



Sailing Instructions

Friday Night Sunset Series

May 27 to Aug 05, 2016

American Yacht Club

Rye, NY

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The US Sailing Prescriptions to Rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall not apply.
- 1.3. The Minimum Equipment Recommendations of the YRALIS (Category C) shall apply to all competing boats except for the J/70 class.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, EVENT WEBSITE and VHF CHANNELS USED

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at American Yacht Club.
- 2.2. The Event Website is located at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2791>
- 2.3. VHF Channels used by the Race Committee to communicate with the competitors shall be 71

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 1800 on the day they will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flag halyard on a Race Committee signal boat at a dock at American Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

One race is scheduled for each Friday from May 27 to August 05th. The first warning signal is scheduled at 1855 for all Friday Night races. Depending on conditions, the Race Committee may attempt to run two races for the J70 fleet.

6. CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

Boats will be placed in classes at the discretion of the race committee, designated by numerals (1, 2, 3 etc.). Class flags will be numeral pennants. All boats except J/70s in the one design class shall display the numeral pennant for its class on its permanent backstay or, in the absence of a permanent backstay, from its stern rail.

7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be in the vicinity of Bell 42. It is expected that the starting area will be located within one mile of Bell 42.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The course for each race will be a course set around Government Marks (as defined in Appendix A) and/or drop marks.
- 8.2. Marks shall be rounded in the order signaled (reading the course board column by column, top-down, then fore-aft) and left on the hand so that the rhumb line to the next mark will not cross the rhumb line from the previous mark. If the next mark is reciprocal, the mark shall be left to port when rounding.
- 8.3. The Race Committee signal boat will display on the course board the approximate magnetic bearing and the approximate distance in nautical miles from the Race Committee signal boat to marks L and W, if used. If both marks L and W are used, the bearing and distance to mark W will be displayed in a column that first follows the course letters. The bearing and distance to mark L will be displayed in a second column.
- 8.4. If used the approximate bearing of (R) will be a reach of no more than one mile bearing as close to 90 degrees from the wind as possible. No magnetic course heading will be displayed.
- 8.5. Sample course boards are as follows:

W	1	3	1
L	7	5	.5
2	0	0	

Windward-leeward twice around.
Bearing to W from RC boat (170) degrees. Bearing to L from RC boat (350) degrees. Distance 1.5 miles from RC boat.

A	0	1	
O	0	.5	
L	5		

A and O are government marks.
Bearing to L from RC boat is (5) degrees. Distance 1.5 miles from RC boat.

9. MARKS

Government marks are defined in Appendix A inflatable marks are as follows:

Start/Finish Mark	L	W	R
Orange Inflatable	Yellow Tetrahedron	Yellow Tetrahedron	Yellow Tetrahedron

10. THE START and FINISH

- 10.1. The starting and finish lines for all classes will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the Start/Finish Mark.
- 10.2. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the following modification: One minute before the warning of the first class, the Race Committee signal boat will make a series of short horn sounds to call attention. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 10.3. A boat that starts later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes Rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

11. RECALLS

The race committee will attempt to identify OCS boats and to broadcast their sail numbers on the race course VHF channel. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hail, shall not be cause for redress, this changes Rule 62.1.

12. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to finish each race will be at Sunset in New York as listed by the 2016 edition of Eldridge page 225 using GPS time. Boats finishing more than 45 minutes after the first boat that sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests and request for redress shall be delivered to the front desk at American Yacht Club within one hour after the race committee finish boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held at American Yacht Club at a time and date scheduled by the American Yacht Club Protest Committee, which shall be prior to the awarding of trophies for the series.

14. SCORING and PRIZES

To be eligible for Sunset Series prizes, a boat must start in at least 50% of the races that are completed. The Cox-Sprague Scoring System as published by YRALIS will apply. One race constitutes a series. Boats will be scored using the PHRF handicaps provided by YRALIS, provided that boats that did not have a YRALIS PHRF handicap at the deadline for receipt of entries for the series will be scored using a PHRF handicap assigned by an independent measurer designated by the American Yacht Club Measurer. The J/70 class will be scored as their own One Design Class and are not eligible for the Scotch Caps Trophy.

If a boat finishes 75% of the races that are completed, her series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If a boat finishes 90% of the races that are completed, her series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. Trophies will be awarded at the American Yacht Club annual awards dinner to the boats with the best series score, as follows: To the three boats with the best series score if 10 or more boats qualify by starting in at least 50% of the races that are completed; to the two boats with the best series score if more than five but fewer than 10 boats qualify; and to the boat with the highest series score if five or fewer boats qualify. The Scotch Caps Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best series score if at least five boats qualify. The American Yacht Club Sailing Committee may award daily prizes based upon PHRF handicaps that are adjusted to impose upon boats that finish first, second or third in any race a rating penalty for subsequent races. Adjusted handicaps will not be used in awarding series prizes.

15. WITHDRAWAL

A boat that withdraws before the start or retires from a race for any reason shall notify the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity on VHF channel 71.

16. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels 16 and 71.

17. NAVIGATION RULES

All boats are cautioned to observe the Navigation Rules of the Road and to yield right of way to vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver, especially to tugs and barges. Any boat observed to impede such traffic may be protested by the race committee.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY / RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by American Yacht Club (AYC), the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk, see RRS 4 "Decision to Race"; that AYC and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents and sponsors will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against AYC and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents and/or sponsors, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other AYC vessels, or patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.

19. OTHER DOCUMENTS

Forms, documents, scratch sheets, and results related to this event are located on the Event Website. Competitors should consult the official Race Committee Notice Board for final information.

20. CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPENDIX A

Marks for the 2015 Sunset Series Letter Description

- A Green can "1" off Weeks Point
- B Red bell "6" off Mott Point (Hempstead Harbor)
- C Red nun "4" off Prospect Point
- D Red nun "2" off Prospect Point
- E Green gong "23" off Prospect Point
- F Green can "1" Northeast of Execution Rocks
- G Red bell "2" south of Hen & Chickens
- H Green bell "1" Northeast of Hen & Chickens
- I Green can "1" off Delancey Point
- J Red bell "42" off Scotch Caps
- K Red nun "40A" off Scotch Caps
- M Red bell "38" off Playland
- N Red bell "36" off Bluefish Shoal
- O Green gong "21" off Matinecock Point

- W Inflatable buoy to windward of the Race Committee signal boat at the start*
- L Inflatable buoy to leeward of the Race Committee Signal boat at the start*
- R. Inflatable buoy perpendicular (90 Degrees) from Windward mark**