



INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB
Greenwich, CT

2012 CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA
September 15th



Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 For the purpose of RRS 14 and 44.1, any contact between boats shall be considered serious damage. This changes rule 44.1.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the official notice board located in the main lobby at IHYC.
- 2.2 The Race Committee intends to broadcast pertinent race information on a VHF Channel to be announced at the Skippers' Meeting. Failure of such information to be given or received shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on Saturday, September 15th

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole at IHYC.
- 4.2 When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 14 th , Friday	1600 - 1700 hrs	Boat Arrivals, Registration and Welcome Party
September 15 th , Saturday	0900 - 1000	Last minute Check in
	0930	Mandatory Skippers' Meeting
	1150	Course Signals
	1155	Warning Signals (First Class)
	1800	Cocktails and Awards Dinner

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class assignments will be distributed at the Skippers' Meeting and will be posted on the Official Notice Board along with the Class starting order.
- 6.2 All competitors except Shields shall fly their Class flag as designated on the Scratch Sheet. Flags shall be flown from the permanent backstay approximately six feet above the deck. Yachts with no permanent backstay shall fly their class flag from another conspicuous location
- 6.3 Class flags will be letter pennants.

7. RACING AREA, MARKS AND COURSES

7.1 A chart of the Racing Areas will be distributed at Friday evening Check-in and at the Skippers' Meeting. An attachment will identify each mark. Vintage and Spirit of Tradition Classes will start inside Captain Harbor and proceed to a posted race course around government marks in Long Island Sound in the vicinity of the mid-Sound buoy (32A) and the Captain Islands. The Shields Class will race entirely within Captain Harbor.

8. PRE-START IDENTIFICATION AND RETIREMENT

8.1 Prior to the first warning signal, all competing yachts shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee boat on starboard tack and announce their yacht name and sail number.

8.2 Yachts retiring shall inform the Race Committee on the assigned VHF hailing channel. This is a safety requirement for the whereabouts of the entire fleet.

9. STARTING PROCEDURES

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS rule 26 and will follow a rolling start format. There will be a five minute interval between the start of a class and the warning of the next class. This modifies RRS Rule 26. The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats that are OCS, but not hearing a hail will not be grounds for redress.

9.2 An Individual Recall will be signaled by one sound from the Race Committee boat and the display of code flag "X". A General Recall will be signaled by two sounds from the Race Committee boat and the display of the "First Repeater". A new warning signal will follow as soon as possible.

EXAMPLE STARTING SEQUENCE

1150	Course Signals	
1155	Warning (first Class to start) -	First Class flag raised with sound signal
1156	Preparatory Signal	"P" flag raised with sound signal
1159	Preparatory Signal	"P" flag dropped
1200	Start of First Class	First Class flag dropped
1205	Warning for Second Class	Second Class flag raised

10. STARTING LINE

10.1 The starting line will be between a yellow flag on the RC boat and an adjacent mark or inflatable buoy. The line will be inside Captain Harbor.

11. THE COURSES

11.1 Course marks will be displayed by placards from the RC Signal boat. Courses and course distances are to be determined by the RC and shall not be subject to redress.

11.2 All classes except the Shields Class shall sail one race. The Shields Class may be given two or more starts, depending on weather conditions, and shall race entirely within Captain Harbor.

12. GOVERNMENT MARKS

12.1 Government marks that are not marks of the course may be passed on either side at the sole discretion of the skipper/owner.

13. FINISH LINE

The finish line will be between Island Red Nun 'N2' (Race Course mark 'M') off the West end of Great Captain Is. and a yellow flag on an RC boat. The RC boat will display a Race Committee flag and an IHYC burgee.

14. TIME LIMITS

All yachts must finish the race within five hours of the Class D starting time. Those not finishing within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

15. PROTESTS

15.1 Yachts protesting shall be looked upon dimly by the Organizers, the Race Committee and the Protest Committee. A protesting yacht shall notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest via the assigned hailing channel.

15.2 Protests shall be filed with the Race Committee as soon as possible following completion of the race but no later than one hour of the last boat's finishing time or the RC boat docking time, whichever is later. Protest forms are available at the IHYC Clubhouse. Protest hearings shall be scheduled and heard at a time and place designated by the Race Committee.

15.3 A yacht being protested may exonerate itself on the race course by completing a 720 degree penalty turn immediately following the infraction as long as the turn does not impede the progress of other yachts. At the first reasonable opportunity after the race, a yacht which has exonerated itself with a 720 degree penalty turn shall report that fact to the Race Committee via the designated hailing channel and identify the boat infringed against. This modifies RRS 44.2

16. SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCE

16.1 Results for handicap classes will be based on CRF ratings and course distances as determined by the Race Committee. One-design classes will be scored level provided there are a minimum of five boats per class.

17. PRIZES

17.1 Racing awards will be presented at the Saturday Awards Dinner. Awards will be made to each Class.

18. RADIO USE

18.1 A race hailing channel will be designated at the Skippers' Meeting. The Race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to inform competitors regarding postponements, general recalls and other race-related information. The absence, inaccuracy or lack of timeliness of such broadcasts shall not be grounds for granting redress. The Race Committee will be under no obligation to acknowledge or answer radio communications except for acknowledging retirement, protests or 720 degree penalty turn calls.

19. SAIL AND EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS

19.1 As specified in the Notice of Race for all Classes.

20. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

20.1 As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored by the Indian Harbor Yacht Club: the Owner, helmsman and each crew member agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility, and each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Indian Harbor Yacht Club and any of its officers, trustees members committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat, including safety equipment.

20.2 All boats in the Vintage and Spirit of Tradition classes shall observe the “one boat length” rule. In all cases on the Race Course after the Start, any burdened boat shall maintain a distance no less than her overall boat length from any right-of-way boat. This modifies RRS 14 (Avoiding Contact) as an addition thereto.

21. CONTACTS

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22. CHANGES

Changes to the Notice of Race and/or the Sailing instructions will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting on September 15th.

