



INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB 61st ANNUAL STRATFORD SHOAL RACE THE GEARBUSTER

Saturday, October 8, 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. This race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of US Sailing.
- 1.2. The measurement rules used will be IRC and PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker rules as administered by the YRA of LIS.
- 1.3. PHRF boats will be scored using the distance racing handicap issued by the YRA of LIS and scored using time-on-distance.
- 1.4. All boats must comply with the YRA of LIS Category B minimum equipment recommendations.
- 1.5. Any weight or crew limits are waived.
- 1.6. Each boat shall fly from her backstay six or more feet above the deck a numeral pennant corresponding to her class.
- 1.7. Any double-handed class or classes may be included provided there are sufficient entries as determined by the race committee. Any double-handed class will be treated as a separate class for the purpose of awarding the Windward and Todd trophies.

2. DOUBLE-HANDED FLEET RULES

- 2.1. Crew limit is two persons, one of whom must be 18 years of age or older
- 2.2. Wind vanes or electric self-steering devices may be used.
- 2.3. Jack lines must be rigged both port and starboard, and run from the cockpit to the bow.

3. ENTRY

- 3.1. This race is open to boats owned by or under charter to members of the YRA of LIS or other US Sailing Association, and boats of foreign registry.
- 3.2. Entry is via the appropriate yachtscoring.com event site.
- 3.3. The entry fee is \$75 entry. Fees received after Wednesday, October 5th, will be subject to a late fee of \$25.
- 3.4. All entries must be prepared to produce a copy of their measurement certificate for the organizers.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & SCRATCH SHEETS

- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the lobby of the IHYC clubhouse.
- 4.2. Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day of the race.
- 4.3. The race committee will signal any change to the Sailing Instructions made after Wednesday, October 5th by displaying Flag L prior to the first warning.
- 4.4. Scratch sheets may be obtained from the Indian Harbor front desk beginning Friday evening, October 7 or from the race committee prior to the start, or online at the yachtscoring.com event site.

5. COURSES

- 5.1. The course for all boats racing with spinnakers shall be to Stratford Shoal Light and back leaving this mark to port. The course length is 46.5 nautical miles.
- 5.2. The course for the non-spinnaker fleet shall be to Gong "11B" Fl G 4s north of Eaton's Neck Point and back leaving this mark to port. The course distance is 19 nautical miles.

6. THE START

- 6.1. The starting line will be to the east of Little Captain Island between Flat Neck Point Shoal RN "2" (40°59.746N/ 073°35.479W) and a yellow flag on the signal boat.
- 6.2. Prior to the warning signal of the first division, all boats shall sail past the stern of the signal boat while on starboard and be recognized by the race committee.
- 6.3. The first warning is scheduled for 1055.
- 6.4. Succeeding classes will be started in numerical order either (a) at five minute intervals by displaying a class flag at the start of the preceding class, or (b) at any time afterward by re-commencing a new five minute sequence. In the event a new five minute sequence is initiated, the race committee will announce the time of the next warning via VHF 05A and will endeavor to make a multiple horn signal shortly before the new warning signal.

7. RECALLS

The race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF Channel 05A. Failure of the race committee to successfully notify an OCS boat over the radio shall not relieve the OCS boat of its responsibility under RRS 28.1 nor be grounds for redress.

8. FINISH LINE

- 8.1. The finish line will be between Greenwich Harbor Channel RN "2" (40°59.905N/073°37.277W) INSIDE Captains Harbor and a yellow flag on the signal boat. [Please note: This is NOT the same Nun "2" as is being used for the start. The bearing FROM this buoy TO the Great Captains Light is 199 degrees magnetic at a distance of 0.97nm.]
- 8.2. The signal boat will be anchored to the north of RN "2".
- 8.3. The Race Committee boat will display a Race Committee flag, an IHYC burgee, and after sunset, two vertical white lights.
- 8.4. Boats are to hail the race committee on VHF Channel 05A once they are near the entrance to Captains Harbor and off Green Bell 1.
- 8.5. If finishing in the dark, boats are to illuminate their sail numbers and hail the race committee boat until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 8.6. While racing, competitors are strongly encouraged to use the free mobile app "raceQs" available for android and iPhone. More info on raceqs.com. This is to assist the RC in tracking competitors throughout the race.

9. TAKING TIME AT THE FINISH

- 9.1. In the absence of a race committee boat at the finish line, boats shall take their own time when, passing within 20 yards to the north of RN "2" as described in Section 8.1 and once the Great Captains Light bears 199 degrees magnetic.
- 9.2. This time is to be reported to the Indian Harbor Yacht Club at 203-869-2484.

10. WITHDRAWALS

Boats withdrawing from the race are REQUIRED to contact the race committee either over VHF Channel 05A or by contacting Indian Harbor Yacht Club at 203.869.2484.

11. FILING & HEARING PROTESTS

- 11.1. Protests shall be delivered to IHYC, marked attention of the Protest committee, no later than 2100 Sunday, October 9, 2016.
- 11.2. Protest forms are available at the Indian Harbor front desk and the yachtscoring.com event site.
- 11.3. Protests will be heard beginning at 1945 on Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1. The Windward Cup, a perpetual prize, will be inscribed with the name of the overall winner of the class with the largest number of starters.
- 12.2. The William H. Todd Trophy, a perpetual prize, will be inscribed with the name of the overall winner of the class with the second largest number of starters.
- 12.3. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each class
- 12.4. All prizes will be awarded at the Indian Harbor Yacht Club Annual Prize Dinner, November 11, 2016 at 1800.

13. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPETITORS

As a condition precedent to his or her participation in any race or series (including without limitation all activities thereto) sponsored by Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Incorporated, each participant assumes any and all risk associated with such participation and waives any and all claims, including without limitation any claim in respect of assistance given or not given, against Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Incorporated, and the directors, offices, members, guests and employees of the Club or any injury or damage resulting from such participation.

14. CONTACT INFORMATION

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