



Sailing Instructions

15th Annual Oswego County Hospice Cup Regatta

Saturday, June 7st, 2014

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the rules of PHRF-LO.

2. COMPETITORS MEETING, NOTICES TO COMPETITORS and CHANGES TO THE SI's

2.1 A competitor's meeting will be held on the OYC deck at 0830 on Saturday, June 7, 2014

2.2 During the competitor's meeting the Race Committee will issue and post on the official notice board "SI Appendix 2" indicating the Division splits within the Fleets, the colors of the Division Pennants, and the order in which Divisions will start.

2.3 Division Pennants will be distributed at the competitors meeting to all boats and shall be displayed from the backstay or from the mainsail leech while racing.

2.4 Notices will be posted on the official notice board on the OYC deck.

2.5 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm at the OYC deck. When Race Signals are displayed ashore they will be displayed 1 hour before the scheduled time of the 1st Warning Signal. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signal AP. This changes Race Signals.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES, CLASS FLAGS, THE COURSES, MARKS, THE START

4.1 The warning signal for the first race of the series will be at 1000 on Saturday, June 7, 2014.

4.2 Three (3) races are scheduled. One race will constitute a series

4.3 No warning signals will be made after 1530.

4.4 If no races are completed on June 7st the race committee has discretion to reschedule for Sunday, June 8th 2014. The race committee will post information pertaining to the rescheduling of races for June 8th by 1700 hours on Saturday, June 7st, 2014.

4.5 The Class Flag will be the color of that Division's pennant as described in SI Appendix 2.

4.6 SI Appendix 1 shows the possible courses to be sailed. The letters and number designating the course to be sailed will be displayed on signboards at the stern of the Race Committee Signal boat.

4.7 Marks for courses W2 and W4 will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons or yellow cylinders.

4.8 The start line will be between an orange flag onboard the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby mark of the course.

4.9 The order of the start for a race will be as shown in SI Appendix 2, the "Division Splits".

4.10 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

5. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE AND THE FINISH

5.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

5.2 The finish line will be between an orange flag onboard the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby mark of the course.

5.3 If the race committee intends to start another race it will display the Second Substitute (with no sound) while boats are finishing. This changes Race Signals.

6. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

6.1 The time limit for each Division race is two (2) hours for the first boat of that Division to finish. Boats that fail to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat of their Division to finish will be scored DNF in both Division and Fleet Overall. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5. Boats not finishing within their time limit shall immediately return to the start area.

7. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

7.1 Protests shall be delivered to the OYC registration desk within one hour after the RC boat docks. That time will be posted on the official notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible in an area designated by the protest committee.

7.2 Breaches of instructions 4.10, 8.6 and 8.7 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than DSQ if the PC so decides.

8. SCORING AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

8.1 PHRF Spinnaker Divisions (FS) will be scored in both Division and in "FS Fleet Overall". PHRF Non-Spinnaker Divisions (NFS) will be scored in Division only.

8.2 The low point system will be used except, a boat's finishing place for Division and Fleet Overall will be determined by her corrected finish time, in ascending order, using the PHRF-LO

Handicapping System and Time on Time scoring method. No race will be excluded. This changes RRS A2 and A4.

8.3 For the PHRF Spinnaker Fleet (FS) Overall award, boats in all Divisions of the Spinnaker Fleet (FS) will be grouped and scored as if they were a single division for each race. The Spinnaker Fleet (FS) Overall award will be presented to the boat with the lowest total Fleet Overall score.

8.4 The "Overall" winner of the PHRF Spinnaker Fleet (FS) is eligible to compete in the 2015 National Hospice Regattas Championship, **City to be determined**.

8.5 Only boats that have participated in at least one race of the series will be counted as a boat that is entered in the series. This changes A4.2.

8.6 Prior to the first warning signal of the day, each competing boat shall sail, on starboard tack, past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat to report their presence in the starting area.

8.7 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the Race Committee by hail or on VHF channel 06 as soon as possible.

9. RADIO COMMUNICATION AND PRIZES.

9.1 The Race Committee will make radio hails and announcements on VHF Channel 06.

9.2 The Race Committee will hail sail numbers of boats on the course side (OCS) of the starting line. This changes RRS 29.1. Failure of a boat to hear the hail and the timing and order of such hails will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9.3 Prizes will be given as determined by the Organizing Authority.

9.3.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each Division and to the "Overall Winner" of the PHRF Spinnaker Fleet.

9.3.2 The "Overall Winner" of the PHRF Spinnaker Fleet is eligible to compete in the 2015 Hospice Regattas National Championship, **City to be determined**.

9.3.3 If no races are completed the Organizing Authority has the discretion to determine who is eligible to compete in the 2015 Hospice Regattas National Championship.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

10.2 The organising 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.

10.3 Competitors will be required to sign a boat registration and liability release form before the close of registration.

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