



INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB

CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA

SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as may be modified by the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions. In the event of inconsistencies, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail
- 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 VHF Channel 5A. 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

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on Saturday, September 17.

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" shall be replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the definition of race signal "AP".

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 16, Friday	1600 – 1800 hrs	Boat arrival, check-in, and Welcome Party
September 17, Saturday	0900 – 1000	Last minute check-in
	1000	Mandatory Competitors' Meeting
	1100	Harbor Start
	1155	Warning Signals (First Class)
	1800	Cocktails and Awards Dinner

6. DIVISION FLAGS

- 6.1 The Scratch Sheet designating Starting Division assignments for all competitors will be distributed at the Competitors' Meeting and will be posted on the Official Notice Board along with the Division starting order.
- 6.2 All competitors shall fly their Division 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 Division flag from their starboard shrouds.
- 6.3 Class flags shall be letters.

7. RACING AREA, MARKS AND COURSES

A chart of the Racing Area will be distributed at Friday evening check-in and at the Competitors' Meeting. An attachment will identify each mark. All yachts will start inside Captain Harbor, will proceed to a yellow inflatable mark to windward of the Committee Boat and then proceed along the posted race course around government marks in Long Island Sound in the vicinity of the mid-Sound buoy (32A) and the Captain Islands.

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 A yacht retiring shall inform the Race Committee on VHF Channel 5A. This is a safety requirement allowing the Race Committee to monitor 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 Division and the warning of the next Division.** 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.

EXAMPLE STARTING SEQUENCE

1155	Warning (first Division to start)	First Division numeral flag raised with sound signal
1156	Preparatory Signal	"P" flag raised with sound signal
1159	Preparatory Signal	"P" flag dropped with sound signal
1200	Start of the First Division	First Division flag dropped with gun
1205	Warning for Second Division	Second Division flag raised

10. STARTING LINE

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a yellow flag on the Race Committee boat and an adjacent mark or inflatable buoy set to the port side of the Committee Boat.
- 10.2 The starting line will be inside Captain Harbor.
- 10.3 The Race Committee may deploy an orange or yellow "keep-away" ball or tetrahedron. If deployed, this ball or tetrahedron shall be considered an integral part of the Committee Boat. All boats must keep clear of the Starting Area until after the start of the proceeding class. Rule 63.1 is hereby modified to allow that any boat interfering with the start of another Division may be subject to disqualification without a hearing. No boat may use her engine after the Preparatory Signal for her class.

11. RECALLS

- 11.1 Individual Recalls shall be signaled by displaying code flag “X” and sounding one audible blast. Infringing boat(s) may be called by name or sail number over a loud hailer. The Race Committee may attempt to notify OCS boats over VHF Channel 5A. Failure to hear the loud hailer or radio announcement shall not be grounds for redress.
- 11.2 General recalls shall be signaled with code flag “First Substitute” and two audible sound signals, and the Race Committee shall announce over VHF Channel 5A that a General Recall has been signaled.
- 11.3 In the event of a General Recall, the recalled Division(s) shall restart in sequence and upon the Race Committee’s repeat of the recalled Division’s starting sequence.

12. THE COURSES

- 12.1 Courses will be designated by a single letter placard mounted on the bow of the Race Committee boat. The single letter designating the course corresponds to the letter designation found in the Courses and course distances will be determined by the Race Committee and shall not be subject to redress.
- 12.2 Course designation placard will be mounted below the Division(s) numeral placard. Division placards will use roman numerals.
- 12.3 Marks of the Course shall be rounded in the order designated in the Racing Mark List and so that the rhumbline leaving the rounding mark shall not cross the rhumbline approaching that mark. Where rhumb lines are reciprocal, the mark being rounded shall be left on the same side as the preceding mark.
- 12.4 All yachts shall sail one race.

13. GOVERNMENT MARKS

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

14. FINISH LINE

The Finish Line for all yachts will be between Captain Island Red Nun ‘N2’ (Race Course mark ‘M’) off the Western end of Great Captain Island and a yellow flag on the Race Committee Boat. The Race Committee boat will display a Race Committee flag and an IHYC burgee.

15. TIME LIMITS

All yachts must finish the race within five hours of the last CRF rated Class starting time. Those yachts not finishing within the time limit will be scored “Time Limit Expired” (TLE).

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1 A protesting yacht shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 5A.
- 16.2 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 Race Committee boat docking time, whichever is later. Protest forms are available at the IHYC Clubhouse. Protest hearings, if any, shall be scheduled and heard at a time and place designated by the Race Committee.
- 16.3 A yacht being protested may exonerate itself on the race course by completing one 720 degree penalty turn immediately following the infraction, as long as the turn does not impede the progress of other yachts. At the first 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.

17. SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCE

- 17.1 Results for handicap classes will be based on CRF ratings and course distances as determined by the Race Committee.
- 17.2 One-design classes will be scored using one-design scoring provided there are a minimum of three boats per class, and/or as designated by announcement at the Competitors' meeting.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Racing awards will be presented at the Saturday Awards Dinner. Awards for first, second and third place finishes will be presented to all classes.
- 18.2 All classes sailing the Long Course will be eligible for the Frank Bowne Jones Founders Cup for First in Fleet on the Long Course and the Spartan Trophy for Second in Fleet on the Long Course.
- 18.3 Yachts scored as one-design shall not be eligible for other trophies as outlined in 18.2.

19. RADIO USE

The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 5A to communicate with competitors. 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 to acknowledge retirement, protests or 720 degree protest turn calls.

20. SAIL AND EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS

Sail and equipment limitation shall be as stated in the Notice of Race for all yachts.

21. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

- 21.1 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.
- 21.2 All yachts in the Classic and Spirit of Tradition classes shall observe the "one boat length" rule. In all cases on the Race Course after the Start, any burdened vessel shall maintain a distance no less than its overall length from any right-of-way vessel. This modifies RRS 14 (Avoiding Contact).

22. CONTACTS

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23. CHANGES

Changes to the Notice of Race and/or the Sailing Instructions will be announced at the Competitors' Meeting on September 17.