



COMMODORE'S CUP

For the
Drake H. Sparkman III Memorial Trophy
Saturday, September 7, 2024

Organizing Authority (OA): Yacht Racing Association of Long
Island Sound (YRALIS) Hosted by 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. 7, 2024.
- 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://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16849 and may 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 73.
- 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 7, 2024 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 YRA LIS logo.
- 6.2 Each boat shall fly the burgee of the club it represents on its backstay.

7 RACING AREA

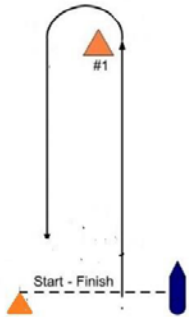
The racing area will be the waters off the Larchmont breakwater.

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.



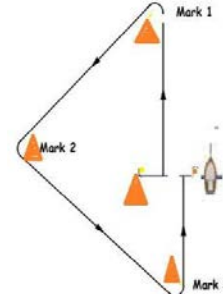
COURSE 3

- 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



9 MARKS

- 9.1 Original rounding marks will be yellow MarkSetBots or yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be either the original yellow MarkSetBot or an orange tetrahedron.

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 an orange MarkSetBot.
- 10.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number via the official VHF channel. Failure of the broadcast equipment, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order and timing in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11 CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will either move the MarkSetBot or lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When a subsequent new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 The RC may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length of the leg, up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. Changes will be announced via VHF. This changes RRS 33.

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 The time limit for the first boat to start, sail the course and finish is 1½ hours.
- 12.2 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.

13 HEARING REQUESTS

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 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.
 - 13.4 Notice of hearings will be posted on the on line on official notice board as soon as possible after the protest time limit has expired.
 - 13.5 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).
 - 13.6 Hearings will be conducted at Larchmont Yacht Club, 2nd Floor.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 One race will constitute a series.
- 14.2 A boat series score is the total of her race scores without exclusion. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 14.3 PHRF W/L time allowances will be computed using Time on Time.
- 14.4 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.

15 PRIZES

The winning club will be awarded the Drake H. Sparkman III Memorial Trophy at the YRA LIS Annual Meeting on Dec 1, 2024

16 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Regatta Committee, Larchmont Yacht Club, 1Woodbine Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538. Telephone 914-468-7716. Website: www.larchmontyc.org. Email: racecommittee@larchmontyc.org

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