than 30 minutes after finishing. Contact methods are noted in section 13.2.1.

## **15 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

15.1 It is mandatory that all boats have VHF radios that are able to communicate on channel 9, 16, 68, 71, and 72.

15.2 All boats shall monitor VHF Channel 71 during the start and Channel 16 during the rest of the race. The Finish Boat will monitor Channel 71.

15.3 This race has limited boat to boat VHF radio communication for the sake of safety during the crossing. Boats should minimize communication and refrain from exchanging information that would change the conduct of the race for any competitors. This excludes the exchange of location specifics for commercial vessels in the shipping lanes. Emergency communications are fully allowed and expected. The restrictions above also apply to mobile, satellite, and cellular telephones.

15.4 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 71 to communicate to the fleet, including countdown to the start, location of the starting area, OCS, general recalls and postponements. Failure to make such broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (Redress).

## **16 PRIZES**

16.1 Keeper Trophies will be awarded to the 1st place finisher in their respective division, The Galloo Island overall trophy will be presented to the Overall winning boat with the best corrected time, and flags will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division.

## **17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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.

## **18 OWNER/SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITIES**

18.1 The safety of a sailing yacht and her crew is the sole responsibility of the owner and the skipper. The owner and the skipper must make certain that the yacht is fully found seaworthy and well crewed. They must satisfy themselves as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails, and equipment. They must see to it that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed, that the crew has been instructed in its use, and that the equipment is deployed when necessary. Neither the minimum required equipment, nor the inspection of a yacht by the race committee for compliance, limits the responsibility of the owner and skipper for the safe operation of a sailing yacht in this race.