



COMMODORE'S CUP



For the
Drake H. Sparkman III Memorial Trophy
Saturday, September 9, 2023

Organizing Authority (OA):

Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS)

Hosted by Storm Trysail Club @ Larchmont Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[DP] The notation '[DP]' in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The current PHRF Regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS) will apply, except as any of these are changed by the notice of race or the sailing instructions.
- 1.3 Boats shall observe the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for nearshore races, which can be found on the US Sailing website: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/serworld-sailing-special-regulations/>
- 1.4 Rule V, Alternative Penalties, will apply.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0900, Sat. Sept. 9, 2023.
- 2.2 Oral changes may be made on the water via VHF radio and acknowledged by each participant.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on YachtScoring at: https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=16199 and will be posted on the notice board on the veranda of the Larchmont YC main clubhouse.
- 3.2 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channel 05A.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the front lawn.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept 9, 2023: 1100 First Warning Signal
 1500 No warning signal after this time
 Reception and awards on the front lawn following the completion of racing

6 FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flag for this event is a white flag with the YRALIS logo.
- 6.2 Each boat shall fly the burgee of the club it represents on its backstay.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the waters off the Larchmont breakwater.

8 COURSES AND MARKS

8.1 The race committee will display the course number along with the bearing and range to the windward mark.

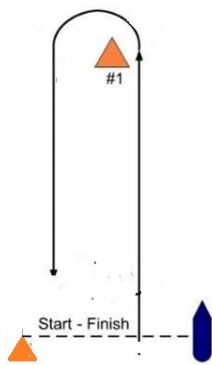
8.2 For the leeward leg(s) in courses 3 and 4, the starting mark may be disregarded.

8.3 Courses

COURSES 1 & 2

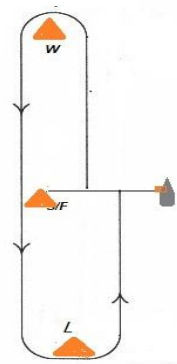
Course 1: Windward-Leeward, 1 lap, finish downwind on the starting line.

Course 2: Windward-Leeward, 2 laps, to start the 2nd lap, round the starting mark to port, and finish downwind on the starting line.



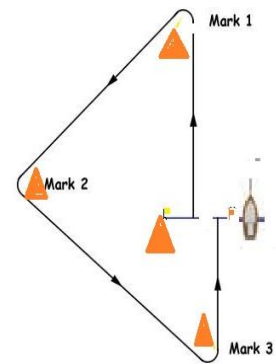
COURSE 3

Windward-Leeward, leeward mark set to leeward of the starting line, finish upwind on the starting line.



COURSE 4

Triangle, reach mark set on the extension of the starting line then leeward mark, finish upwind on the starting line.



9 MARKS

Marks will be orange tetrahedrons.

10 THE START AND FINISH

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The starting and finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

10.3 The Race Committee will hail boats OCS on the regatta VHF channel (05A). The failure to hear such a hail and the order of the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 60.1(b) and 62.1.

11 TIME LIMITS

11.1 The time limit for the first boat to start, sail the course and finish is 1½ hours.

11.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in that division has started, sailed the course and finished will be scored "TLE." This changes rule 35 and A.

12 HEARING REQUESTS

12.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC personnel come ashore. All protest time limits will be posted on the official notice board.

12.2 Rule 61.1(a) is changed, add: Immediately after finishing, a protesting boat shall notify the race committee of her intent to lodge a protest and the identity of the boat she intends to protest.

12.3 Written hearing requests such as protests and requests for redress may be filed in person and delivered to the protest committee desk located at the top of the main staircase of the clubhouse. All such requests shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit. Protest forms are available at the front desk.

12.4 The official notice board will be located **on the veranda of the main clubhouse**. Notice of hearings will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after the protest time limit has expired.

- 12.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 12.6 Hearings will be conducted at Larchmont Yacht Club, 2nd Floor.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 One race will constitute a series.
- 13.2 A boat series score is the total of her race scores without exclusion. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 13.3 PHRF W/L time allowances will be computed using Time on Time.
- 13.4 Boats scored "TLE" will receive 2 points more than the number of boats that finished within the time limit in that race but will not be scored worse than DNF. This adds to RRS A10.

14 PRIZES

The winning club will be awarded the Drake H. Sparkman III Memorial Trophy at the YRA LIS Annual Meeting on Dec 3, 2023

15 RISK STATEMENT

By registering for this event, the person-in-charge of each boat agrees with the following:

- 1) My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) associated with it. We have read RRS 3, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.
- 2) I acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority, host club nor the race committee, nor their members will be responsible for: a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or b) any injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) to my crew or me, including death, sustained as a result of our participation in this event.
- 3) I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, host club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) or property damage suffered by my crew or me as a result of our participation in this event, whether on the water or on shore, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 4) I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that my crew and I and my entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including carrying and using appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law, racing rules and that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event.

I will inform all crewmembers of the conditions stated herein for their participation in such racing.

The Storm Trysail Club is grateful for the generosity of the Larchmont Yacht Club for hosting this event and providing on-water assets and assisting with race management. Thank you!

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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