



**INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB**  
**62nd ANNUAL STRATFORD SHOAL RACE**

**THE GEARBUSTER**

**Saturday, October 7, 2017**

**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 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. Each boat shall fly from her backstay six or more feet above the deck a numeral pennant corresponding to her class.
- 1.6. 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](http://yachtscoring.com) event site.
- 3.3. The entry fee is \$75 entry. Fees received after Sunday October 1, 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. Scratch sheets may be obtained from the Indian Harbor front desk beginning Friday evening, October 6, or online at the [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com) event site.

## 5. COURSES

- 5.1. The standard 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 standard course for the non-spinnaker fleet shall be to "11B" GRG FL G 4S GONG north of Eaton's Neck Point and back leaving this mark to port. The course distance is 19 nautical miles.
- 5.3. **Short Course Option: At the discretion of the Race Committee, a short course option may be used and will be signaled by displaying Code Flag "C" prior to the warning signal for the start of any class. The shortened courses will be different for spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions and are as follows:**
  - The shortened spinnaker course shall be to "11B" GRG FL G 4S GONG north of Eaton's Neck Point and back leaving this mark to port. The course distance is 19 nautical miles.
  - The shortened non-spinnaker course shall be to 32A then to Red Bell 32 (The Cows ) R FL R 2.5S BELL and back, leaving marks to port. The course distance is 10.9 nautical miles.
- 5.4. When approaching Captain Harbor on route to finish, "G1" G FL G 2.5S 4M GONG shall be left to port for all courses.

## 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 for the first class 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.
- 6.5. From the time of the first warning signal until after her finish, each boat shall utilize the race tracking app "raceQs." More information is available at raceQs.com. Only one phone per boat is required to run the app.
- 6.6. Failure to comply with NOR 4.6 may be grounds for disqualification without a hearing at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 63 and 64.1.

## 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 required to illuminate their sail numbers and hail the race committee boat until acknowledged by the race committee.

## **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 8, 2017.
- 11.2. Protest forms are available at the Indian Harbor front desk and the [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com) event site.
- 11.3. Protests will be heard beginning at 1945 on Wednesday, October 11, 2017.

## **12. PRIZES**

- 12.1. The Windward Cup, a perpetual prize, will be awarded to the overall winner on corrected time on the long course.
- 12.2. The William H. Todd Trophy, a perpetual prize, will be awarded to the second place finisher on corrected time on the long course.
- 12.3. The Thor Ramsing Trophy, a perpetual prize, will be awarded to the overall winner on corrected time on the short course.
- 12.4. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each class.
- 12.5. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

## **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, officers, members, guests and employees of the Club or any injury or damage resulting from such participation.

## **14. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Amendment 1**

**Sailing Instruction 1. RULES is amended as follows:**

1.7 If a conflict exists between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern.

**End.**