

North Cove Yacht Club

Outer Light Classic

Old Saybrook, CT

July 31, 2011

Sailing Instructions

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority for these events is North Cove Yacht Club (NCYC), Old Saybrook, CT.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The race will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)*, the *Notice of Race* and these *Sailing Instructions*.
- 2.2. PHRF class rules will apply to all boats sailing with PHRF handicaps. A valid PHRF-ECSA handicap certificate is required for a boat to race in a handicap class.

3. CHANGES TO THE RULES

The following sections of the Sailing Instructions contain changes to the *Racing Rules of Sailing*: 4, 15, 17.2, 19, 20.1

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 official notice board located inside the NCYC Club House, and may be posted on the NCYC website, www.northcoveyc.com.

6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCHEDULE

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the NCYC official notice board before 0800 on the day that they take effect and changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board by 2000 on the day before they take effect, and may be posted on the NCYC website. Changes may be announced on VHF Ch 68 prior to the First Warning Signal.

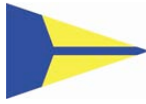
7. RACE SCHEDULE

- 7.1. The 2011 Outer Light Classic will be sailed on Sunday July 31, 2011.
- 7.2. The First Warning Signal is scheduled at 1100.
- 7.3. The RC may run multiple races. The intention to run an additional race will be signaled by code flag 2nd Substitute flown during the finish of a race and a courtesy announcement on VHF Channel 68. If the 2nd Substitute is flown alone, all classes will sail in the next race. If class flags are flown with the 2nd Substitute, only those classes will participate in subsequent races and the remaining classes may leave the racing area.

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8. REGISTRATION, CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING ORDER

- 8.1. Classes will be groupings of boats that fulfill the conditions of entry in the Notice of Race and have registered and been accepted as entrants. Classes will be defined in the Entry List.
- 8.2. The class flag for each class will be the numeral pennant corresponding to the class number to which boats are assigned in the Entry List.
- 8.3. Classes will start in class number order, 1, 2, 3, etc., unless otherwise specified in a change to the Sailing Instructions.

9. RACING AREA

The attached Racing Chart shows the racing area and marks off Old Saybrook, CT.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1. Rounding marks will be selected from the circled lettered buoys identified on the attached Racing Chart or the drop marks X and Y set out by the Committee. The courses will be signaled by a vertical display of letters on the Committee Boat. The course for each class will be designated by displaying the class number, or numbers, in the top row. Marks must be rounded in the sequence displayed, reading from top to bottom. Arabic numeral two (2) at the bottom of the display signifies the entire course, including the starting mark, is to be sailed twice-around.
- 10.2. Courses are to be sailed by leaving all marks, except the finishing mark, to the same side as the starting pin. The finishing mark shall be left according to the definition of finishing.
- 10.3. A different course may be signaled for each class

NOTE: government buoy R “8” (Fl 4 sec Bell) southeast of the Connecticut River must be honored by any yachts sailing in its vicinity. Participants are also advised and cautioned that the depth in the vicinity of Bell R “8A” (middle of Long Sand Shoal) is about 3 ft at MLW, and that all charted depths indicated on Long Sand Shoal should be considered approximate.

11. MARKS

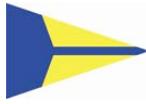
- 11.1 The marks used to designate courses are as follows (the location of each mark is approximate)

- A: Large orange inflatable buoy of the starting line.
- B: Bell R “8C”, Fl. R 4s near Six Mile Reef
- C: Gong RG “W”, West end of Long Sand Shoal
- D: Bell R “2”, fl R 4s, Cornfield Shoal
- F: RW Whistle “CF”
- J: RG Nun, “E”, East end of Long Sand Shoal
- L: Bell R “2PG”, Plum Gut
- M: RW Whistle “PI”, N of Plum Island
- X: Temporary Mark – Large orange buoy
- Y: Temporary Mark – Large orange buoy

NOTE: Temporary marks will be of the inflatable type and may be orange or yellow and in the shape of a sphere, cylinder or tetrahedron.

- 11.2 Offset Marks - When an offset mark is used near the weather mark, it must be rounded properly after rounding the weather mark.

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12 CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

- 12.2 All boats must check in with the RC signal boat prior to the First Warning signal by hailing and being acknowledged at the starting line or on VHF Channel 68.
- 12.3 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 the best means available.

13 THE START

- 13.1 One and a half miles west of the mouth of the Connecticut River, in Old Saybrook, CT.
- 13.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a starting mark or boat.
- 13.3 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 not starting shall keep clear of the starting area.

14 RECALLS

As a courtesy the Race Committee will endeavor to announce the names and/or sail numbers of OCS boats by hailing and/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 20.1.

15 CHANGING AND SHORTENING COURSE

- 15.1 The following is added to the *RRS* as Rule 33(d): "If a course change does not apply to all classes, a signal board with the numbers of the classes to which it does apply will be displayed."
- 15.2 The following is added to the *RRS* as Rule 32.2(d): "If shortening of a course does not apply to all classes, a signal board with the numbers of the classes to which it does apply will be displayed."

16 THE FINISH

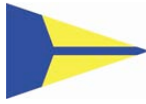
The finish line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby finishing mark, which will be the last mark designated on the course board. The finish line shall be crossed in accordance with the definition of finishing in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

17 TIME LIMIT

- 17.1 The Time Limit will be 1600 hours for all classes.
- 17.2 A boat failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE even if one or more boats of the same class have finished within the time limit. *This changes Rule 35.*

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 Protest forms are available at the Clubhouse.
- 18.2 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit, one hour after the committee boat has docked at NCYC.
- 18.3 Notices of hearings shall be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of expiration of the protest time limit.



19 SCORING

The finish places of boats in classes racing with handicaps 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. In the event that multiple races are run, all races will be used to determine the series score (i.e. , there will be no throw-outs) and this changes Rule 90.3.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 20.1 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).*
- 20.2 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.
- 20.3 While racing, a boat shall not conduct radio communications, including the use of mobile telephones and devices, not available to all boats.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be presented for the first three places in each class.

22 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 the event.

