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**MANAGEMENT:** The current Racing Rules of Sailing as adopted by the US Sailing Association will govern except as modified herein. Captain Harbor yachts 18 ft and over may compete if properly completed Entry Form and Fee are delivered to the Regatta Chairman prior to the deadline by registering at [www.ogyc.org](http://www.ogyc.org). Click on Race followed by Regatta Registrations. Boats will race in divisions. Each entrant should have on board their yacht a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving **Channel 65**.

**INSTRUCTIONS & SCRATCH SHEET:** It is the skipper's responsibility to get a scratch sheet and any changes in the instructions from the Committee Boat, not later than 12:15 on the day of the race. Skippers must confirm yacht name, sail number and their intent to sail to the Committee by sailing past the stern. Name and number will be acknowledged.

**TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for each race will be 3 hours and 30 minutes for the first boat to finish in each division. Boats finishing more than 60 minutes after the first boat in its division may need to take her own finish time and report it the Race Committee.

**RATINGS:** YRA of LIS PHRF ratings will be used. A rating will be assigned if a valid 2018 YRA of LIS PHRF certificate is not available. Yachts in division I may race with or without spinnaker. Yacht racing with spinnaker shall inform the race committee before the start of their intent to race with spinnaker. Yachts with spinnaker will be scored with their spinnaker PHRF rating. Yachts racing without spinnaker will be scored with their PHRF non-spinnaker rating. Yachts competing in this race as non-spinnaker are prohibited from the use of any headsail whose mid-girth (mid-luff to mid-leech) is more than 50% of its foot measurement. This means: no flashers, jib only. Except when changing headsails, participating yachts may not fly more than one headsail at a time

**DIVISIONS and START AREA:**

<b>Div I</b>	<b>PHRF up to 165</b>	
<b>Div II</b>	<b>PHRF 166-199</b>	
<b>Div III</b>	<b>PHRF over 200</b>	
<b>Div IV</b>	<b>One Design</b>	

All PHRF divisions are based on ratings that may be adjusted for yachts racing with Spinnaker. The PHRF start will be ½-1 mi. South of G1. Starting order of divisions is at the discretion of the race committee.

**START SEQUENCE:** A series of short blasts will signal approximately 1 minute before the starting sequence begins. Unless postponed, the first Warning signal is scheduled at 12:25 pm.

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>FLAGandSOUND</u>	<u>MinutesbeforeStartingSignal</u>
Warning	Division number flag; 1 blast	5
Preparatory	P (blue with white center square); 1 blast	4
	I (Yellow with black dot-one minute rule)	
One minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 blast	1
Starting	Division number flag removed; 1 blast	0

**STARTING and FINISHING LINES:** The Starting Line and Finishing Line will be established between a Yellow flag on the Committee Boat and an adjacent buoy approximately ½-1 mi. South of Green Bell #1.

**PHRF HANDICAP SCORING METHOD:** Corrected time will be calculated by averaging time on time corrections with time on distance corrections based on PHRF ratings. The USS America trophy will be awarded to the boat with highest average corrected score.

**MARKS:** Marks are to be passed in the order signaled. The first mark shall be left on the same side as the end of the starting line. The marks of the course will be signaled by code letters in order of rounding.

**MARKS OF THE COURSE:**

**A** - G "1" Fl. G 2.5s Gong - Captain Harbor  
**B** - RN "2" - Flat Neck Point  
**C** - RN "34" – Greenwich Point  
**D** - R "32A" Fl. R 2.5s - Mid Sound  
**E** - RN "2" - Great Captain Island, west reef  
**F** - R "36" Bell - Bluefish Shoal  
**H** - R "38A" Fl. R 4s Bell - Transport Rock  
**N** - G "21" Fl. G 4s Gong - Matinecock Point  
**O** - C "19" - Oak Neck Point  
**P** - G "17" Bell - Rocky Point  
**Q** - G "1" Gong - Lloyd Neck NW Bluff

**R** - G "15" Fl. G 4s Gong - Lloyd Point  
**U** - R "32" Fl. R 6s Bell - The Cows  
**V** - R "30" Fl. R - Smith Reef  
**W** - RN "28" off Greens Ledge  
**X** - R "28C" – Mid Sound off Norwalk  
**Y** - Inflated orange tetrahedron reaching mark on line with the start line, approx. ¾ mile on the pin side of the R/C Signal Boat.  
**Z** - Windward inflatable mark, approx. range & bearing provided in aft 2 columns of course board

**SHORTENED COURSE:** The course may be shortened by establishing the finish line at any turning mark of the course originally signaled. The Race Committee will display Code Flag "S" with 2 sound signals upon establishing the new finish line. Course may be shortened for any division.

**POSTPONEMENT:** Any postponement of the start will be signaled by code flag "AP" and 2 sound signals. The warning signal will be made one minute after this signal is lowered with sound signals. Divisions already started are unaffected.

**ABANDONMENT:** Code flag "N" and 3 sound signals. For all divisions, whether started or not, the race shall be abandoned.

**INDIVIDUAL RECALL:** Code Flag "X" and one sound signal. The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast sail numbers of premature starters over VHF Ch 65. Failure of the Race Committee to notify any yacht of a premature start does not relieve that yacht of her obligation to start properly.

**GENERAL RECALL:** Code Flag "First Substitute" and 2 sound signals. A new Warning signal will be made approximately one minute after this signal is lowered.

**WITHDRAWALS:** Any yacht withdrawing from the race for any reason shall notify the Race Committee by hailing or by VHF Ch 65.  
**PROTESTS:** Protests shall be made in accordance with Rule 61. 3. Protests must be written and in the hands of the Race Committee no later than 1 hour after the Committee Boat docks. Protest for a rule of part 2 will initially be arbitrated; the arbitrator will contact the parties. The Protest Arbitration Penalty shall be the 20% Scoring Penalty as described in RRS 44.3(c). The hearing for a protest not resolved by arbitration will take place at OGYC as soon as possible.

**YACHT SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY:** It is the sole responsibility of the master of each yacht 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 yacht, by participating in this race, agree to do so at their own risk, and waive any claim against and hold harmless Old Greenwich YC, its officers, directors, committees, members, employees and agents against any claims arising in any way out of the participation in this race of such yacht, her master and crew.

**PRIZES and TROPHIES:** 1<sup>st</sup> place if three, 2<sup>nd</sup> place if four, 3<sup>rd</sup> place if five starters in a division. The USS America Sailing Trophy will be awarded to the PHRF winner with highest corrected score. The Commodore Cox Trophy will be awarded to the OGYC member in a PHRF Division with the best overall finish. Winners will be announced at the picnic at the OGYC clubhouse after the race. The Birdsey Cup Trophy will be awarded to the top finisher for the day in Ideal 18s. See the USS America One-Design Sailing Instructions for starting time and location, and other information.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Old Greenwich Yacht Club  
Tod's Driftway, Old Greenwich CT  
203-637-3074  
[race@ogyc.org](mailto:race@ogyc.org)

**PROTEST**

Contact – Karen Varbaro [race@ogyc](mailto:race@ogyc)

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 2018**

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# **2018 USS America One Design Regatta**

## **September 8, 2018**

### **Sailing Instructions**

#### **1. Rules**

The regatta will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of US Sailing except where modified or amended by the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions, and the class rules of the Laser or Ideal 18 fleets (as applicable).

#### **2. Entries**

Competitors may enter by emailing Sail number, Club affiliation and skipper's name, by clicking on [ogyc.org](http://ogyc.org) under "Racing" and click on the appropriate event by 1100 on September 6<sup>th</sup> (if you plan on attending picnic) or to the committee boat before the first race. The entry fee is \$25, additional fee applies for picnic after party.

#### **3. Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race notice board located in the OGYC clubhouse.

#### **4. Special Requirements and Amendments**

Laser competitors must wear Coast Guard approved PFDs at all times.

The class rules of the Ideal 18 are modified to allow any number of persons race a boat.

#### **5. Schedule**

The warning signal for the first race of the Laser class will be at 1230 on September 8th. The first warning signal for the Ideal 18 class will follow the start of the Laser class. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. No race will be started after 1630.

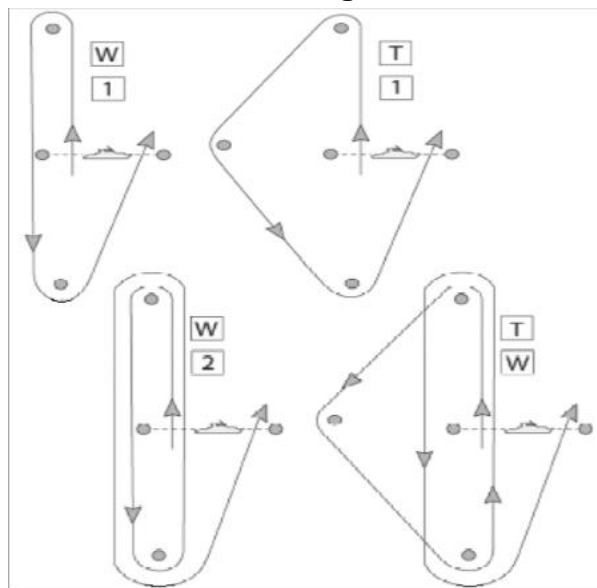
#### **6. Racing Area**

The racing area will be ¼ NM south of Newfoundland Reef in Captain Harbor, Greenwich.

#### **7. Courses and Marks**

The courses are displayed in the *Course Diagram*, below:

**Course Diagram**



The *Course Diagram* shows the courses, course designations, the marks in order and the rounding direction of each mark. Course designations will be announced verbally and may also be displayed on the RC signal boat. Marks will be inflatable buoys. Windward offsets and leeward gates may be used.

### **8. Starting and Finishing Lines**

The starting line shall be between a yellow flag on the RC boat and the start pin. The finish line shall be between a red flag on the RC boat and an adjacent mark on the *opposite side* of the RC boat from the starting mark, unless otherwise announced or the course is shortened.

### **9. Starting Procedures**

1. The Sound Signal Starting System in Appendix S of the RRS will be used.
2. The RC will attempt to hail boats that are OCS, but not hearing a hail will not be grounds for redress.
3. A general recall will be signaled by repeated short signals from the RC boat. A new warning will follow as soon as possible.

### **10. Time Limit**

The time limit for each race will be 40 minutes for the first boat to finish. Any boat finishing more than 15 minutes after the first finisher will be scored DNF. Any boat starting more than three minutes after the start signal will be scored DNS.

### **11. Protests**

Protests must be announced to the RC at the end of each race. Arbitration may be offered ashore after racing concludes that day. A protest or request for redress must be submitted in writing and shall be delivered to the RC within 1 hour after the RC boat moors. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day in the OGYC clubhouse.

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### **12. Penalties**

Rules 44.1 & 44.2 are modified to require a 1-turn penalty including one tack followed by one gybe in the same direction.

### **13. Scoring**

1. A low point scoring system shall be used according to RRS A4, except as specified below.
2. As many races as possible will be sailed within the time limit. A minimum of one race will be sailed for scoring the Regatta. If five races or more are sailed, each boat's score shall exclude her single worst score.

### **14. Prizes**

1. Prizes will be given to the first three finishers in the Laser Standard and Ideal 18
2. Prizes will be given to the first two finishers in the Laser Radial divisions if three boats compete and to the first three finishers if four or more compete.
3. Prizes will be awarded after racing ends on Saturday.