



# 2013 Last Chance Regatta

October 26-27, 2013

Hosted by Gibson Island Yacht Squadron

The Organizing Authority is the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the Rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Rule 63.7 (Conflict Between Rules) is replaced with: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the sailing instructions and one in the notice of race, the sailing instructions shall apply."

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Committee bulletin board at the GIYS Boathouse.

### 3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Race Committee bulletin board prior to 1000 on Saturday, October 26, 2013.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the GIYS Boathouse.
- 4.2 When a Postponement (flag AP) is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag AP is lowered. This changes "Race Signals."

### 5. SCHEDULE

#### 5.1 Saturday

- 0800 Registration opens at Boathouse
- 0930 Skippers Meeting at the GIYS Boathouse.
- 1100 Attention for first race (warning signal in 1 minute).
- Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.
- 1700 Halloween Party at the GIYS Boathouse

## **5.2 Sunday**

- 1000 Attention for first race.
- Subsequent races to follow. No warning after 1400.
- 1530 Awards ceremony at GIYS Boathouse

## **5.3 Race Committee may change the schedule**

## **6. RACING AREA**

Racing will be on the waters of the Magothy River.

## **7. COURSE**

**7.1** Courses will be windward/offset/leeward. The course will be indicated from the Race Committee Signal Boat as follows:

W + (number of legs). Example: "W 4" means W-L-W-L, finish to leeward.

**7.2** Leg distances will be adjusted to suit wind conditions.

## **8. MARKS**

**8.1** All marks will be red spherical hippity-hops. The Leeward mark may also serve as the Pin mark.

**8.2** A committee boat that is also a starting or finishing mark may set a limit mark. A boat shall not touch either the limit mark or the committee boat or pass between them. For purposes of Rule 31 (Touching a Mark) and Rule 28.1 (Sailing the Course) the limit mark and the committee boat shall be considered to be a single mark. No other requirements of Rules 31 and 28 are modified by this paragraph.

## **9. CHECK IN**

Prior to the first warning signal each race day, boats shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat to be recorded.

## **10. START AND FINISH**

**10.1** Races will be started using the Sound-Signal Starting System provided for in RRS Appendix S.

**10.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the Pin mark.

**10.3** The Finish line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

## **11. ON THE WATER COMMUNICATIONS**

- 11.1** Race Committee will communicate on VHF 66 for race information. Failure to receive such information shall not be grounds for redress.
- 11.2** While racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except for emergencies. This restriction also applies to cellular phones and other electronic devices.

## **12. PERMITTED SAILS**

Any 210 mainsail, blade jib, or radial cut spinnaker may be used. Genoas or other foresails that exceed 100% of the rig's forward triangle and asymmetrical spinnakers may not be used.

## **13. RECALLS**

Individual recalls will be made in accordance with Rule S6, modified in that the Individual Recall flag (flag "X") will be displayed for one minute following the start.

## **14. TIME LIMIT**

A race will have no time limit; however the length of course legs will be set with the intention of having each race last approximately 30 minutes.

## **15. PROTESTS**

Protest are encouraged to be worked out on the water. Should it be necessary to file a protest, forms are available at the GIYS Boathouse and shall be completed and delivered to the Race Committee Chair or the PRO within one hour of the Race Committee Signal Boat docking at the GIYS Boathouse each race day.

## **16. SCORING**

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A, will apply, as modified so that each series score will be the total of the races scored with the worst score excluded if more than four (4) races are completed.

## **17. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crews placing first through third.