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2015 Bristol Yacht Club  
**Sid Clark Offshore Race**  
Since 1904

## Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules:** The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 will apply except as altered by these Sailing Instructions. See the NOR for entry and eligibility information
  - 1.1 All competitors shall track the race via RaceQS and upload the information after they finish. Live uploads may be done but are not required. Non-compliance is not subject to protest.
  - 1.2 For IRC divisions – IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply. IRC boats rated with water ballast and/or canting keels may use same. This modifies RRS 51.
  - 1.3 For PHRF divisions – the current PHRF Regulations as administered by the Narragansett Bay PHRF Association shall apply
  - 1.4 For Multihull divisions – the current NEMA Race Rules shall apply
  - 1.5 Boats competing in the Double Handed Division may use an autopilot.
  - 1.6 No advertising will be displayed.
  
2. **Notices to Competitors and Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Notices will be posted on the notice board inside the Bristol Yacht Club lobby. We will attempt to send out notices to all competitors through the <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1344> web site. All changes will be made by 2000 hours on July 9.
  
3. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the BYC flagpole. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than one hour after flag AP is lowered.
  
4. **SCHEDULE AND CLASS FLAGS:**
  - 4.1 Complementary pancake breakfast July 10 from 9 to 11 AM inside the BYC clubhouse.
  - 4.2 Skipper's meeting at 11 AM to answer any questions
  - 4.3 Warning gun for first class 1300 hours on July 10.
  - 4.4 Class flags flown on the RC boat will be a letter on a contrasting background (such as A, B...). Class designations will be assigned on the scratch sheet.
  
5. **Racing Area:** The start will be in Bristol Harbor at the southern end of the mooring field.
  
6. **Courses:** The specific course for each class along with the starting order, will be posted per **item 2** on July 9 at approximately 1800 hours. The courses and starting order will also be announced at the Skipper's meeting and prior to the first warning signal by the race committee boat.
  
7. **The Start:**
  - 7.1 The starting line will be between the orange flag on the committee boat and the nearby inflatable mark. The starting line will be closed to all boats ten minutes after the starting signal for the last class. Starting signals will be per RRS Rule 26.
  - 7.2 Rolling starts will not be used. There will be about 5 minutes between the start signal for one class and the warning signal for the next class to start.

7.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been given shall keep clear of the starting area.

7.4 More than one class may be designated to share a common starting time.

7.5 The race committee will communicate on channel 72.

7.6 The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each premature starter on channel 72.

Failure to make such an announcement, nor the timing or order of any announcement, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

**8. The Finish:** The race committee will not be on station at the finish line.

8.1 A boat finishes when her bow first crosses a line between the southern steel piers of the center span of the Newport Bridge.

8.2 Each boat shall take and record their finish time using the time of day shown on their GPS

8.3 Finish times shall be left at the BYC dock house or called in to 401-253-2922

**9. Penalties, Protests and Requests For Redress:**

9.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 (Penalty turns) shall apply.

9.2 The time limit for protests and requests for redress is 2000 hours on July 11. They can be delivered to the BYC club house, faxed to 401-253-9395 or emailed to [david@gmtcomposites.com](mailto:david@gmtcomposites.com)

9.3 Parties to any protest will be notified and a hearing date set.

9.4 The protest committee may impose a penalty of less than disqualification. This could be done at the sole discretion of the protest committee.

**10. Time Limit:** The time limit to sail the course and finish is 1700 hours on July 11 for all classes.

**11. Awards:**

11.1 Time on time scoring will be used in this event.

11.2 Awards will be presented to the top one third of the corrected finishers in each class.

11.3 The Sid Clark Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the top performing boat in the regatta. This will go to the winner in the largest class. If more than one class has the same number of boats, the award will go to the winner who beats the second place finisher by the largest percentage of corrected time.

11.4 Awards will be given out at the BYC awards night in September.

11.5 This race is a qualifier for the Rhode Island Offshore Challenge Trophy. The second race for this trophy is the Ida Lewis Distance Race.

**12. Safety Regulations and Disclaimer of Liability:**

12.1 No less than 10 minutes prior to the first warning signal, all boats shall check in either on VHF 72 or by hailing the RC. Competitors must receive acknowledgement from the RC as confirmation of check in.

12.2 All boats that retire shall notify the race committee as soon as possible by phone at 401-253-2922

12.3 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk per RRS rule 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 this race.

**13. Notes:**

**13.1** Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay and its approaches are considered restricted channels for commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver. Competitors must comply with the government right-of-way rules when in proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic.

**13.2** Competitors should be aware of heightened security around the Navy base in Newport just to the north of the Newport Jamestown Bridge. The area to the east of a line defined by a series of white buoys marking the Newport Security Zone along the coast of the Naval Facilities from Coasters Harbor to the breakwater at the north end of Coddington Cove shall rank as an obstruction. Yachts shall not enter this area. A Navy patrol boat monitors the area and vessels navigating in the Exclusionary Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval authorities.