

# 2018 BLUE WATER SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



## **1. RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 2017–2020 Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the US Sailing Prescriptions thereto, Applicable Class Association rules, PHRF-MA rules and regulations including crew limitations and these Sailing Instructions.

## **2. Eligibility and Entry**

2.1 This regatta is open to PHRF, One Design, Cruising, Large Multihull and SCHRS Catamaran classes. All PHRF and One Design Yachts must be monohulls of at least 22' in length and carry a minimum of two persons. SCHRS Catamarans must have a valid SCHRS rating.

2.2 Owners and skippers of PHRF, One Design and Large Multihull yachts must be current members of US Sailing or their National Authority.

2.3 PHRF yachts must have a valid 2018 PHRF-MA Rating

2.4 Large Multihulls must have a valid 2018 NEMA Rating.

## **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

3.1 The Official Notice Board will be the Regatta Network website for this event <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/12953>

3.2 Any notices, change in sailing instructions, amendments, etc. posted on Regatta Network will also be emailed to the competitor's email address provided on their entry form.

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 At 1200 Saturday and 1000 Sunday the Race Committee boats will signal a harbor start with one sound.

## **5. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

5.1 All PHRF, Cruising, Large Multihull and One Design yachts shall carry an operable VHF radio

5.2 One Design Fleets: *Monitor VHF Channel 72*; All other fleets: *Monitor VHF Channel 69*

5.3 A yacht shall not receive or send information via VHF radio or mobile phones while racing.

5.4 Race committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the race committee to broadcast information or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

## **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Saturday, August 4 @ 1300 hrs: Conditions permitting, One design fleets will sail multiple windward/leeward races. All other fleets will sail one point to point race.

6.2 Sunday, August 5 @ 1100 hrs: Conditions permitting, All fleets will sail multiple windward/leeward races.

## **7. DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS/DESIGNATIONS**

7.1 A scratch sheet referencing boat assignments to divisions and division pennants will be posted on the official notice board by 1000 hrs on Saturday, Aug. 4.

7.2 The race committee reserves the right to merge, cancel, subdivide or rearrange classes. The committee's decision of the class in which a boat will race is final and not subject to protest.

7.3 Each PHRF, Cruising and Large Multihull boat shall display a division pennant visible from the stern of the boat.

## **8. RACING/STARTING AREA**

8.1 The racing area will be Sandy Hook Bay, the Atlantic Ocean and Raritan Bay.

8.2 *Saturday* : For all fleets except One Design: The starting area will be in the vicinity of the AHYC Start/Finish mark (Lat: 40 26.29N, Long: 7402.11 W) marked by a committee boat flying **code flag H**.

8.3 *Saturday*: For One Design fleets the starting area will be in Sandy Hook Bay marked by a committee boat flying **code flag J**.

8.4 *Sunday*: For all fleets except One Design: The starting area will be in Sandy Hook Bay marked by a committee boat flying **code flag H**.

8.5 *Sunday*: For One Design fleets: The starting area will be in Sandy Hook Bay marked by a committee boat flying **code flag J**.

## **9. THE START**

9.1 Prior to the warning signals each day, each yacht shall pass near the committee boat and hail their sail number and division until acknowledged by the race committee.

9.2 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

9.3 Races will be started using RRS 26, with the warnings signal being given five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

9.4 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. As a courtesy the race committee may attempt to hail yachts over early by radio (channel 69/72). However, it is the skippers responsibility to decide if the yacht was over early and to restart.

9.5 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.3.

## **10. COURSES**

10.1 For Windward/leeward courses see **Appendix B**.

10.2 For Point to Point courses see **Appendix A**.

10.3 **FL"11" & FL"13"** in Sandy Hook Channel must be passed on the channel side.

10.4 There is a security zone around the Earl Naval Pier which must be honored and is considered an obstruction. Rules RRS 19 & 20 shall apply.

10.5 Courses to be sailed will be posted on a board on the starboard side of the committee boat. It will indicate the division, course to sail, bearings & distance to the first mark and whether it is a port or starboard rounding.

## **11. MARKS**

11.1 One Design marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. There will be a windward offset mark.

11.2 Point to Point race marks will be orange cylinders and/or government buoys/lighthouses.

11.3 Change of course marks will be yellow and black inflatables. Subsequent changes if required will be yellow inflatables and then yellow and black inflatables, etc., etc.

## **12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

12.1 Change of course(s) after the start will be in accordance with RRS 33.

12.2 When changing the course, the applicable division pennant(s) will be displayed with the **C Flag**.

If no numerical pennants are displayed, then the courses for all divisions are changed.

## **13. SHORTENING THE COURSE**

13.1 Courses may be shortened at any turning mark in accordance with RRS 32.2.

13.2 When shortening the course, the applicable division pennant(s) will be displayed with the **S FLAG**. If no numerical pennant(s) are displayed, then the courses for all divisions are shortened.

## **14. FINISHING**

14.1 *Windward/leeward races*: The finish line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a nearby inflatable mark. **See Appendix B for the specific side of the committee boat to finish on.**

14.2 *Point to Point race*: The finish line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a nearby inflatable mark in the vicinity of the starting area.

## **15. TIME LIMIT**

15.1 The time limit for all windward/leeward races is three (3) hours.

15.2 The time limit for the point to point race is five (5) hours.

15.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat finishing in their division will be scored DID NOT FINISH without a hearing. This changes RRS35, A4 and A5.

## **16. PROTESTS**

16.1 A yacht intending to file a protest shall notify the race committee boat before leaving the course area or if that is not possible, immediately upon arriving ashore. Failure to comply may invalidate the protest.

16.2 Time to submit a written protest will be two (2) hours after the committee boat docks. Protests are to be submitted to a race official.

16.3 Protests filed Saturday will be heard at the Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club and those filed on Sunday will be heard at the AHYC Clubhouse.

## **17. SAFETY**

17.1 All boats shall carry the safety equipment required by the National, State & Local authorities and applicable Class Association Rules.

**18. DISPOSAL OF WASTE/TRASH**18.1 Yachts observed discharging waste or trash over the side shall be disqualified from all races sailed on the day of infraction or subject to disciplinary action or both.

**APPENDIX "A"**

**COURSES FOR ALL DIVISIONS ON SATURDAY, AUG. 4 EXCEPT ONE DESIGN DIVISIONS.**

**COURSE #1**

S/F – OIM – C<sub>S</sub> – R<sub>S</sub> – YY<sub>S</sub> – AA<sub>P</sub> – C<sub>S</sub> – S/F (approx. 20.7 nm)

**COURSE #2**

S/F – OIM – C<sub>S</sub> – R<sub>S</sub> – FL"8"<sub>S</sub> – J<sub>P</sub> – S<sub>P</sub> – S/F (approx. 17.6 nm)

**COURSE #3**

S/F – OIM – D<sub>S</sub> – R<sub>P</sub> – D<sub>P</sub> – S/F (approx. 14.6 nm)

**COURSE #4**

S/F – OIM – D<sub>P</sub> – AA<sub>S</sub> – P<sub>S</sub> – S/F (approx. 11.4 nm)

**CATAMARAN COURSE #1**

S/F – OIM – ROEMER SHOAL LIGHT<sub>P</sub> – WBL<sub>P</sub> – S/F (approx. 12.6 nm)

**CATAMARAN COURSE #2**

S/F – OIM – WBL<sub>S</sub> – ROEMER SHOAL LIGHT<sub>S</sub> – WBL<sub>P</sub> – S/F (approx. 16 nm)

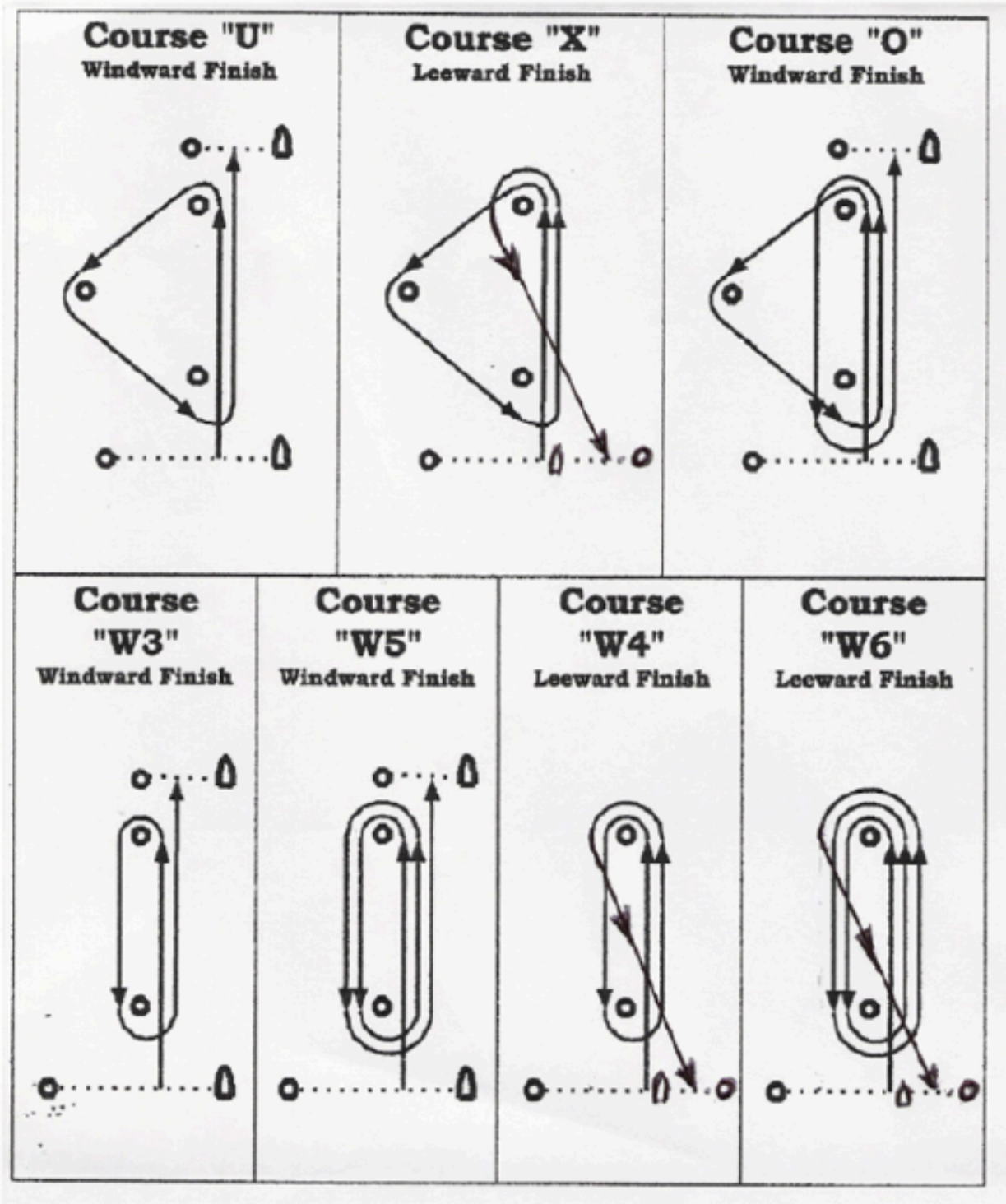
MARK	DESCRIPTION	LAT/LONG
AA	R"6" RARITAN BAY EAST REACH	40 29.066 74 04.67 W
C	FL"1" TERMINAL CHANNEL, NAVAL PIER	40 28.131 N 74 02.341 W
D	FL"17" SANDY HOOK CHANNEL	40 28.534 N 74 01.674 W
FL"8"	SANDY HOOK CHANNEL	40 28.838 N 73 58.753 W
J	G"7S" SWASH CHANNEL	40 29.896 N 74 00.317 W
P	FL"2" CHAPEL HILL CHANNEL	40 30.707 N 74 02.487 W
R	FL"2" ROCKAWAY	40 31.76 N 73 56.58 W
S	R"6" CHAPEL HILL CHANNEL	40 29.607 N 74 02.637 W
S/F	START/FINISH AREA	40 26.29 N 74 02.11 W
WBL	WEST BANK LIGHTHOUSE	40 32.28 N 74 02.58 W
OIM	ORANGE INFLATABLE MARK	
YY	FL"6" AMBROSE CHANNEL	40 29.69 N 73 55.43 W

- a) Subscript **P** designates a port rounding and subscript **S** designates a starboard rounding
- b) Position of the start/finish line will be determined by the Race Committee Boat
- c) Compass heading/distance to YIM will be posted by the RC Boat for each fleet
- d) Lat/Long designations are for reference only. It is the responsibility of each skipper to insure the correct lat/long of each mark.

**APPENDIX "B"**

**SATURDAY, AUG 4: ONE DESIGN DIVISIONS**

**SUNDAY, AUG 5: ALL DIVISIONS**



**NOTES:**

1. A gate may be used in place of a leeward mark. If a gate is not in place, boats shall leave the leeward mark to port.
2. Courses X, W4 & W6 shall finish on the starboard side of the committee boat. Courses U, O, W3 & W5 shall finish on the port side of the committee boat.