



**INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB**  
**58th ANNUAL STRATFORD SHOAL RACE**

Saturday, October 12, 2013

**"THE GEARBUSTER"**

**Sailing Instructions**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, all Notices of Event, and by these Sailing Instructions. Boats shall comply with the rules and requirements of their respective classes and/or measurement rules except as noted below.
- 1.2 The measurement rules used will be IRC, PHRF Spinnaker and PHRF Non-Spinnaker as administered by the YRA of LIS. PHRF boats will be scored using the distance racing handicap issued by the YRA of LIS. Class weight or crew limits are waived for this event.
- 1.3 Boats racing under the various measurement rules may be divided into divisions.
- 1.4 Class Flags - Each boat shall fly from her backstay six or more feet above the deck, the flag corresponding to her designated START group. Start assignments are indicated on the Scratch Sheets.
- 1.5 A double-handed division, using PHRF Spinnaker ratings will be included provided there are sufficient entries as determined by the Race Committee. Any double-handed division will be treated as a separate rating fleet for the purpose of awarding the Windward and Todd trophies.
- 1.6 Scratch sheets may be obtained from the Indian Harbor front desk beginning Friday evening, October 11th or from a Regatta Committee support boat before the start, or online at indianharboryc.com under the "Regattas" button. PHRF will be scored using the "time-on-distance" method.
- 1.7 Any boat withdrawing before the start or abandoning the Race shall remove her class flag and immediately notify Race Headquarters, (203) 869 2484 or the R/C on channel 68. It is the sole responsibility of any boat withdrawing to ensure that the Race Committee has been properly notified.

**2. ELIGIBILITY & EQUIPMENT**

- 2.1 This race is open to boats owned by or under charter to members of the YRA of LIS or another US Sailing association, and boats of foreign registry.
- 2.2 The responsibility for providing and maintaining a vessel, which is in all respects seaworthy and safe, rests with the owner, the captain, and the crew. All boats must comply with the YRA of LIS Category B minimum equipment recommendations.
- 2.3 All racing boats will provide a copy of the vessels PHRF certificate by 1700 on Friday, October 11, 2013 or you will be removed from the scratch sheet.

**3. DOUBLE-HANDED DIVISION REQUIREMENTS & RESTRICTIONS**

**For double-handed divisions the following apply:**

- 3.1 Crew limit is two persons, one of whom must be 18 years of age or older
- 3.2 Wind vanes or electric self-steering devices may be used.
- 3.3 Twin headsails may be set on two poles, but no spinnaker or whisker pole may exceed the maximum rated length of the boat's spinnaker pole as shown on her rating certificate.
- 3.4 Asymmetrical spinnakers may be used provided the boat is rated for their use.
- 3.5 Jack lines must be rigged both port and starboard, and run from the cockpit to the bow.
- 3.6 There shall be no shifting of ballast during the race except on boats rated with moveable ballast.

**4. ENTRY**

- 4.1 Each boat's \$75 entry must reach the Regatta Committee by 1700 hours, Wednesday, October 9th, or be subject to a late fee of \$25.
- 4.2 No entry will be accepted after 1900 hours on Friday, October 11th. A PHRF CERTIFICATE MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR REGISTRATION OR YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED REGISTERED. Registration is only through Yacht Scoring.

## **5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the lobby of the IHYC clubhouse.
- 5.2 Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day of the race.

## **6. FILING & HEARING PROTESTS**

- 6.1 A protesting boat shall deliver her protest to IHYC, marked attention of the Protest Committee, no later than 2100 Tuesday, October 15th, 2013 (Note: Indian Harbor Yacht Club is closed on Monday, October 14th.) Forms are available at the front desk. All protests will be heard at 1945 on Wednesday, October 16, 2013.

## **7. TIME OF START & SIGNALS**

- 7.1 The starting sequence will be in accordance with RRS 26. The starting sequence will continue in the following manner until all divisions on the scratch sheet have been started.

Time Meaning Visual Signal Sound Signal:

1055 Warning Division flag 1 sound

1056 Preparatory Code Flag P, I, Z, Z with I or black flag 1 sound

1059 One-minute Preparatory flag removed 1 sound

1100 Start Division flag removed 1 sound

- 7.2 Succeeding divisions will be started in numerical order either (a) at five minute intervals by displaying a division flag at the start of the preceding division, or (b) at any time afterward by re-commencing the five minute sequence described above. In the event a new five minute sequence is initiated, the race committee will endeavor to make a multiple horn signal shortly before the new warning signal.

## **8. STARTING LINE**

- 8.1 The starting line will be to the east of Little Captain Island between Flat Neck Point Shoal RN "2" Red Nun Latitude Longitude 40°59.746 - 073°35.479 and a yellow flag on the signal boat.

## **9. GOVERNMENT MARKS**

- 9.1 Government marks may be passed on either side at the sole discretion of the skipper/owner.

## **10. COURSES**

- 10.1 The course for all boats racing with spinnakers and the double-handed fleet shall be to Stratford Shoal Light and back leaving this mark to port. The course length is 46.5 nautical miles.
- 10.2 The course for the non-spinnaker fleet shall be to Gong "11B" FI G 4s north of Eatons Neck Point and back leaving this mark to port. The course distance is 19 nautical miles.

## 11. FINISH LINE

11.1 The finish line will be between Greenwich Harbor Channel RN 2 Red Nun "2" Latitude Longitude 40.59.905 073.37.277  
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 - this Nun "2" is inside the Great Captains Island.  
The bearing FROM this buoy TO the Great Captains Light is 199 degrees magnetic at a distance of 0.97nm.]**

The signal boat will be anchored to the north of Nun "2".

11.2 The Regatta Committee boat will display a Race Committee flag, an IHYC burgee, and after sunset, two vertical white lights.  
If finishing in the dark, a boat shall, upon finishing, illuminate her sail numbers and hail the Regatta Committee boat on  
VHF Channel 68 when approaching the finish line to ensure the boat's identity has been established.

## 12. TAKING TIME AT THE FINISH

12.1 In the absence of a Regatta Committee boat at the finish line, boats shall take their own time when, passing within 20 yards to the  
north of Nun "2" as described in Section 11.

12.2 FINISH LINE, this mark bears 199 degrees magnetic. This time is to be reported to the Indian Harbor Yacht Club at 203 869 2484.

## 13. RECALLS

13.1 The Regatta Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF Channel 68. Failure of the Regatta 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.

## 14. WITHDRAWALS

14.1 Boats withdrawing from the race are REQUIRED to contact the Regatta Committee either over VHF channel 68 or by contacting  
Indian Harbor Yacht Club at 203.869.2484.

## 15. PRIZES

15.1 The *Windward Cup*, a perpetual prize, will be inscribed with the name of the overall winner of the rating fleet with the largest  
number of starters that round Stratford Shoal light.

15.2 The *William H. Todd Trophy*, a perpetual prize, will be inscribed with the name of the overall winner of the rating fleet with the  
second largest number of starters that round Stratford Shoal light. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded to each rating  
class within each division.

## 16. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPETITORS

16.1 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, offices, members, guests and employees of the Club or any injury or damage resulting from such  
participation.

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