

# **Sailing Instructions**

## **NCYC 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Thursday Night Series – 2011**

### **1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority for this series is North Cove Yacht Club.

### **2. RULES**

- 2.1. The North Cove Yacht Club Thursday Night Series are PHRF races and will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)*, the *Notice of Race* and these *Sailing Instructions*. (Special attention is drawn to Part 1- Fundamental Rules of the Racing Rules of Sailing.)
- 2.2. PHRF class rules will apply to all boats sailing with PHRF handicaps. A valid PHRF-ECSA or NCYC handicap certificate is required for a boat to race in a handicap class.

### **3. CHANGES TO THE RULES**

The following Sailing Instructions contain changes to the *Racing Rules of Sailing*: 4, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25

### **4. SAIL NUMBERS**

Conformance to Appendix G is not required. However, matching identifying numbers on the mainsail, headsails with overlap greater than 120% and spinnakers are strongly recommended. *This changes RRS 77.*

### **5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the NCYC Notice Board and may be transmitted on VHF Channel 68 and may be posted on the NCYC website ([www.northcoveyc.com](http://www.northcoveyc.com)).

### **6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCHEDULE**

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the NCYC Notice Board and may be transmitted on VHF Channel 68 and posted on the NCYC website ([www.northcoveyc.com](http://www.northcoveyc.com)).

### **7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 7.1. Signals made ashore will not be employed.

### **8. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

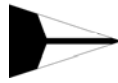
- 8.1. First Warning Signal is 1820.
- 8.2. Spring Series: May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23
- 8.3. Summer Series: June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4

### **9. REGISTRATION, CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING ORDER**

- 9.1. There are two classes: Class 1 & Class 2
- 9.2. The class flag for each class will be the numeral pennant corresponding to the class number to which boats are assigned on the Entry List.
- 9.3. Classes will start in class number order, 1 then 2, unless otherwise specified in a change to the Sailing Instructions.

### **10. RACING AREA**

The Racing Area is shown in Attachment A.



## 11. THE COURSES

- 11.1 The Race Committee has the option of setting three possible courses. The course to be sailed will be designated by a **Code Flag** flown from the Committee Boat:

**Primary Course – no Code Flag - a port triangle with Government Mark A**

**Alternate Course A – Code Flag “A” - a windward-leeward course with Temporary Mark B**

**Alternate Course B – Code Flag “C” - a short course**

**Code Flag "T" shall signify that the designated course is to be sailed twice around.**

The courses are described in 11.3 below.

### 11.2 Starting/Finishing Line

The Starting/Finishing Line will be between an Orange Flag on the Committee Boat and an Orange Ball designating the pin-end of the line. The Orange Ball will be left to port unless “reverse course” is signaled by the Committee using **Code Flag “R”**, in which case the Orange Ball will be left to starboard.

The positions of the ends of the Starting/Finishing Line are approximate and will be placed immediately prior to each race.

### 11.3 Course Description

**Primary Course:** The primary course will be sailed unless another course is indicated. This course is a triangle, each leg approximately 0.5 to 2.0 nautical miles in length (See Attachment A). Marks A and B will be left to port. **Code Flag "T"** shall signify that the designated course is to be sailed twice around.

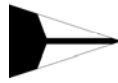
Yachts will finish by crossing the Finishing Line in the direction of the course from Mark B leaving the Starting/Finishing Line Pin to port.

**Reverse Course:** The “reverse course” may be signaled by the Race Committee using **Code Flag “R”**. If “reverse course” is signaled, Marks A and B will be left to starboard. **Code Flag "T"** shall signify that the designated course is to be sailed twice around.

Yachts will finish the “reverse course” by crossing the Finishing Line in the direction of the course from Mark A leaving the Starting/Finishing Line Pin to starboard.

**Alternate Course A:** The Alternate Course A, signaled by **Code Flag “A”**, is a windward-leeward course from the Starting Line to Mark A. Mark A will be rounded leaving it to the same side as the Starting Line Pin. **Code Flag "T"** shall signify that the designated course is to be sailed twice around. Yachts will finish by crossing the same Starting Line in the reverse direction coming directly from Mark A. **The Committee Boat will not change its position.**

**Alternate Course B:** The Alternate Course B, signaled by **Code Flag “C”**, is a windward-leeward course from the Starting Line to Mark B. Mark B will be rounded leaving it to the same side as the Starting Line Pin. **Code Flag "T"** shall signify that the designated course is to be sailed twice around. Yachts will finish by crossing the same Starting Line in the reverse direction coming directly from Mark B. **The Committee Boat will not change its position.**



## 12. MARKS

12.1. The marks used to designate courses are as follows (the location of each mark is approximate):

Mark 'A' – Bell R2 off Cornfield Point Government Mark A

Mark 'B' – Large Orange Inflatable Buoy set by the Race Committee (temporary buoy)

Pin – Small Orange Buoy set as the pin end of the Starting/Finishing Line (temporary buoy)

## 13. CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

13.1. All boats must check in with the Committee Boat prior to the First Warning signal by hailing and being acknowledged at the starting line or on VHF Channel 68.

13.2. A boat that retires from a race or that has checked in and decides not to race prior to its start shall notify the RACE COMMITTEE as soon as possible by VHF Channel 68 or the best means available.

## 14. THE START

14.1. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a starting pin

14.2. The starting area will be a square behind the starting line the sides of which are equal to the length of the starting line. Boats in classes not starting shall keep clear of the starting area.

14.3. The starting sequence is as follows:

### Class 1

1820 First Warning for Class 1: Gun, Code Flag "1" hoisted

1821 Preparatory, Class 1: Short Horn, Code Flag "P" hoisted

1824 1-minute Warning Class 1: Long Horn, Code Flag "P" removed

1825 START Class 1; 5 minute Warning for Class 2: Gun, Code Flag "1" removed

### Class 2

1825\* First Warning for Class 2: Gun, Code Flag "2" hoisted\*

1826 Preparatory, Class 2: Short Horn, Code Flag "P" hoisted

1829 1-minute Warning Class 2: Long Horn, Code Flag "P" removed

1830 START Class 2: Gun, Code Flag "2" removed

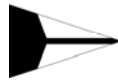
\* Note - Class 2 Racers: The Race Committee reserves the option of delaying the First Warning for Class 2 and of not hoisting Code Flag "2" at the START of Class 1. Watch for Code Flag "2" to be hoisted, indicating the Warning for Class 2.

## 15. RECALLS

As a courtesy the Race Committee will endeavor to announce the names and/or sail numbers of boats over early by hailing or on VHF Channel 68 and to inform them when they are 'clear' of the line in returning to restart. These communications are subject to the restriction on redress in SI 21.1.

## 16. CHANGING AND SHORTENING COURSE

16.1. The following is added to the RRS as Rule 33(d): "If a course change does not apply to all classes, the classes to which it does apply will be announced on VHF Channel 68."



16.2. The following is added to the *RRS* as Rule 32.2(d): "If shortening of a course does not apply to all classes, the classes to which it does apply will be announced on VHF Channel 68."

## 17. THE FINISH

The finish will be as described for each course in Section 11.3.

## 18. TIME LIMIT

18.1. If no boat has crossed the finish line by 2015 (8:15 pm) the Race Committee will end the race. If one boat has crossed the finish before 2015 the Race Committee will stay on station until 2030. These time restrictions are necessary to allow the Race Committee to find the marks before dark and return to the club at a reasonable hour. Any yacht which has not finished before the Race Committee leaves its station will be scored DNF. *This changes Rule 35.*

## 19. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Any protesting yacht must signal its intent to protest by hoisting Code Flag "B" (a red flag), and must hail the committee at the first opportunity after finishing or withdrawing. A written protest must be filed with the committee as soon as possible, not to exceed one hour, after the arrival of the Committee Boat at the NCYC float. Protest forms may be obtained from the Committee (or use the format in the Rule Book).

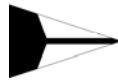
## 20. SCORING

- 20.1. The finish places shall be determined based on lowest (1st place) to highest corrected time calculated by applying PHRF handicaps and the Time on Time method to elapsed time.
- 20.2. Each yacht will get points according to their finish position. Points will be as follows: 1st-1, 2nd-2, 3rd-3, etc. All yachts failing to start or to finish will be awarded a last place finish plus 1. There must be 1 or more starting yachts for a race to start.
- 20.3. A yacht is scored on its best 4 Races for the Spring Series, best 4 races for the Summer Series and best 8 races for the combined series. Combined series is scored minus performance handicap additions.
- 20.4. A yacht used for race committee duty will receive a credit for the race she missed. Her score for the missed race will be the average score of the "completed" races of the series less her throw-outs, if any, based on the entire series.
- 20.5. Tie Breaking: The procedure described in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, appendix A, A8.1 through A8.2 shall be used.
- 20.6. The top 3 boats in each class shall receive an additional PHRF handicap for the Summer Series. First – 10%, Second - 5% and Third – 3%. Additional handicap are not used for calculating the season overall results.

## 21. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 21.1. Radio Communications by the Race Committee are informational and a matter of courtesy only. Only the Race Committee may request redress on an issue arising from radio or other courtesy communications. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*
- 21.2. The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 68 and will respond to "North Cove Yacht Club Race Committee" when available. Attempting radio communications with the Race Committee during the starting sequence is discouraged and will be answered only if the Committee can do so without interfering with the start.
- 21.3. While racing, a boat shall not conduct radio communications, including the use of mobile telephones and devices, not available to all boats.
- 21.4. The Race Committee may use VHF Channel 68 to notify a yacht that is over early, to broadcast abandonment, to broadcast shortening the race, general information. It will not respond to radio communications which may result in an unfair advantage of a participating yacht (however, see CANCELLATIONS).

## 22. PRIZES



Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class at a potluck party following the end of the Series.

### 23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk, see Rule 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 either or both series.

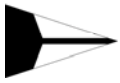
### 24. CANCELLATIONS

In the event of inclement weather or for any other reason, the Race Committee may cancel any race at its sole discretion. For purposes of these instructions "Cancellation" is defined as the Race Committee's decision not to proceed to the starting area. Once the Race Committee is present at the starting area, the rules governing "Abandonment" shall apply. When in doubt about the possibility of cancellation, participants may contact the RC on VHF Channel 68 or the NCYC Steward on VHF Channel 78. Every effort will be made to inform the club Steward in the event of a decision by Race Committee to cancel. Those not leaving from the NCYC and who are unable to contact the Club steward can call Ed Godfrey, Race Officer on his cell phone at 860-391-2743. This provision SHALL NOT relieve any skipper of his or her responsibility to decide whether or not to race.

### 25. CODE FLAGS

The **CODE FLAGS** which may be hoisted by the Race Committee or displayed on a board include:

- A The Alternate Course A = Red Bell 2 at Cornfield Point
- B Protest
- C The Alternate Course B = Orange Inflatable Buoy
- L Come within hailing distance of the Committee Boat for oral instructions.
- N RACE ABANDONED (accompanied by three sound signals).
- P Preparatory signal
- I I Flag Rule 30.1 is in effect Flown in conjunction with the P Flag
- Z Z Flag Rule 30.2 is in effect Flown in conjunction with the P Flag
- Black Flag Black Flag Rule 30.3 is in effect Flown in conjunction with the P Flag
- R Reverse course
- S Shorten Course (accompanied by two sound signals): finish at the mark where the Committee Boat is waiting.
- X Individual Recall: Committee will endeavor to notify yachts over early by signal and/or VHF radio (VHF Channel 68).
- T Course is to be sailed twice around.



# Attachment A

## Racing Area for NCYC Thursday Night Series

