



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE FIFTY-SECOND

VALEUR-JENSEN STAMFORD DENMARK RACE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Sponsored by: Stamford Yacht Club, Royal Danish Yacht Club, Stamford Sail and Power Squadron
& Consulate General of Denmark

1. RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by:
 - a. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. The following rules are changed:
 - rules 26, 29.1, and 60.1(b), see SI 2, SI 11 and SI 12
 - rule 44.1, and 64.1 see SI 14
 - rule 35, A4.1, and A4.2, see SI 15
 - rule 63.3(a), see SI 17
 - b. The 2017 PHRF Regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS) PHRF Weight Limits will not be in effect; however, this does not apply to any boat racing with a YRA rating credit for sailing with less than maximum crew weight.
 - c. The YRALIS Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations for Class C events, except for those boats ordinarily sailed without lifelines (i.e. Viper, I-18, etc.)
 - d.) Multi-hulls shall race under the NEMA ToT Ratings. They shall be scored separately.
- 1.2 The USSailing prescriptions to The Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply.
- 1.3 Each participating boat is required to fly from its starboard rigging the flag of Denmark or another red and white flag.
- 1.4 A boat withdrawing is required to notify the Race Committee via VHF Channel 05A before leaving the course.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board ("ONB") will be the YS page https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board. Any Notices to Competitors posted on the ONB will also be emailed to the competitor's email address provided on their entry form.
- 2.2 The race committee may make broadcasts on VHF channel 05A for communications to competitors before or during racing. The timing, order of the broadcast, or the failure of competitors to hear the broadcast, will not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 29.1 and 60.1 (b).

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB and e-mailed to the fleet no later than 0800 on the day of the race, except changes in schedule will be posted no later than 1800 Saturday, September 9th. All pre-race communications will be electronic.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

For safety reasons, signals made ashore will be flown from the Signal Vessel while at the SYC dock and broadcast over VHF 05A.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACE

There will be one race the first signal for which will be made at 1020.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Each boat intending to race shall display her class numeral pennant from her backstay. Classes are designated on the Scratch Sheet posted on the ONB. Multihulls need not fly a class flag.

7. THE RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be the waters of Long Island Sound southerly of Stamford and Greenwich.

7.2 Before the first scheduled start, boats shall rendezvous with the Signal Vessel at a point approximately half-way between Bell R"32" ("The Cows") and Red Bell "32A" (Mid-Sound.)

8. THE COURSES

8.1 Each class shall be assigned to either Course "I" or Course "II" as designated on the Scratch Sheets. Courses shall be signaled prior to the Prep Flag ("P") on the Course Board as illustrated in 9.1. The Course Board will display the identification and order of each turning mark to be rounded.

8.2 Marks shall be rounded in the order signaled and so that the rhumbline leaving a rounding mark shall not cross the rhumbline approaching that mark. Where rhumbines are reciprocal, the mark being rounded is to be left on the same side as the preceding mark.

8.3 The RC may announce over VHF 05A the rounding marks and the side to which they are to be left.

9. THE MARKS

9.1

A = Bell "1" (Greenwich)	C = Nun "34"	J = R Bell "32A"	g = G Gong "1" (Stamford)	H = R Bell "32"
L = G Gong "15"	O = G Bell "17"	P = G Can "19"	I = R Bell "28C"	E = G/R Can "E"
W1 = Yellow (Course I)			W2 = Orange (Course II)	F = Finish Mark

9.2 A set Windward Mark may be signaled as the *first mark* of the course. If signaled, the direction and distance to it will be indicated by the degrees magnetic followed by the distance in nautical miles on the top row of the Course Board. **W1** (the windward mark for Course I) will be yellow; **W2** (the windward mark for Course 2) will be orange. If a Windward Mark is not being set, the First Mark of the course will appear on the top line of the Course Board.

For Example:

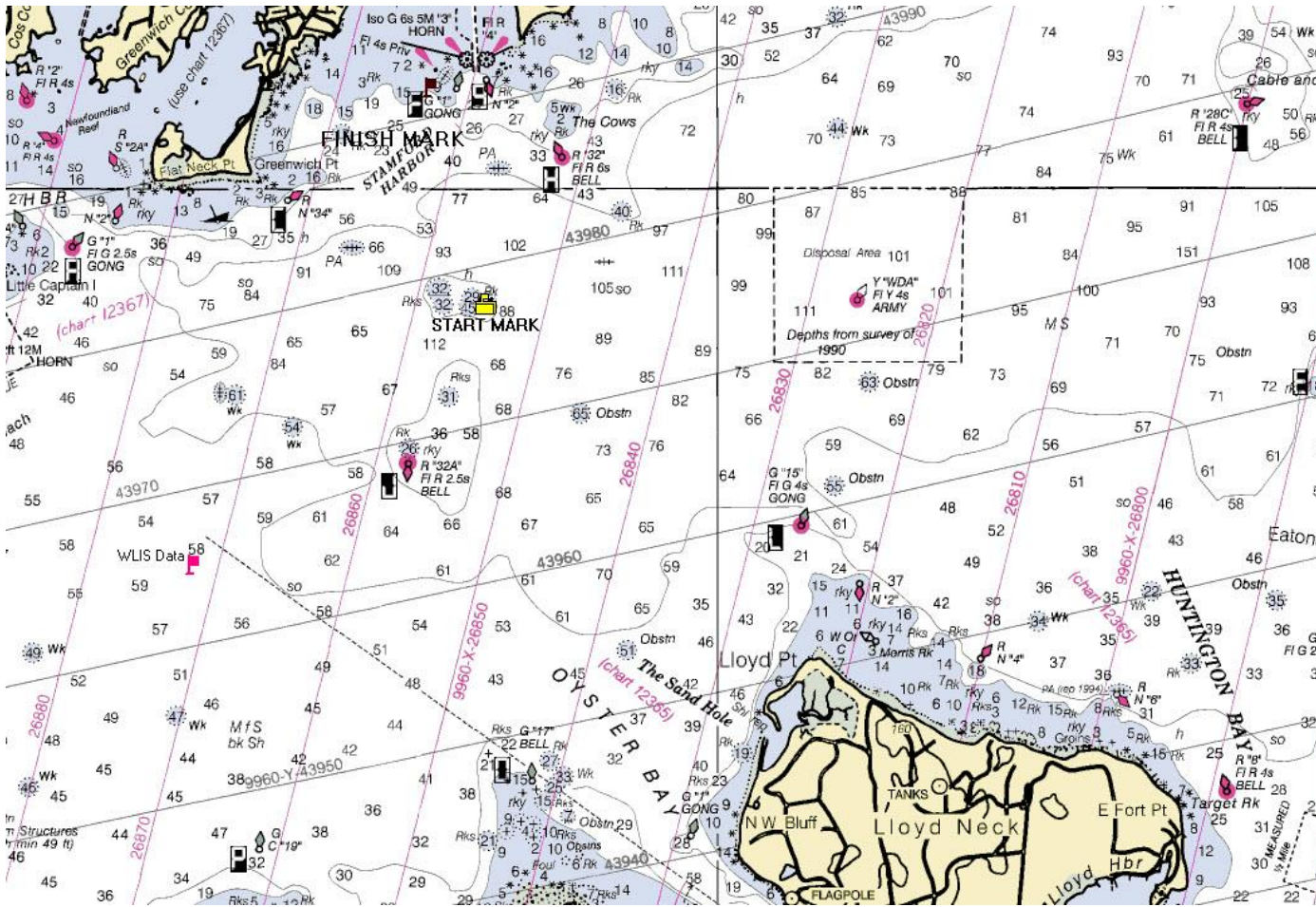


A digital display showing "240-1.3" on the top line and "LOACH" on the bottom line.



A digital display showing "P" on the top line and "LOACH" on the bottom line.

9.3 Unless designated as a mark of the course, Red Bell"32"(H) must be passed on the channel side. Other government marks may be disregarded at the discretion of the skipper.



10. CHECK-IN

Before its class start, and without interfering with the start of a prior class, each boat shall approach the stern of the Signal Vessel and declare her intention to start. **Boats shall NOT check in by radio.**

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting area ("S") shall be in the vicinity of 40° 59.000' N / 073° 32.210' W. The Start line shall be between a staff flying an orange flag on the Signal Vessel on the starboard end and an orange temporary start mark on the port end. The Race Committee may deploy an orange "keep-away" ball. If deployed, this ball shall be considered an integral part of the Committee Boat.
- 11.2 Starting signals shall be in accordance with Rule 26 with the following modification: 5 minutes before the Warning signal for the first class to start, Code Flag F will be displayed with one sound. One minute before the Warning for the first class to start, Code Flag "F" will be removed without sound. It is intended that classes will start at 10-minute intervals as follows:

	STARTS	TIME	SIGNAL
	First Signal	1020	Code Flag F
		1024	"F" removed
1	Warning	1025	Code Flag 1
	Prep	1026	Code Flag P
		1029	"P" removed
	Start	1030	1 removed
2	Warning	1035	Code Flag 2
	Prep	1036	Code Flag P
		1039	"P" removed
	Start	1040	2 removed

3	Warning	1045	Code Flag 3
	Prep	1046	Code Flag P
		1049	"P" removed
4	Start	1050	3 removed
	Warning	1055	Code Flag 4
	Prep	1056	Code Flag P
5		1059	"P" removed
	Start	1100	4 removed
	Warning	1105	Code Flag 5
	Prep	1106	Code Flag P
		1109	"P" removed
	Start	1110	5 removed

CONTINUING UNTIL ALL CLASSES HAVE STARTED PER SCRATCH SHEET

IT IS INTENDED THAT THERE BE A 10 MINUTE GAP BETWEEN THE LAST COURSE 1 START AND THE FIRST COURSE 2 WARNING.

- 11.3 All boats must keep clear of the starting area until after the start for the preceding class. *Rules 63.1 is hereby modified* to allow that any boat interfering with the start of another class may be subject to disqualification without a hearing. No boat may use her engine after the Preparatory Signal for her class.
- 11.4 After the first warning signal of the day, Rule 30.1, the "around the ends rule", **shall be in effect** without the Race Committee having to fly code flag "I". *This modifies Rule 30.1.*
- 11.5 A boat shall not start later than 15 minutes after her starting signal.

12. RECALLS

In the event of an Individual Recall, infringing boat(s) may be recalled by name or sail number over VHF channel 05A. Failure of an OCS boat to hear a recall announcement or failure of the RC to make such an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 29.1 and 60.1(b).

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line will be between a staff flying a yellow flag on a Race Committee Vessel and mark "F," a yellow temporary mark to be set approximately 0.25 NM southwesterly of "G" Gong "1," except as may be modified by 13.2.
- 13.2 The race may be shortened at any mark of the course. If the race is intended to be shortened for one or more classes, but not all, that or those class' code flag(s) will be displayed below code flag "S." The Committee Boat may be stationed on either side of the finish mark. All boats shall finish in a direction from the previous turning mark.
- 13.3 At the finish, each boat is responsible for making sure the RC has established positive identification. All boats shall record their finish time as accurately as possible, and shall also record their position by noting the sail numbers and/or names of the boat finishing before and after her. Keep the information for possible later use.
- 13.4 Do not approach or hail the Finish Boat, except to report the intent to file a protest.

14. PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed in that a boat may take a one turn penalty when she may have broken one of more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*. However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the zone of any rounding or finishing marks, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty in compliance with rule 44.2.
- 14.2 Penalties for breaches of non-Part 2 rules may be less than DSQ if the protest committee so decides. This changes rule 64.1.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The time limit for all classes is 1600, or 30 minutes from the finish time of the *first finisher* of each class (time limit extension period), provided that first finisher finishes between 1530 and 1600. Extension of time shall be rounded to the next full minute.
- 15.2 All boats finishing within the time limit extension period shall be scored.
- 15.3 Any or all time limit extension period(s) shall be broadcast over VHF channel 05A.
- 15.4 Any boat not finished by the time limit, or any extension thereof, shall be scored TLE and receive points equal to the number of boats that finished within the time limit, or any extension thereof, plus two (2) but in no case will a boat be scored worse than DNF. This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A.
- 15.3 A boat withdrawing from the race must report to the RC, either in person or over channel 05A, as soon as practicable and wait for acknowledgement from the RC.

16. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A boat intending to file a protest shall so inform the FINISH BOAT immediately after finishing or withdrawing.
- 16.3 Protests must be lodged no later than 60 minutes after finishing at the intended FINISH immediately southerly of Stamford Harbor or, in the case of a shortened course, 90 minutes after finishing at that mark of the course.
- 16.4 Protests involving a potential Class winner will be heard on the day of the race at Stamford Yacht Club (register at the front desk) as soon as practicable after the involved parties have finished. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce over VHF channel 05 those protests intended to be heard and at what time. Protest hearings involving potential trophy winners are intended to begin immediately after the filing deadline. Protests involving boats other than potential trophy winners may be heard thereafter, or at 2000 at SYC on the Thursday following the race.

17. ARBITRATION

- 17.1 Arbitration will be held in accordance with Appendix T.
- 17.2 One representative from each boat will meet with an arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn.
- 17.3 The arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony given and offer testimony. This changes RRS 63.3(a).
- 17.4 The parties to a protest will state their cases to an arbitrator; the arbitrator will discuss the issues with each party and, upon evaluating the statements made, offer an opinion as to the likely outcome of a hearing. Should all parties to the protest accept the opinion, the boat accepting the mediator's opinion that she broke a Rule of Part 2 of the rules shall receive a scoring penalty of 20% of the number of boats starting in her class (rounding .5 upward) to her actual finish position and no hearing will take place. If, after arbitration, a hearing is held, the arbitrator shall not participate as a member of the jury, but may offer testimony. This also changes RRS 63.3(a)

18. SCORING & PRIZES

Participating masters, captains and crew are invited to a reception and award ceremony at Stamford Yacht Club following the race. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 1730 but may be held earlier if the results are final. Trophies are awarded subject to verification and protests. The American bar will be open at about 1500. The Danish bar will be open as posted. Captains are responsible for their crew during the reception and they are asked to assure that all conversation cease during the award ceremony.

19. SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

See Sailing Instruction 1. The RC may randomly inspect selected boats to check for compliance with safety equipment requirements. It is the sole responsibility of the master of each boat to see that she is seaworthy in all respects and that she is manned by a competent crew. The master and all the members of the crew of each boat, by participating in this race, agree to do so at their own risk, and waive any claim against and hold harmless the Race Sponsors, their officers, directors, committees, members, employees and agents against any claims arising in any way out of the participation in the Race of such boat, her master and crew.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 It is the intention of the RC to monitor channel 05A during all races. If a skipper is unsure if a race will be held because of weather conditions, the RC may be contacted on channel 05A beginning at 0900, or by telephone to the SYC Dock House at 203 348-2575.
- 20.2 Other than as described in these instructions, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, nor receive special communications, not simultaneously available to all boats.

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