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1. RULES

1.1 This regatta shall be governed by the *rules* as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 Competitors are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

1.3 Except for the IOD and Town RRS T1 will apply.

1.4 For the IOD and Town Classes only, RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that for infringements of the rules in Part 2 only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

1.5 1.5 Rules 1.3 of J/70 Class Rules, Part III Section I shall apply. This changes the NOR.

1.6 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

1.7 The J/105 Class has authorized the following changes to their class rules for this regatta: The maximum weight may increase from 1,045 lbs to 1,200 lbs. To allow limited (boom and spinnaker only) advertising. These advertising activities are limited to events in Massachusetts Bay, and are not to include Class championships, i.e. North American Championships, Block Island Race Week and similarly weighted regattas.

2. PERSONAL FLOTATION

Personal flotation shall be worn as required by class rules.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The regatta is open to any boat with a minimum LOA of 21 feet, that has sleeping accommodations below decks or is either: a) a member of a recognized class association for entry in this regatta's One-Design classes, or b) a boat that meets the criteria established for this regatta by the class coordinator for entry in a level class; and provided that each class has a minimum entry of six boats. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to invite additional classes that do not meet all the requirements.

3.2 Crew lists and waivers of liability must be submitted by registration. No boat will be

registered without a completed waiver form. In the event of a crew member substitution during the regatta, the new crew member must submit a signed waiver of liability to the Race Committee prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid.

4. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

The Official Notice Board is located in the P.C. Donald R. Humphreys Yardarm Building at the Boston Yacht Club. Information may also be available at Yacht Scoring (www.yachtscoring.com) and may be posted as a courtesy at the Corinthian and Eastern Yacht Clubs by 0900 EDT daily.

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours EDT on the day it will take effect except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours EDT on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole yardarm at the Boston, Eastern, and Corinthian Yacht Clubs. Flag "AP" with two sound signals means "races have been postponed for all classes"; Flag "AP" over one or more Class Flags with two sound signals means "races have been postponed for the indicated Class (es)". When the AP flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in RRS Race Signals.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 It is the intent of the organizing authority and the race committee to run as many races as practical on each race day up to a maximum of 12 races for the regatta.

7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each day of racing is 1200 hours EDT.

7.3 No warning signal will be made after 1430 hours EDT on Sunday, July 31, 2016.

7.4 On Thursday only the IOD and Rhodes 19 classes will race on the Halfway Rock Line.

7.5 Outside Line: IOD, Etchells, J/105, J/30 classes will race Friday through Sunday.

7.6 Halfway Rock Line: Rhodes 19, Town Class, and J24 classes will race Friday through

Sunday; Finns, Stars and Vanguard 15 classes will race Saturday and Sunday.

7.7 Tinkers Line: Viper 640, Sonar and J70 classes will race Friday through Sunday; Alerion Express 28 class will race Saturday and Sunday.

7.8 Brimbles Line: Laser, Megabyte, and Skud 18 will race Saturday and Sunday.

7.9 This schedule is subject to change pending final entries.

7.10 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

8. RACING AREAS AND INITIAL STARTING ORDER

8.1 The racing area assignments and initial starting order will be posted on the official notice board before 1600 hours EDT, Wednesday, July 27, 2016, and will be part of the supplement to the Sailing Instructions included in the skipper's package".

8.2 Any and all subsequent starting orders will be at the discretion of the race officer for each racing line.

9. CLASS FLAGS AND BOW STICKERS

9.1 Warning/Class flags for each class will be the class insignia.

9.2 Bow Stickers - With the exception of the Town Class, IODs, Lasers, Skud 18s, and Megabytes (and wooden boats in any class), easily removable bow stickers provided in the skipper's package shall be attached to the forward 25 percent of both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing. The stickers are to be carried with the top approximately 6" -10" below deck level and with the leading edge approximately 10"-20" aft of the bow. It is the skipper's responsibility to insure that stickers are in place throughout the regatta. Infringements of this SI are subject to protest only by the race committee or protest committee. This changes RRS 60.1.

9.3 At the discretion of the Organizing Authority, bow numbers may also be required for some classes. If required, they will be provided and shall be placed on both sides of the boat's hull forward of the bow sticker.

10. CHECK IN

Boats are requested to check in before their first start each day.

11. THE COURSE

11.1 Courses are shown in Illustration A, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

11.2 The approximate compass bearing from the leeward mark to Mark 1, and the designated course will be displayed in the forward rack of the race committee signal boat. The distance from the leeward mark to Mark 1 will be displayed in the aft rack of the race committee signal boat.

11.3 Gates: If a gate is not in place, boats shall round the existing leeward mark to port.

11.4 Offset mark: The offset mark will be the same color as Mark 1. An offset mark may not be set if there is a change of course

11.5 A green flag flown no later than five minutes before the start means "Mark 1 for the class about to start will be green. This applies to each rounding of Mark 1 by this class." (changes RRS 27.1 and race signals).

12. MARKS

12.1 Except as provided in Sailing Instructions 11.5, the color and shape of the rounding marks will be: Outside Line: orange tetrahedrons, Halfway Rock Line: red tetrahedrons, Tinkers Line: yellow tetrahedrons, Brimbles Line: orange balls.

12.2 Except for the Brimbles Line, new marks, as provided in SI 15, will be identified by a black band.

12.3 The starting and finishing marks will be green tetrahedrons.

13. 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.

14. RECALLS

If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she

is identified, the race committee will attempt to identify her on the designated VHF channel (see SI 23.2). Failure to transmit information, receive such notification, or the order in which recalled boats are broadcast - will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

15. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will set a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

16. THE FINISH

16.1 The finishing line will be between a staff on the race committee signal boat from which a blue flag is displayed and the course side of the nearby mark. For courses designating a downwind finish, the finishing mark will be placed on the side opposite that of the starting mark.

16.2 Competitors retiring shall report to the Race Committee before leaving the racing area if practicable. If unable to do so, competitors retiring shall report to the Boston Yacht Club by calling the front desk (781-631-3100) immediately after coming ashore.

17. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat in each class is two hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of first boat to finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), equal to the number of finishers in her class plus 2. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

18. PROTESTS

18.1 Protest forms are available at the protest desk at the Boston Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

18.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the docking of the race committee signal boat for the applicable line.

18.3 Protests will be heard at the Boston Yacht Club.

18.4 The times of protest hearings and

the parties involved will be posted on the official notice board located in the Boston Yacht Club.

18.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

18.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19. PROTEST ARBITRATION

19.1 An arbitration meeting will be held for each protest as provided in Appendix T Section D except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.

19.2 RRS T2.2 is replaced with: The post-race penalty shall be:

(a) 20 percent, if taken prior to the start of an arbitration meeting or a protest hearing, or

(b) 30 percent, if taken after the start of an arbitration meeting and before the start of a protest hearing.

19.3 RRS T5.3 is replaced with: During an arbitration meeting, a boat that may have broken a rule may take a post-race penalty as provided in RRS T2.2(b) above. During a meeting, a boat may take a penalty by acknowledging her acceptance of the penalty in writing.

19.4 When the protest is referred to the jury, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the jury hearing the protest but may be called as an observer or witness.

20. SCORING

20.1 One race will constitute a regatta. A boat's score for the series will exclude her worst finish if five or more races have been completed. This alters RRS A2.

20.2 Questions regarding scoring may be addressed by submitting a scoring inquiry sheet to the protest secretary. If the scoring inquiry is not addressed to the satisfaction of the boat(s) making the inquiry, then a request for redress

may be filed according to RRS 62.

21. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Except as noted below, keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of prior written permission of the protest committee. Finns, Viper 640s, Vanguard 15s, Lasers, Megabytes, Skud 18s, and Stars may be hauled each day.

22. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

22.1 Each boat shall carry the following equipment: prescribed Coast Guard and class association safety equipment, a working VHF radio, Coast Guard approved visual signal for daytime use, and suitable anchor and line for the class and sailing area. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification from one or more races.

22.2. A boat may not protest another boat for breaking a class rule prohibiting the carrying of VHF radios while racing. This changes RRS 60.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATION AND EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

23.1 Emergency conditions shall be reported directly to the race committee on the assigned frequency for its line. **Boats in need of assistance can also contact the Marblehead**

Harbor Master on VHF 16. The Boston Yacht Club Dockmaster will monitor VHF Channel (68). The Eastern and Corinthian Yacht Club Dockmasters will monitor VHF Channel (9).

23.2 Race committee broadcasts are a courtesy only. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast, the timing of the broadcast or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

Outside Line VHF 78

Tinkers Line VHF 71

Halfway Rock Line VHF 72

24. PRIZES

24.1 Series prizes will be awarded by class.

24.2 An award will be made to the boat which, in the opinion of the organizing authority, had the best overall performance during the 2016 Helly Hansen Marblehead NOOD Regatta.

25. COMPETITORS' CONDUCT

The skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of the crew before, during and after racing. In case of conduct that the Race Committee considers to be a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship, destruction of property or failure to comply with a reasonable request by the Race Committee, the boat whose crew was at fault may be disqualified and/or subject

to protest by the Protest Committee under RRS 69. It is the Protest Committee's intention to invoke this Instruction and RRS 69 in appropriate cases.

26. MEDIA AND TELEVISION

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage taken of themselves or the yacht they are sailing during the event, to be published in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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 the regatta.

28. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.



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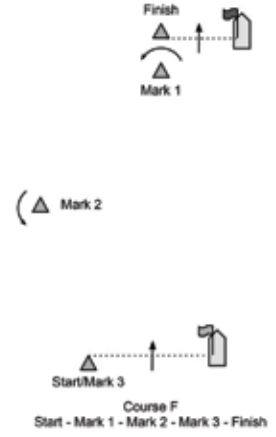
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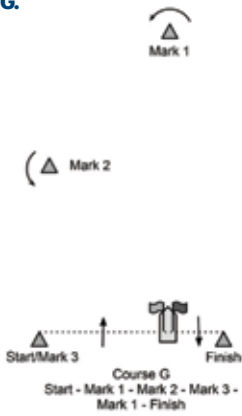
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