



**INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB**  
**63rd ANNUAL STRATFORD SHOAL RACE**  
**“THE GEARBUSTER”**  
**Saturday, October 6, 2018**

**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 Boats will be scored using the distance racing handicap issued by the YRA of LIS and scored using the PHRF time-on-distance format.
- 1.4 All boats must comply with the YRA of LIS Category B minimum equipment recommendations.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & SCRATCH SHEETS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the lobby of the IHYC clubhouse.
- 2.2 Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900hrs on the day of the race.
- 2.3 Boats will be placed in separate racing classes (Class 1, 2, 3, etc.) at the discretion of the race committee. A final scratch sheet showing class numbers, course assignments and individual ratings will be available on [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com) and at the IHYC front desk on Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 no later than 1700hrs.
- 2.4 Boats shall race in their assigned class as specified on the final scratch sheet. Class flags for starting purposes shall be the numeral pennant corresponding to each class number. Each boat shall conspicuously display from its backstay the numeral pennant corresponding to its class number at all times while racing. In the case of masts without backstays, from the stern pulpit or starboard shroud.

**3 COURSES**

- 3.1 **STRATFORD SHOAL COURSE:** The standard course for all boats racing in the spinnaker division shall be from the start as described in SI 6 THE START to Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light (USCG location 41° 03 35.300N / 073° 06 04.700W; Fl W 5s) leaving it to port and proceeding to the finish line as described in SI 8 FINISH LINE. The course distance is 46.5 nautical miles.
- 3.2 **EATONS NECK COURSE:** The standard course for all boats racing in the non-spinnaker division shall be from the start as described in SI 6 THE START to Eatons Neck Point Lighted Gong Buoy 11B (USCG location 41° 00 01.221N / 073° 23 41.625W; Fl G 4s) leaving it to port and proceeding to the finish line as described in SI 8 FINISH LINE. The course distance is 19 nautical miles.
- 3.3 **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 waring signal for the start of any class. The short courses will be different for spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions and are as follows:
  - (a) **STRATFORD SHOAL SHORT COURSE:** The spinnaker short course shall be from the start as described in SI 6 THE START to Eatons Neck Point Lighted Gong Buoy 11B (USCG location 41° 00 01.221N / 073° 23 41.625W; Fl G 4s) leaving it to port and proceeding to the finish line as described in SI 8 FINISH LINE. The course distance is 19 nautical miles.
  - (b) **EATONS NECK SHORT COURSE:** The non-spinnaker short course shall be to Twenty-Six Foot Spot Lighted Bell Buoy 32A (USCG location 40° 58 07.042N / 073° 32 48.393W; Fl R 2.5s) leaving it to port, then to The Cows Lighted Bell Buoy 32 (USCG location 41° 00 12.880N / 073° 31 26.189W; Fl R 2.5s) leaving it to port and proceeding to the finish line as described in SI 8 FINISH LINE. The course distance is 10.9 nautical miles.

- 3.4** When approaching Captain Harbor on route to the finish, Little Captain Island East Reef Lighted Gong Buoy 1 (USCG location 40° 59 35.941N / 073° 35 51.970W; Fl G 2.5s) shall be left to port for all courses.

#### **4 THE START**

- 4.1** The starting line will be to the east of Little Captain Island between Flat Neck Point Shoal Buoy 2 (USCG location 40° 59 44.901N / 073° 35 29.289W; RN) on the port end of the line and a yellow flag on the signal boat on the starboard end of the line.
- 4.2** Prior to the warning signal of the first division, all boats shall sail past the stern of the signal boat while on starboard tack and hail their boat name, sail number and how many persons aboard. She shall do so until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 4.3** The first signal is scheduled for 1055hrs.
- 4.4** 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. This is a rolling start, or
  - (b) at any time afterward by commencing a new five minute sequence. In the event a new five minute sequence initiated, the race committee will announce the time of the next warning signal via VHF Channel 05A and will endeavour to make a multiple horn signal shortly before the new warning signal. Failure of the race committee to make this announcement or for it to be heard by competitors shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).
- 4.5** Failure to comply with NOR 4.6 may be grounds for disqualification without a hearing at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rules 63 and 64.1.
- 4.6** From the time of the first warning signal until after her finish, each boat shall utilize the race tracking app TACKTRACKER. More information is available at tacktracker.com. Only one device per boat is required to run the app.

#### **5 RECALLS**

The race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF Channel 05A immediately after the start. Failure to make this hail, nor the order in which boats are hailed shall be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).

#### **6 FINISH LINE**

- 6.1** The finish line will be between Greenwich Harbor Channel Buoy 2 (USCG location 40 59 54.351N/073 37 16.353W; RN) inside Captain Harbor on the port end of the line and a yellow flag on the signal boat on the starboard end of the line.  
[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.]
- 6.2** The signal boat will be anchored north of Greenwich Harbor Channel Buoy 2 (USCG location 40 59 54.351N/073 37 16.353W; RN).
- 6.3** The Race Committee boat will display a Race Committee flag, an IHYC burgee, and after sunset, one all around white light.
- 6.4** Boats shall hail the race committee on VHF Channel 05A as they pass Little Captain Island East Reef Lighted Gong Buoy 1 (USCG location 40 59 35.941N/073 35 51.970W; Fl G 2.5s) on approach to Captain Harbor.
- 6.5** If finishing in the dark, boats shall illuminate their main sail numbers and hail the race committee with their sail number and boat name until acknowledged by the signal boat.
- 6.6** In the absence of a race committee boat at the finish line, boats shall take their own time when passing within 20 yards of the Greenwich Harbor Channel Buoy 2 (USCG location 40 59 54.351N/073 37 16.353W; RN) the Great Captain Island Light bears 199° magnetic. This time shall be reported to the Indian Harbor Yacht Club by calling 203-869-2484.

## **7 WITHDRAWALS**

Boats withdrawing from the race are required to contact the race committee via VHF Channel 05A or by calling the Indian Harbor Yacht Club at 203-869-2484.

## **8 PROTESTS**

**8.1** Protests forms are available at the Indian Harbor Yacht Club front desk and online on the [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com) event site. Completed forms shall be delivered to the IHYC front desk no later than Sunday, October 7, 2018.

**8.2** Protests will be heard beginning at 1945hrs on Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

## **9 PRIZES**

**9.1** The Windward Cup, a perpetual prize, will be awarded to the overall winner on corrected time for the class with the largest number of starters on the Stratford Shoal Course.

**9.2** The William H. Todd Trophy, a perpetual prize, will be awarded to the winner on uncorrected time for the class with the second-largest number of starters on the Straford Shoal Course.

**9.3** The Philip F. Miller III Trophy, a perpetual prize, will be awarded to the overall winner on corrected time on the Eatons Neck Course.

**9.4** First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each class.

**9.5** Any Double Handed class boats will be treated as a separate class for the purpose of awarding the Windward and Todd trophies.

**9.6** For classes with five or more entries having finished both the Geartester and the Gearbuster, prizes will be awarded at the IHYC prize awards dinner to the boat in each class deemed by the organizing authority to have had the best combined performance.

**9.7** All prizes will be awarded at the Indian Harbor Yacht Club Annual Prize Dinner on Friday November 9, 2018.

## **10 RESPONSIBILITY OF COMPETITORS**

As a condition precedent to his or her participation in any race (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. See rule 4 Decision to Race.

## **11 CONTACT INFORMATION**

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