



## **59<sup>th</sup> Annual Overnight Race**

**for the Junior Distance Sailing Championship of Long Island Sound**

**Tuesday, August 11, 2015**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The race will be governed by the following, except as modified by the sailing instructions:
  - 1.1.1. The current version of the Racing Rules of Sailing,
  - 1.1.2. The Prescriptions of US SAILING,
  - 1.1.3. PHRF Minimum Safety Equipment Recommendations of the Y.R.A. of Long Island Sound: Category B,
  - 1.1.4. Rules for JSA Events.

- 1.2. Specific attention is directed to RRS Fundamental Rules 1.1 and 4, which state:

<p>1.1 A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger. 4 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.</p>
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#### **2. RACE MANAGEMENT**

- 2.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Beach Point Yacht Club.
- 2.2. The Race Committee shall use VHF Channel 69.
- 2.3. The US Coast Guard can be reached on VHF Channel 16 and by phone at: 203-468-4401.

#### **3. RATINGS**

- 3.1. The current PHRF of the YRA of LIS ratings will be used; weight limits will not be in effect.

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY**

#### 4.1. YACHT ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1.1. The race is open, as per JSA rule 9.7: to yachts owned by:
  - 4.1.a. a member of a YRA member club or
  - 4.1.b. a member of an association that is a member of JSA or
  - 4.1.c. a community sailing program that is a member of JSA.
- 4.1.2. Yachts shall be no less than 27 feet LOA and no more than 44 feet LOA. The OA reserves the right to include vessels outside this size range.
- 4.1.3. Yachts shall have permanently installed and functioning: head, navigation lights and VHF radio.
- 4.1.4. Sport Boats may be allowed to race in a Sports Boat Division if that division is included in the Regatta at the discretion of Organizing Authority. Sport Boats shall submit their registration by August 5, 2015 to allow the OA time to decide if a Sport Boat division will be included in the Regatta. The vessel shall be shown to comply with JSA Rule 9.7d by completing the attached "Sport Boat Rule" Compliance Form.
- 4.1.5. Notwithstanding 4.1.4, the committee reserves the right to identify or not to identify any boat that it feels is or is not a sport boat, regardless of whether it meets any of the above criteria.
- 4.1.6. Yachts shall have a valid, current YRA PHRF certificate. Yachts that do not include a valid, current certificate with the registration will not be scored.
- 4.1.7. The Organizing Authority shall have the right to reject any entry for any reason.

#### 4.2. ADVISOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY

- 4.2.1. Each Yacht shall have aboard at least two senior advisors ("Advisors"), one of whom shall be the Boat Owner or a designated Owner's Representative, who shall be at least 25 years old and be capable of taking command of the yacht in emergency conditions; and the other(s) of whom shall be at least 18 years old and experienced in overnight distance racing.
- 4.2.2. Instructors may serve as Advisors; however, an instructor may *never* serve as an Owner's Representative.
- 4.2.3. All junior sailors ("Juniors") and their instructor advisors shall be members of JSA and members of a member program.
- 4.2.4. Each Yacht shall be crewed by at least five Juniors who are at least 14 years old and at most 18 years old by the end of the current calendar year.
- 4.2.5. Juniors shall constitute at least 60% of the total number of persons aboard.

4.2.6. Special attention is called to the training requirements for Juniors and Advisors as outlined in Section 9.5 of Rules for JSA Events

4.2.7. For boats over 35 feet, it is recommended that there be at least three advisors.

4.2.8. Crew recommendations:

4.2.7.a. Boats under 35 feet: no more than 8 junior crewmembers.

4.2.7.b. Boats 35 – 42 feet: no more than 10 junior crewmembers.

4.2.7.c. Boats over 42 feet: no more than 12 junior crewmembers.

## **5. OWNER, OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE AND ADVISOR RESPONSIBILITY**

5.1. For the purposes of this section, the Boat Owner shall include the Owner's Representative.

5.2. The Boat Owner is responsible for the safety of the yacht and its crew as well as the conduct of the crew before and during the race, and compliance with the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

5.3. The Boat Owner, or designated Owner's Representative, has the final say in matters pertaining to the safety of the crew and the boat. (RRS Fundamental Rule 4).

5.4. The Advisors/Owners are not considered crewmembers and shall not assist the sailors with boat handling, trimming, racing strategies and steering except when a safety issue is involved. Any such safety issue shall be logged and reported to the Race Committee as specified in 5.5 below.

5.5. If safety is a factor, the Owner or Advisor may take the helm, issue orders, use the engine, or take any appropriate action. Any such intervention should be recorded, in detail, in the log. At the very least, such detail shall include the GPS coordinates and time for both the start and finish of the period in which the Advisor intervenes under this section. Immediately upon finishing, the yacht shall inform the race committee that an Owner/Advisor intervention has occurred and that there will be a submission. That submission is due in writing the later of noon the day following the start, or 12 hours after finishing. The judges will evaluate the situation to determine if a time adjustment or other penalty is required. Such action will not be grounds for automatic disqualification.

## **6. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

6.1. All Yachts shall comply with Minimum Equipment & Safety Recommendations of the Y.R.A. of Long Island Sound: Category B.

6.2. All Yachts shall comply with the Rules for JSA Events. Particular attention is called to Rule 9, JSA Rules for PHRF events.

6.3. The Organizing Authority may make spot inspections before or after the race to assure compliance with the rules and reserves the right to disqualify or assess a penalty based on its findings.

6.4. All Yachts shall demonstrate their ability to shorten sail by sailing past the committee boat prior to the start with their mainsail reefed.

## **7. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

7.1. At the time of entry, each yacht shall certify by filing the required document that 80% of the crew has participated in each of the following:

7.1.a. Man Overboard Upwind Recovery

7.1.b. Man Overboard Downwind Recovery with Spinnaker

7.2. In addition, it is highly recommended that at least 80% of crew members also participate in the following:

7.2.a. Reefing Mainsail

7.2.b. Night Practice (after dark)

7.3. The Navigator shall be permitted to use GPS to assist in the navigation. However, computer-based routing programs are not permitted.

7.4. The Navigator shall make required entries into a log that has been supplied by the OA and to regularly plot the position of the yacht on the appropriate NOAA chart.

7.5. Completed logs shall be signed by the Navigator and affixed to the Certificate of Compliance for delivery to the OA following the completion of the race.

7.6. The Certificate of Compliance and log shall be delivered as soon as practicable and no more than 36 hours after finishing to the Main Office at Beach Point Club. A yacht will *not* be officially scored until this executed Certificate of Compliance has been filed. Documents may be mailed, hand-delivered to the main office, faxed or emailed to: [jrovernight@beachpointclub.org](mailto:jrovernight@beachpointclub.org).

## **8. ENTRY PROCESS**

8.1. All entry forms shall be submitted electronically. Eligible boats shall enter by completing the entry form at: <http://www.yachtscoring.com>. Additional required documents are available for download and shall be completed and submitted as specified in 8.2 below.

8.2. Additional required documents include:

8.2.a. Man Overboard/Reefing Certificate – May be emailed to [jrovernight@beachpointclub.org](mailto:jrovernight@beachpointclub.org) at the time of on-line registration or delivered on the day of the event at the time of onsite registration

8.2.b. Big Boat Self-Inspection Report- May be emailed to [jrovernight@beachpointclub.org](mailto:jrovernight@beachpointclub.org) at the time of on-line registration or delivered on the day of the event at the time of onsite registration

8.2.c. “Sport Boat Rule” Conformance Form – Shall be emailed to [jrovernight@beachpointclub.org](mailto:jrovernight@beachpointclub.org) at the time of on-line registration.

- 8.3. The on-line Registration and Sport Boat Conformance Form must be completed by 1600 hours, Thursday, August 6, 2015. Late entries may be permitted at the sole discretion of the race committee. The Man Overboard/Reefing Certificate and Big Boat Self-Inspection Report are due no later than at the time of on-site registration on the day of the event.
- 8.4. All fees must be paid before a yacht may start.
- 8.5. A valid PHRF Rating Certificate shall accompany the Registration. Rating Certificate revisions may be accepted after submission of the Entry Form at the discretion of the OA.
- 8.6. A copy of a completed and signed 2015 JSA Waiver form must be submitted at the time of on-line registration for each of the Junior crew members.
- 8.7. The Certificate of Compliance will be available on the JSA website or at the Skipper's Meeting.

## **9. FEES**

- 9.1. Entry fee shall be received by Beach Point Club by 1600 hours on Thursday, August 6. A check may be mailed to: 900 Rushmore Avenue, Mamaroneck, N.Y. 10543 or delivered to the Main Office in the Clubhouse.
- 9.2. The entry fee for timely entries shall be \$150.00 per boat.
- 9.3. The entry fee for late entries shall be \$250.00 per boat.

## **10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 11.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the JSA website and at the Skipper's Meeting.

## **12. COMMUNICATION**

- 12.1 The OA will contract with Commander's Weather to provide weather forecasting services to the OA for the period of the race. Copies of the forecast will be available for all competitors at the Skipper's meeting.
- 12.2 During the race, contestants may not receive weather, current or navigational information except by broadcast or online from a publicized source available, without charge, to all competitors. Fee-based, regatta-specific weather forecasting services are not permitted.
- 12.3 Each Yacht shall have at least one radio capable of receiving automatic weather alerts and tone alarms.

- 12.4 Each Yacht shall monitor both Channels 16 and 69.
- 12.5 An Owner/Advisor on each Yacht shall have an on-board cell phone, the number of which shall be provided on the entry form.

### **13. SCHEDULE**

- 13.1 All participants are invited to a luncheon at BPYC at 1300 hours on the day of the race. Visiting yachts should hail the dock master on VHF Channel 69. MLW at dockside is 6'6". A limited number of guest moorings may be available, however, all vessels should be prepared to drop anchor, if need be.
- 13.2 There will be a mandatory pre-race meeting for Junior skippers, navigators, and Advisors at 1430 hours on the day of the race.
- 13.3 The first warning is at 1650 hours on Tuesday, August 11, 2015.

### **14. INSPECTIONS**

- 14.1 The OA shall reserve the right to inspect any and all yachts for compliance with eligibility and equipment requirements before the start of the race or after its finish. The inspection is a courtesy and it remains the responsibility of the Boat Owner or Owner's Representative /Advisor to comply with all requirements. Failure to be in compliance subjects the yacht to protest and time penalties or disqualification in accordance with RRS.
- 14.2 A completed and signed Self Inspection Report shall be filed as set forth in 8.2.

### **15. LIABILITY RELEASE**

- 15.1 As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Beach Point Yacht Club, the owner, helmsperson and each crewmember 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. Each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against Beach Point Club, the Beach Point Yacht Club and the JSA of LIS and each of their 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 and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel aboard them is at the risk of the participant. Beach Point Club and Beach Point Yacht Club bear no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to yachts or their personnel arising from any cause during the race.

### **16. DISCIPLINE**

All Junior Sailors and instructors are expected to behave in accordance with recognized principles of sportsmanship, good manners and fair play. A Junior Sailor or instructor

may be disciplined as per 2015 RULES FOR JSA EVENTS, rule #12 for actions that include, but are not limited to the following:

- a) Swearing at, intimidating or harassing anyone, including teammates, on or off the water;
- b) Stealing or borrowing without permission, anything that does not belong to them;
- c) Possessing, consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances, the possession of which is unlawful;
- d) Failure to wear a properly fastened PFD;
- e) Failure to comply with curfew requirements or other conditions of the Regatta.