

**Sailing Instructions**  
**24<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sailfest**  
**Presented by**  
**PHRF-Mid Atlantic**  
**Saturday 9/12/2015**

A NJORC Qualifying Event

**1 Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Should there be a conflict between the sailing instructions (SI) and the Notice of Race (NoR) the SIs will take precedence. This changes rule 63.7
- 1.3 These Sailing instructions can be verbally changed on the water

**2 Entries**

- 2.1 Eligible boats may enter this regatta by completing online registration using the Sailfest – PHRF MA entry form in accordance with the procedures described in the NoR.
- 2.2 The minimum hull length for a boat shall be 18 feet.

**3 Ratings**

- 3.1 All PHRF class entrants shall have a valid 2015 PHRF-MA rating certificate.

**4 Notices to Competitors**

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at the regatta on the official notice board located in the lower deck meeting room of Toms River Yacht Club (TRYC).
- 4.2 Beginning at 1000 of race day, competitors are encouraged to monitor fleet channel VHF 06 for race announcements.
- 4.3 Any changes in these SI will be posted before 0930 on the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2200 hours on the day before it will take effect.

**5 Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yardarm of TRYC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.

**6 Schedule of Races**

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled for a single day, 12 September 2015
- 6.2 One race is scheduled for all classes.
- 6.3 The warning signal of the first class is scheduled for 1130 hours.
- 6.4 If no warning has been signaled by 1430 hours for one or all classes, the racing for that class shall be abandoned.

6.5 Awards will be handed out at the Sailfest Street Fair in Island Heights on the Main Stage. The approximate time of the awards is 1630. Yachts may tie up at IHYC on a space available basis.

## **7 Racing Area**

The racing area will be the water's of the Toms River and Barnegat Bay.

## **8 Boat Check In**

Before the first warning signal of the first start, each boat shall pass the Race Committee and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the committee. A boat shall not check-in by radio.

## **9 Divisions and Classes**

The Race Committee will divide the fleet into Spin and Non-spin classes.

**Multiple classes may start together.**

### **9.1 Classes:**

Non-spin class Numeral Pennant #1

Spin class flag Numeral Pennant #2

Non-spin & Spin combined start Numeral Pennant #3

## **10 Courses and Marks**

10.1 All turning and passing marks will be government marks or drop marks. Drop marks will be an orange or yellow.

10.2 The starting and finishing mark will be an orange or yellow

10.3 The **LONG COURSE (14.60 NM)** designated by flag W, shall be a distance race FL R 3M "36" rounded to starboard, and a turning mark FI R 3M "40" to be rounded to port. FL R 3M "36" shall be rounded to port after rounding FI R 3M "40".

10.4 The **SHORT COURSE (10.06 NM)** designated by flag T, shall be a distance race with, FL R 3M "36" rounded to starboard and a turning mark FI G 4M "39" rounded to port. FL R 3M "36" shall be rounded to port after rounding FI G 4M "39"

10.5 Long Point FI R "10", and G "37", will always be considered as passing marks and shall be passed on the channel side at all times.

10.6 In the event that a mark of the course is not on station, it will be incumbent on each boat to round the established position of that mark. The skipper/owner

shall report the missing mark, to the Race Committee within 15 minutes of finishing. Time of rounding and boats within sight shall also be noted.

## **11 The Start**

11.1 The starting line will be between the regatta flagstaff from which an orange flag is displayed on the end of the TRYC pier and the course side of the starboard end starting mark. (Start heading out the river toward Island Heights)

11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

## **12 Individual Recall**

The Race Committee may attempt to notify boats identified as OCS by announcing the boat's sail number over VHF radio. Such announcements are made as a courtesy and, as such the following will not be grounds for redress. Failure of the Race Committee to broadcast sail numbers, failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast, a boat's position in the sequence of broadcasted numbers, or the promptness of the broadcast is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

## **13 Course Change and Shortened Course after the Start**

After the start, the course shall not be changed, but may be shortened at any passing or turning mark. This changes rule 32.2(a).

## **14 Finish Line**

14.1 The finishing line will be between the regatta flagstaff from which an orange flag is displayed on the TRYC pier and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

14.2 Boats approaching the finish, shall hail the race committee on VHF Channel 06 after passing Long Point FI R "10".

## **15 Withdrawal**

A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a race shall promptly inform the Race Committee by hail or on the fleet radio channel prior to leaving the racing area. If this is not possible, the boat shall promptly report their action to the Race Committee by calling 732 995-9446

## **16 Race Time Limit**

The time limit for the race is 4.0 hours (non corrected). If a boat does not finish within the time limit she shall be scored DNF. This changes rule 35.

## **17 Penalty System**

17.1 RRS 44.1 is replaced by: A boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken a rule of part 2 while *racing* or a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken rule 31, or:

a) At the time of the incident, by taking a 20% scoring penalty, as calculated in SI 21.2.

b) After *racing* and before the start of a protest hearing involving the incident, by taking a 40% scoring penalty as calculated in SI 21.2.

c) However, if the boat caused serious damages or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach she shall retire.”

17.2 RRS 44.3 (a) is changed to allow code flag ‘I’ to be used as the yellow flag.

17.3 RRS 44.3 (b) is replaced by: “A boat that displays a yellow flag or code flag ‘I’, but fails to comply with all other parts of RRS 44.3(a), shall take a 40% scoring penalty as calculated in SI 21.2”

## **18 Protest and Redress Requests**

18.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee, at her finish, of her intention to protest, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes rule 61.1(a).

18.2 Protests shall be in writing, forms are available at the notice board, and shall be delivered to the Protest Committee or Principal Race Officer within 30 minutes, after the finish of the last boat, in her class.

18.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, as soon as possible.

18.4 Protest notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing. This posting shall constitute the notification required by rule 63.2 and 61.1(b).

18.5 Rule 66 is changed by this sentence: “A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 15 minutes after being informed of the decision.”

18.6 A breach of Sailing Instructions 8, 14.2, and 19, shall only be by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. The penalty for breaking of these instructions, which may include disqualification from the race, is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes rule 60.1(a) and 64.1(a).

## **19 Safety**

19.1 In accordance with Rule 4, the responsibility for a boat’s decision to race or to continue racing is hers alone. The responsibility for the safety of the boat and each competitor lies solely with each individual and not with the Organizing Authority or Race Committee.

19.2 Competitors should be aware that the Barnegat Bay has areas that are shallow and hazardous and could cause grounding of a vessel without vigilant watch to navigation and water depth. The Race Committee and Organizing Authority will not be responsible for providing any services, salvage or relief, to a Grounded vessel.

## **20 Scoring**

20.1 PHRF races will be scored time on distance.

20.2 RRS 44.3(c) is changed by adding: "The boat's 20% scoring penalty shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 20% of the number of boats entered, but not less than two places. The boat's 40% scoring penalty shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 40% of the number of boats entered, but not less than four places."

## **21 Awards**

21.1 Trophies will be awarded in each class based on the number of participants in that class. Sub-class trophies may be awarded.

## **22 Courtesy Broadcasts**

Courtesy broadcasts will be made to the fleet on VHF 06. The race committee may attempt to broadcast on VHF information such as when the Race Committee is on station, its intentions, course, sail numbers of boats OCS, etc. Information reported is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter the competitors' responsibility to observe the race committee's visual signals that govern the conduct of racing. Failure to broadcast this information or failure to receive or hear these broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1.