

HYANNIS YACHT CLUB

HURRICANE CUP AND EYE OF THE STORM RACES

2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(Official, Sept. 10, 2010)

1. Title, Date of Race and Skipper's Meeting:

These Sailing Instructions (SI's) pertain to the Hurricane Cup Race to be run from Hyannis to Nantucket on Saturday, September 11th and the Eye of the Storm Race to be run from Nantucket to Hyannis on Sunday, September 12, 2010. There will be a skipper's meeting at HYC's lower deck at 1800, Friday, September 10.

2. Organizing Authorities

These Races are organized and sponsored by the Hyannis Yacht Club (HYC).

3. Rules

These races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the SI's will be posted at least one hour before the warning signal of the race in Hyannis on the Ocean Class notice board at HYC's lower deck and at Nantucket aboard the Committee Boat. The Race Committee may, but is not required to, notify the fleet of any changes via VHF radio prior to commencement of racing.

5. Eligibility and Entry

These races are open to monohull boats, 24 feet or longer. All skippers must be members in good standing of USSA or of the skipper's national authority. All boats must have a sail number prominently displayed.

Competitors may enter by completing the Hyannis Yacht Club 2010 Hurricane Cup/Eye of the Storm Registration Form, online at www.Hyannisyachtclub.org. with appropriate fees and required signatures, and their 2010 PHRF New England certificate, no later than the skippers' meeting on Friday, September 10, 2010.

6. Divisions

There will be both cruising (no spinnaker) and racing (spinnaker) divisions determined by PHRF ratings. The classes within each division will be determined by the "scratch sheet" which will be available at the skippers' meeting.

7. Liability, Waiver, and Indemnification

Each skipper accepts full responsibility for the safety of his/her boat and crew and for the decision to race and warrants that their boat is seaworthy and competently manned.

Neither HYC nor its trustees, officers, race committees or any other individual or entity affiliated with either of these races shall be held responsible to any participating boat

owner, skipper, crew, or their families, heirs, or assigns. By the decision to race, each skipper releases and expressly agrees to indemnify each of the above from any responsibility or liability arising from that decision.

8. Equipment

All boats must comply with ORC Category 4 and additionally must carry a functioning VHF radio. Competitors are reminded of ORC reg. 3.14.2, "Lifelines shall be taut." They are also reminded of US Sailing prescription to Section 5, Personal Equipment: "All personnel on deck shall wear personal flotation while starting and finishing without exception, and at all other times except when the Captain of the boat directs that it may be set aside."

9. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Ocean Race Committee Bulletin Board in the lower level of HYC and aboard the yacht Encore at Nantucket. The Race Committee may, but is not required to, notify the fleet of any notices via VHF radio prior to commencement of racing.

10. Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. Each race shall be scored separately and trophies awarded for the first three places in each division.

11. Signals

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the HYC yardarm at the end of the HYC pier. Signals made at Nantucket will be made via VHF 69.

Flag "AP" with two sound signals (one sound signal made when lowered) hoisted at the HYC yardarm means, "The race is postponed". The Warning Signal will be made not less than one hour after the "AP" is lowered.

Flag "N" over flag "A" means "Today's race is abandoned". No racing today.

12. The Start Locations

Saturday, September 11: South of the Hyannisport Breakwater in the vicinity of Flashing Red #4.

Sunday, September 12: in the vicinity of Mo(A) Bell (RW-NB) north of Nantucket Harbor.

13. Classes

Classes shall be defined according to the Scratch Sheets in lieu of Class Flags.

14. The Start

On both Saturday and Sunday, races will be started using Rule 26, except as specifically modified by these instructions.

The Warning Signal on Saturday will be at 0930; on Sunday it will be at 1000.

On Saturday, the starting line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and an inflatable mark.

On Sunday, the starting line will be between the Mo(A) Bell (RW-NB) north of Nantucket Harbor marking the port end of the starting line, and an orange flag on the committee boat.

The following special procedures relate to the starts on both days. Each modifies Rule 26 as follows:

Except for the orange flag on the committee boat, no flags will be displayed, hoisted, or lowered as part of the starting sequence.

Rather, the Race Committee shall broadcast on VHF ch. 69 the order of classes as well as the warning, prep, and start signals as well as any other signals appropriate including postponement, over early, general recall, etc. The Race Committee may, but is not required, to use sound devices to aid in making appropriate signals. However, only the signals broadcast on VHF 69 shall be the official signals for the start.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

Any boat starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start).

15. The Finish

Saturday, September 11: Between Nantucket Harbor entrance Mo(A) Bell (RW-NB) north of Nantucket Harbor and an orange flag on the Committee Boat. In the event that a Committee Boat is not on station for any reason, competitors shall pass within three (3) boat lengths to the EAST of the Mo(A) Bell and shall finish when the Mo(A) Bell bears 270 degrees magnetic from their vessel. In such event, competitors shall take and record their finish time and shall report such time to the Race Committee not later than 1700 that day in order to be scored.

Sunday, September 12: South of the Hyannisport Breakwater between a staff bearing an orange flag on the Committee Boat and Flashing Red #4. In the event that a Committee Boat is not on station for any reason, competitors shall pass within three (3) boat lengths to the WEST of the Flashing Red #4 and shall finish when Flashing Red #4 bears 090 degrees magnetic from their vessel. In such event, competitors shall take and record their finish time and shall promptly report such time to the Race Committee not later than 1600 in order to be scored.

16. The Courses

Saturday, September 11:

Course 1: Gong # 17 to Starboard. Finish as in paragraph #15 above.

Course 2: Bell # 5 to Port (North of Horseshoe Shoals). Finish as in paragraph #15 above.

Course 3: Bell # 5 to Port (North of Horseshoe Shoals). Gong #17 (North of Nantucket Harbor) to Starboard. Finish as in paragraph #15 above.

Course 4: Bell # 5 to Port (North of Horseshoe Shoals). #15 (North of Great Point) to Starboard. Finish as in paragraph #15 above.

Course 5: Tuckernuck Shoal Bell #1 to Port. #15 (North of Great Point) to Starboard. Finish as in paragraph #15 above.

Course 6: #15 (North of Great Point) to Starboard. Tuckernuck Shoal Bell #1 to Port. Finish as in paragraph #15 above.

Course 7: #15 (North of Great Point) to Starboard. Gong # 17 to Port. Finish as in paragraph #15 above.

Course 8: Tuckernuck Shoal Bell #1 to Starboard. Half Moon Bell #18 to Port. Finish as in paragraph #15 above.

Course 9: Bell # 5 to Port (North of Horseshoe Shoals). #15 (North of Great Point) to Starboard, Tuckernuck Shoal Bell #1 to Port. Finish as in paragraph #15 above.

Course 10: Tuckernuck Shoal Bell #1 to Port. Red Nun #14 (at southwest end of Handkerchief Shoal) to Starboard. Finish as in paragraph #15 above.

Course 11: Gong 17 to Port. # 15 (North of Great Point) to Starboard.
On Sunday, September 13. Finish as in paragraph #15 above.

On Sunday, September 12: All Classes: Gong #17 to Port. Finish as in paragraph #15 above.

17. Changing Course

At any rounding mark, a Committee or Patrol Boat displaying flag “C” and making multiple sound signals means, “Leave this mark to the side described in the course instructions and proceed from this mark directly to the finish at Nantucket.” This changes RRS 33.

18. Shortening Course

At any rounding mark, a Committee or Patrol Boat displaying flag “S” with two sound signals as the first boat approaches, means “The race has been shortened; finish between this flag and the nearby rounding mark.”

It may be that there will not be a Committee or Patrol Boat available to shorten the course. In order to give the Race Committee the option of salvaging a race, it shall be each skipper’s responsibility to record GPS time when each mark of the course has been passed.

The following procedure shall be used. Each vessel shall pass within three (3) boat lengths of each mark of the course (with the exception of the finish line at Nantucket which shall be crossed as described in paragraph 13 above). When the vessel passes through a line extending from the mark being passed and perpendicular to the direction of the last mark, the exact GPS time in hours, minutes, and seconds shall be recorded in a log maintained for this purpose. The entry shall be made contemporaneously with the passing of each mark and this log shall be available for the Race Committee’s inspection at its request.

In the event that the committee elects in its sole discretion to declare that the course has been shortened, the committee shall select as the finishing mark for the shortened course the last mark which at least one competitor has passed and all elapsed time measurements under PHRF methods shall be computed to the time of such mark rounding and PHRF mileage allowances computed to that mark. This procedure may be used with or without advance notice to the racing fleet and/or individual competitors and may be utilized even though some or all of the class has passed the mark constituting the new and revised finish line. This changes RRS 33.

19. Time and Time Limits

Official time for the race will be GPS time. The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish shall be 1600 hours, EDST.

20. Penalty System

A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take either a Two Turns Penalty (RRS 44.2) or a Scoring Penalty (RRS 44.3). The scoring penalty shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 25% of the number of boats entered. The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score.

21. Protests

Protests shall be on written forms available from the Race Committee and shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 2 hours of the first boat in each class to finish or by 1800 hours, whichever is earlier. A competitor intending to file a formal protest shall notify the Race Committee of his intent to do so by any means possible at the time of his finish.

22. Radio

The Race Committee shall monitor VHF channel 69 FM. All boats participating in this event shall monitor VHF channel 69 FM until their finish.

23. Hailing the Committee

Each boat shall hail the Race Committee prior to their start and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee that their presence and intent to race has been noted.

Any boat withdrawing from the race shall promptly notify the Race Committee of this fact on VHF channel 69 FM and shall continue to attempt to contact the Race Committee until the Race Committee has acknowledged receipt of the transmission. At the time of notification, each racer shall indicate to the Race Committee whether the participant is continuing on to Nantucket or Hyannis, as the case may be, or is proceeding to some other port, in which case the port shall be identified.

Boats choosing not to race on Sunday shall notify the Race Committee of this fact and shall indicate to what port they will be proceeding.

END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

General Information:

Slip Reservations are available at Nantucket Boat Basin at a rate of \$3.50 per foot. All reservation requests should be sent to Charlie McLaughlin, csm@cape.com with name of vessel, LOA, Beam, Draft, and cell phone number. Boat Basin personnel will collect dockage upon arrival.

The AWARDS CEREMONY and HURRICANE CUP PRESENTATION will take place at the Brotherhood of Thieves Restaurant, 25 Broad Street, Nantucket (508-228-2551), with a cocktail reception (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres from 1630 – 1900, rain or shine. The cost per person is \$25 and advanced registration is strongly urged.

And don't forget, THE BLASTED HOPE TROPHY will be presented to some thoroughly deserving recipient! Nominations are open to the moment the ax falls! Contact Charlie McLaughlin (508-737-2987, csm@cape.com) with embarrassing tales. Remember, do unto others before they do it to you!

The Eye of the Storm race will return to Hyannis on Sunday. Following the race, all are invited back to HYC to regale us with tales of survival, if not success. Awards for the Eye of the Storm Race will be made at the Hyannis Yacht Club Ocean Race Awards Night in the Fall.

Thank you for joining us !!!

Charlie McLaughlin