



RAM ISLAND YACHT CLUB, INC
Noank, Connecticut
71st Annual Island Race - August 28, 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Rules:

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing and the class rules of PHRF – Eastern Connecticut.

Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at Ram Island Yacht Club and the online Notice Board accessible under Racing at ramislandyachtclub.org.

Radio Communications:

The Race Committee will broadcast on VHF Ch. 72. Radio communications are for safety, convenience and courtesy. Only the RC may request redress for misunderstandings, errors or omissions that may result from such communications. RRS 60 is modified.

Changes to Sailing Instructions:

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

Changes may be broadcast on VHF Ch. 72 prior to the first warning.

Schedule of Races

One race is scheduled for all classes. There are no exclusions.

The first warning is scheduled at 0955 EDT.

The Start:

The Starting Area will be located between Horseshoe Reef Buoy N26 and N24 Southwest of Groton Long Point.

The Starting Line will be between orange flags on the Pin boat and the RC Signal boat. An orange inflatable buoy may replace the Pin boat.

Races will be started as provided in Rule 26. The starting procedure for starting a class is:

<u>Time to Go</u>	<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Sound</u>
5 min	Warning	Class Flag Deployed	1 Horn
4 min	Preparatory	"P" Flag Deployed	1 Horn
1 min	One-Minute	"P" Flag Removed	1 Long Horn
0 min	Start	Class Flag Removed	1 Horn

Class Flags and Start Order:

Classes will start in the following order:

	<u>Class Flag</u>
A	Alpha
B	Bravo
C	Charlie
D	Delta
E	Echo
F	Foxtrot
G	Golf
H	Hotel
J	Juliet
K	Kilo
L	Lima
M	Mike

The Courses:

The course to be sailed by a class will be signaled by Numeral Pennants displayed with the Class Flag for that class. The courses will be announced on VHF channel 72.

Course – 1 Approximately 15.5 nautical miles.

Southwesterly to Race Point nun “2”, leave to port. Thence easterly along south shore of Fishers Island to Lord’s Passage Mo (A) “L”, leave to port and then to Wicopesset Rock can “7” leave to port. Thence northerly to green Gong “3” off the Stonington breakwater, leave to port. Thence westerly to the finish.

Course - 2 Approximately 14.5 nautical miles.

Southwesterly to Race Point nun “2”, leave to port. Thence easterly along south shore of Fishers Island to Lord’s Passage Mo [A] “L”, leave to port and then to Wicopesset Rock can”7” leave to port. Thence northwesterly to finish.

Course – 3 Approximately 11.0 nautical miles.

Southwesterly to Silver Eel Whistle “SE”, leave to starboard. Thence northerly to Vixens Ledge “VL”, leave to starboard. Thence easterly to nun “16” just east of Eel Grass Ground, leave to port. Thence westerly to finish.

Course – 4 Approximately 13.0 nautical miles.

Southeasterly to Wicopesset Rock can “7”, Leave to starboard. Thence southerly to Lord’s Passage Mo [A] “L”, leave to starboard. Thence westerly along south shore of Fishers Island to Race Point nun “2”, leave to starboard. Thence northeasterly to finish 1/4 mile west of North Hill bell “2”.

Course – 5 Approximately 8.0 nautical miles.

Southeasterly to drop mark [LAT [N] 41 17.420, LON [W] 71 56.662] off East Harbor, Fishers Island, leave to starboard. Thence westerly leaving Brooks Point can “1W”, Clay Point can “5”, and North Hill bell “2” to port. Thence southwesterly to Silver Eel Whistle “SE”, leave to starboard. Thence northeasterly to finish 1/4 mile west of North Hill bell “2”.

The Finish:

For Courses 1, 2 and 3: Between orange flags on RC Signal boat and Pin boat about 1/2 mile south of Mason’s Point. An orange inflatable buoy may replace the Pin boat.

For Courses 4 and 5: Between orange flags on RC Signal boat and Pin boat about 1/4 mile west of North Hill bell “2”. An orange inflatable buoy may replace the Pin boat.

Time Limit:

If no boat in the Class finishes by 1700 E.D.T., there will be no race for that class.

If any boat finishes after the Committee Boat has left the finish line, she shall take her own time (GPS time if you can) when Gates Island is within ¼ mile and bears 045 degrees magnetic. Report your time to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

For boats racing Courses 4 or 5, they shall take their own time when North Hill bell “2” is within ¼ mile and bears 090 degrees magnetic.

Protests:

Immediately display a red flag. Verbally inform the Committee boat immediately after crossing the finish line. A written protest must be given to the Protest Committee within 15 minutes after the Committee Boat docks at RIYC.

Recalls:

A racing boat failing to return for a proper start will be penalized by having one-half hour added to her corrected time. Boats over early may be identified by name or sail number on VHF Ch. 72.

Scoring:

All classes, except the One Design Classes, will be handicapped using the time-on-time system.

Prizes:

Awards will be made at Ram Island Yacht Club at the party after the conclusion of the race.