

**2016 H Class Association Championship
Quissett Yacht Club (QYC)
Falmouth, Massachusetts
July 29 - 31, 2016**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority is the Quissett Yacht Club

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS").
- 1.2 RRS 61.1(2) will be deleted. Protest flags are required.
- 1.3 RRS 62.1(A) is changed in these Sailing Instructions 9.2.
- 1.4 RRS 66 is changed in these Sailing Instructions 11.5 and 11.6.

2. Safety

- 2.1 All competitors shall have a US Coast Guard approved PFD aboard for each crew member.
- 2.2 All competitors in the Junior Regatta shall wear their PFDs while *racing*.
- 2.3 All competitors in the Senior Regatta shall wear their PFDs whenever code flag "Y" is displayed from the committee boat
- 2.4 All boats shall have on board a functioning VHF radio.
- 2.5 The use of VHF radios is limited to emergency communications and receiving communications from the Race Committee on channel 72. While racing, other communication via VHF is prohibited.
- 2.6 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 2.7 When the committee boat displays code flag "L" before a warning signal, boats shall check in by sailing past the stern of the committee boat on starboard tack and hailing their sail numbers until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

3. Notices to competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Willett Hall in the Harbor House.
- 3.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than one hour before they take effect, and will be announced on VHF channel 72 before the first warning signal of the day.

4. Racing schedule

- 4.1 The first warning signal for the Junior Championship will be at 1030 on Friday.
- 4.2 The latest time for a warning signal for the Junior Championship is 1630 on Friday.
- 4.3 The first warning signal for the Senior Championship will be at 1000 on Saturday and 1030 on Sunday.
- 4.4 The latest time for a warning signal for the championship is 1600 on Saturday and 1230 on Sunday.

5 Racing area

The racing area will be in Buzzards Bay off the entrance to Quissett Harbor.

6. Courses

- 6.1 The course to be sailed for each race will be displayed by the committee boat no later than five minutes before the warning signal.
- 6.2 The committee boat will display on its course board the letter indicating the course, the compass course to the first mark, and the approximate distance to the first mark.
- 6.3 The following course diagrams indicate the courses that may be used, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



- 6.4 A number or a fraction ($1/3$, 2, etc.) may be used to indicate that the course is to be continued for additional legs. For example, **T 1 1/3** indicates a triangle plus an additional windward leg to the finish. **L 2** indicates course L twice around.
- 6.5 An offset mark, approximately 75-100 meters and approximately 90 degrees from the windward leg will be used at the windward mark on course L and at the end of the fourth leg of courses G and O.
- 6.6 A gate at the leeward mark instead of the leeward course mark may be used. This leeward gate shall consist of a pair of marks. The two marks shall be located approximately 10-12 boat lengths apart. Boats shall first sail through the gate and then leave either the starboard mark to starboard or the port mark to port. On a course where a leeward gate is used, the course designation shall be followed by the letters "PS"

7. Marks

- 7.1 Course marks, including the starting mark and any leeward gates that may be used, will be inflated yellow buoys.
- 7.2 A windward offset mark will be a pink ball about two feet in diameter.

8. Starting and finishing lines; Class flag

- 8.1 The starting line will be between the starting mark and the mast on the committee boat used to display the starting signals.
- 8.2 The finish line will be between the finish mark and the mast on the committee boat flying the RC flag.
- 8.3 The class flag is blue with a white outline of an H 12.

9. Recalls

- 9.1 The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats observed to be OCS or subject to RRS 30.1 on VHF channel 72.
- 9.2 The failure of the Race Committee to hail, the time of the hail, the order of hailing, or the failure of a boat to hear the hail shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10. Time limits

- 10.1 For all races, if no boat finishes within one and one half hours of the starting signal, the race shall be declared abandoned and may be ordered re-sailed.
- 10.2 Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat finishes, or after the expiration of the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored "Did not finish."

11 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 11.1 Any competitor intending to protest must inform the Race Committee immediately on finishing.
- 11.2 Protest forms will be available at Willett Hall. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 11.3 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the committee boat docks.
- 11.4 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as possible at the QYC sailing class room.
- 11.5 If the Race Committee posts a list of boats scored OCS before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 11.6 On Sunday, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered: (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day, or (b) no later than 15 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision that day. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 11.7 On Sunday, a Request for Redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the parties were informed of the decision. This changes RRS 62.2.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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