



Youngstown Yacht Club

Level Regatta

July 28 & 29, 2012

Sailing Instructions



1 RULES

This Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, except as any of these is altered by the Sailing Instructions.

2 ENTRIES AND CLASS PLACEMENT

2.1 The Regatta is open to all offshore one-design classes that meet the requirement of 5 boats, and boats with a PHRF or IRC certificate. The Organizing Authority, whose decision is final, shall determine eligibility and class placements.

2.2 Divisions may consist of more than one class for the purpose of starting order; however, each class will be scored separately.

2.3 RRS 77 and Appendix G are modified in that: Boats competing in the same Race Area with duplicate sail numbers shall be required to affix decimal points to their mainsails, said points to be provided by the registrar with installation instructions. Only boats required to do so for this year's Regatta are permitted to display such points. Please remove points from previous years.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors (other than changes in the Sailing Instructions), division and class placement sheets, will be marked "FINAL" and posted in a timely manner at several locations on the Youngstown Yacht Club Property. Division and class placement sheets will include division assignments, class assignments, and starting order.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 hrs on the day it will take effect on the Official Notice Board located in the doorway of the Regatta Office.

4.2 On the water Sailing Instruction Changes may be accomplished by the Race Committee making a VHF announcement within 10 minutes of the warning signal of any race.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole adjacent to the Youngstown Yacht Club clubhouse.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 It is the intent of the Race Committee to run as many races as practical.

6.2 The warning signal for the first start of the first race each day will be made at 1000 hrs. Please be courteous and start breaking up rafts at 0815 hrs.

6.3 No starting sequence shall begin after 1430 hours EDT Sunday, July 29, 2012.

7 SAFETY

It is the responsibility of each boat to ensure that the proper safety equipment is on board and that safety procedures are known and followed.

8 RACING AREAS

8.1 Attachment A shows the location of the five race areas:

- North Sails Course A
- Ullman Sails Course B
- UBS Munro-Burns Group Course C
- RCR Yachts Course D
- Mount Gay Rum Course E

8.2 Boats in transit shall stay clear of boats racing on other course areas. Penalty for breaking rule 8.2 to be determined by the Protest Committee.

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 The course number and approximate bearing and distance to Mark 1 will be displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat. Any variation in course length determined by the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. The first and last legs will be longer than the distance from Mark 2 to Mark 1.

9.3 The Offset Mark (offset) used in conjunction with the courses described in this section will be set at approximately a right angle to the windward legs of the course and approximately 50 to 100 yards from mark 1.

9.4 When code flag "G" is flown, the leeward mark will be a gate. On a leeward leg, except for a finish leg, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the windward mark and round either gate mark.



9.5 After starting, boats shall not pass between a start/finish mark and the RC Boat except when finishing.

9.6 When code flag "C" is flown, the first windward mark will be a change mark. If there is a subsequent change, the new change mark will be as described as an original mark. See SI 10.1

10 MARKS

10.1 Inflatable marks will be used for all courses. Details of the marks to be used on each course will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to 0800hrs, Saturday July 28 2012.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 There will be a minimum of 1 minute between the starting signal of the previous start and the warning signal for the next start.

11.3 Replace 'class' with numerical start assignment in RRS 26. This modifies rule RRS 26.

11.4 Numerical start assignment flags will be the corresponding international code flags.

11.5 A boat not starting within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.

12 RECALLS

12.1 The Race Committee may attempt to notify boats identified as OCS by announcing their racing numbers on the VHF channel described in Sailing Instruction 20 and Attachment A. The following will not be grounds for redress:

- Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast
- A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers
- Failure of the Race Committee to hail a boat's number

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby mark.

14 TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1 and finish is two and one half (2.5) hours.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in that class sails the course and finishes will be scored the number of finishers plus two (2) and should proceed to

the starting area if another race is scheduled. This changes RRS 35.

15 RETIRING FROM A RACE

A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race area.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

16.1 For all classes, except the 8 Metres, the Two-Turns Penalty (rules 44.1 and 44.2) shall apply. For the 8 Metres, the 20% percentage scoring Penalty (rule 44.3) shall apply.

16.2 RRS 44.1 is modified to allow a boat to take an Arbitration Penalty for a breach of a rule of Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing by acknowledging the breach before arbitration or by accepting the opinion of the arbitrator. This Arbitration Penalty shall be 40% of the number of boats entered (rounding 0.5 upward), but shall not be less than four places, added to her finish position. However she shall not be scored worse than "Did not finish".

17 PROTESTS

17.1 RRS 61.1(a) is amended by adding to it the following ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT: "Notice of intent to protest and the racing number of the protested boat(s) shall be given to the Race Committee promptly upon finishing by hail or VHF communication acknowledged by the Race Committee. A boat intending to protest but retiring before finishing shall notify the Race Committee of her intent and the racing number of the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity."

17.2 Protests shall be written on protest forms available from the Jury Secretary located at the Regatta Office. Completed protest forms shall be submitted to the Jury Secretary within 45 minutes of the docking of the Race Committee finish boat for the division involved.

17.3 The times of protest hearings and the parties involved will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located at the Regatta Office. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2 (Time and Place of the Hearing).

17.4 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.



17.5 The following sailing instructions are not subject to protest by a boat and may have a penalty other than DSQ, at the discretion of the Protest Committee: 7, 8.2, 15, 21, 23, 24, 27.

18 ARBITRATION

18.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of RRS Part 2, a short arbitration hearing of not more than 10 minutes will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS.

18.2 After a written protest is delivered to the Protest Desk, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn. No witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to the Protest Committee.

18.3 The arbitrator will determine if the protest meets the requirements of RRS 61. If the protest does not meet the requirements of RRS 61, the protest will be refused and the meeting will end. This modifies RRS 63.5.

18.4 A boat that accepts the arbitrator's opinion that she broke a rule of Part 2 shall receive a penalty score of 40% as detailed in Sailing Instruction 16.2.

18.5 The acceptance of an Arbitration Penalty cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed.

18.6 The arbitrator will not be a member of the Protest Committee that hears the protest but may be permitted to observe the testimony given to the Protest Committee and offer testimony. This changes RRS 63.3(a).

19 SCORING

19.1 Handicap scoring for all non-level classes will be based on PHRF handicap or converted equivalents utilizing the time on time method.

19.2 The Low Point System in RRS Appendix A4 will apply.

19.3 One completed race shall constitute a series.

19.4 A boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores.

20 COURTESY BROADCASTS

The Race Committee may attempt to provide information on VHF radio as a courtesy. In all cases, race signals shall govern. Courtesy broadcast channels are as follows:

- Course A - VHF channel 69
- Course B - VHF channel 71

- Course C - VHF channel 72
- Course D - VHF channel 68
- Course E - VHF channel 73

21 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat may not make any radio transmissions while racing except on VHF Channel 16 or with the Race Committee on the Course VHF Channel (See SI #20). While racing, a boat shall not receive ANY communication unavailable to all competitors. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

22 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the boats placing first, second and third overall in each class for the Regatta. In addition to these keeper trophies, perpetual trophies may be awarded to certain classes.

23 HAUL OUT

Boats are prohibited from hauling out during the period following the first signal of the first day, Saturday, July 28, 2012 until racing is concluded Sunday, July 29, 2012, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.

24 ADVERTISING

Competitors shall conform to ISAF Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

25 MEDIA AND TELEVISION

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage taken of themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event, to be published in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

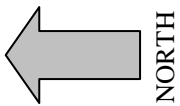
26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

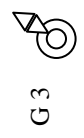
27 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

LAKE ONTARIO



ATTACHMENT A: **2012** YOUNGSTOWN LEVEL REGATTA APPROXIMATE RACE AREA LOCATIONS



Ullman
Sails
Course B

RCR Yachts
Course D

North Sails
Course A

UBS Munro-
Burns Group
Course C

Mount Gay
Rum
Course E

Fort Niagara
Youngstown
Yacht
Club

Niagara-on-
the-Lake

NIAGARA
RIVER

APPROXIMATE course and distance from NW corner of Fort Niagara to center of Course Area:

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| • Course A: | 65° Mag; | 4.0 Nautical Miles | CH 69 |
| • Course B: | 40° Mag; | 3.0 Nautical Miles | CH 71 |
| • Course C: | 35° Mag; | 1.2 Nautical Miles | CH 72 |
| • Course D: | 295° Mag; | 2.0 Nautical Miles | CH 68 |
| • Course E: | 285° Mag; | 3.0 Nautical Miles | CH 73 |