



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Twenty-Fourth Annual Mayor's Cup Race

Sunday, June 7, 2009

Sponsored by

The Halloween Yacht Club, Inc.

assisted by the Breakwater Irregulars

Co-sponsored by

CITY OF STAMFORD

Landfall

1. RULES

1.1 The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions. The race shall be sailed with YRA of LIS minimum equipment requirements for Class C, and competitors shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20 with respect to advertising.

1.2 Before its division start, each boat shall approach the stern of the Race Committee boat and declare her intention to sail. Catboats shall display their racing number. It is each boat's responsibility to be sure the RC has identified them correctly. Boats shall NOT check-in by radio.

1.3 In handicap divisions, each boat shall fly her division's corresponding numeral pennant from the backstay, approximately six feet above deck. A boat without backstay shall fly her division pennant from the end of her boom. Boats failing to display their division flag may be scored DNS pursuant to RRS A4.2

1.4 A boat withdrawing from the race must report to the race committee (RC), either in person or over VHF channel 71 as soon as practicable.

1.5 Boats assigned to a non-spinnaker division shall race with main and jib only. For this purpose, a jib is defined as a headsail with its entire luff attached to the headstay. A reaching strut or whisker pole may be used only with its inboard end attached to the mast.

1.6 At the finish, each boat is responsible for making sure the RC has established positive identification.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Open to single-hulled sailing boats 20' LOA (18' for Catboats) and over. Membership in a yacht club or yacht racing association is not required. Yachts shall race with a rating based on a current PHRF Certificate or a rating based on information provided on her application and assigned by the race committee. There will be divisions for spinnaker, non-spinnaker and non-PHRF yachts. If there are sufficient entries of same-design boats, (e.g. J-120, etc.), they may have their own division.

2.2 The catboat division is open to boats of traditional catboat hull shape with cruising accommodation. All decisions on eligibility will be made by the RC on the basis of seaworthiness and fair competition. The catboat division will race without handicaps (boat-for-boat).

3. NOTICES, SCRATCH SHEETS & CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any Notices to Competitors or changes to the Sailing Instructions may be mailed to the fleet and will be posted on the official notice board at the Halloween Yacht Club by 0830 on the day of the race.

4. COURSES AND MARKS

Courses shall be selected from the table in **Attachment A**. They will be signaled by corresponding code flag (“A” - “K”). Each division is to sail the course signaled at its Warning.

Note: The course for the catboat division is taken from a different table than the course for the handicap divisions. See **Attachment A, Section 2**.

5. THE START

5.1 The start area is intended to be at a approximately the mid-point between Red Bell “32” The Cows and Mid-Sound Buoy “32A.” The starting line will be between a yellow flag displayed on the RC Boat and a temporary mark set by the RC. Starting signals will be flags displayed by the RC boat.

5.2 Races shall be started in accordance with Rule 26, with the following modifications: 5 minutes before the Warning for the first division to start, an attention signal, code flag “F,” will be displayed with one sound signal. The Warning signal for each class will be given 5 minutes before the start.

| Signal | Flag | Sound | Minutes Before Start |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Warning | Division Flag (numeral) | 1 gun | 5 |
| Preparatory | “P” + “I” | 1 gun | 4 |
| One-minute | “P” + “I” removed | 1 long horn | 1 |
| Starting | Class Flag removed | 1 gun | 0 |

The intended sequence of division starts is as follows:

| Division | Attention | Warning | Preparatory | Start |
|----------|-----------|---------|-------------|--------------------|
| RC | 1120 | | | |
| 1 | | 1125 | 1126 | 1130 |
| 2 | | 1135 | 1136 | 1140 |
| 3 | | 1145 | 1146 | 1150 |
| 4 | | 1155 | 1156 | 1200 |
| 5 | | 1205 | 1206 | 1210 |
| 6 | | 1215 | 1216 | 1220 (if required) |

The catboat division will be the last division to start.

5.4 Boats whose Preparatory Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose Preparatory Signal has been made. Violation of this instruction is grounds for DSQ with the onus of proof being on the offending boat. This modifies Part 5, Section B, RRS 63.1.

6. RECALLS

6.1 RRS 29.1 is modified to allow that, in the event of an Individual Recall, infringing boat(s) may be recalled by name or sail number over VHF channel 71.

6.2 RRS 29.3 is hereby modified to require that in the event of a General Recall, the recalled division will cycle to the end of the starting rotation and follow the last scheduled start. The start for the recalled division will be a continuation of the standard sequence.

7. POSTPONEMENT Prior to lowering "AP," the Race Committee may make courtesy radio announcements.

9. FINISH

9.1 The finish line will be between an orange flag displayed on a RC boat and the last mark. The finish boat may be stationed on either side of the finish mark. Boats shall finish in a direction from the last turning mark. Catboats shall identify themselves by number.

9.2 The race may be shortened at any mark of the course. If the race is shortened only for (a) specific division(s), the corresponding division pennant(s) will be displayed below code flag "S."

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

10.1 The RC boat will monitor VHF channel 71. The RC will not respond to any radio communication by a contestant for any reason, except for acknowledging retirement or distress (May Day) calls. The RC may make courtesy announcements to the fleet.

10.2 While racing, a yacht shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions or special communications (including telephone) not simultaneously available to all competitors.

11. TIME LIMIT Any boat not finished by 1630 will be scored DNF.

12. PROTESTS

12.2 Immediately after finishing or withdrawing, a protesting boat shall verbally inform the Race Committee of her intent to file a protest.

12.3 Protests must be filed in writing and received at the Halloween Yacht Club no later than 30 minutes after the arrival of the RC Signal Boat.

12.4 It is the intent to hear protests at Halloween Yacht Club as soon as practicable and in approximately the order of receipt. However, protests involving potential trophy winners will take precedence.

13. RECEPTION Following the race, there will be a reception at the Halloween Yacht Club, 10 Seaview Avenue, Stamford. Sailing attire is appropriate.

14. PRIZES Prizes will be announced at a ceremony to be held after the hearing of protests. Trophies for first, second, and third place finishers will be awarded.

Overall trophies are the Mayor's Cup (overall spinnaker division), the Halloween Yacht Club Trophy (overall non-spinnaker division), the City of Stamford Cup (overall club) and the Stamford Sailing Foundation Trophy (best performance by a first time Mayor's Cup skipper). Details of the trophy rules will be posted on the notice board.

15. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY The captain and/or owner of each competing yacht is wholly responsible for the seaworthiness of the yacht and equipment, and for the safety of the yacht and crew. The Halloween Yacht Club and its representatives are in no way responsible for accidents or injuries from any cause during or related to the race.

ATTACHMENT A

COURSES AND MARKS The course will be chosen from the tables below and will be signaled with the corresponding code flag (“A” - “K”) from a halyard on the RC Boat. Each division will sail the course being signaled at the Warning for that division. “F” and “I” are not used as course signals. Start and finish are described in sections 5 and 9 of the Sailing Instructions. Course “K” is for extreme drifting conditions. Government marks that are not marks of the course may be passed on either hand.

1. Handicap Divisions - Marks noted (P) must be left to PORT. All other marks are to be left to starboard.

| Signal | Marks of the Course | | | | | | |
|----------|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|----|--|
| A | GG1 | T1(P) | 34(P) | 32A(P) | 32 | | |
| B | 34(P) | T2 | GG1 | 32A(P) | G1 | 32 | |
| C | 32(P) | T2 | G1 | 32A(P) | 32 | | |
| D | T1 | GG1 | 34 | G1 | 32A(P) | 32 | |
| E | 15 | 34 | T1 | 32A | 32 | | |
| G | 17(P) | T1 | 15 | 32A | G1 | 32 | |
| H | 19 | 34 | 32A(P) | 32 | | | |
| J | T2 | G1(P) | 34 | GG1(P) | 32A(P) | 32 | |
| K | T1(P) | 32 | | | | | |

2. Catboat Division – Last division to start. Marks noted (P) must be left to PORT. All other marks are to be left to starboard.

| Signal | Marks of the Course | | | |
|----------|---------------------|--------|-------|----|
| A | GG1(P) | 32A(P) | 32 | |
| B | 34(P) | 32A(P) | G1 | 32 |
| C | 32(P) | 32A(P) | 32 | |
| D | T1 | 32A(P) | T1(P) | 32 |
| E | 15 | 32A | 32 | |
| G | 17 | 32A | G1 | 32 |
| H | 19 | 32A | 32 | |
| J | T2(P) | 32A(P) | 32 | |
| K | T1(P) | 32 | | |

Key: **START: Approx 1.2 NM at 220M from 32**
 32A: bell, mid-sound 32: bell, “The Cows”
 GG1: gong, Little Captain Island 15: gong, Lloyd’s Neck
 34: nun, Greenwich Point 17: bell, Oyster Bay Entrance
 G1: gong, Stamford Harbor 19: can, Oak Neck Point
 T1: Temporary approx 2.0NM at 090M from **START**
 T2: Temporary approx 2.0NM at 265M from **START**