



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 2009 Park City Regatta

### PHRF & One Design Divisions

to support St. Vincent's Swim Across The Sound

**Presented by:**

Fayerweather Yacht Club (FYC), Housatonic Boat Club (HBC), Black Rock Yacht Club (BRYC)

**Hosted by:**

Fayerweather Yacht Club, Black Rock Harbor, Bridgeport, CT

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* 2009-2012 and the prescriptions of US Sailing except as they are changed by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 Each boat shall check in with the race committee signal boat by hailing her DIVISION and SAIL NUMBER no later than her warning signal.

#### 2. SAFETY

- 2.1 It is the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.
- 2.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee vessel (VHF channel 68) before leaving the racing area or, when that is impossible, a race committee representative upon arrival at FYC.
- 2.3 Aids to navigation not used as turning marks may be disregarded, with the following hazardous area exceptions: No contestant shall a) pass beyond 100 feet of "LC" toward Shoal Point, Penfield Reef or Penfield Lighthouse (Fl R 6s 51ft 19M HORN), or b) pass between outer rockpile "2A" (Fl R 4s 43ft 4M) and the Fayerweather Lighthouse (Aband Lt Ho).
- 2.4 Participation in this event does not grant you any special "right of way." All contestants must follow the rules of the road, especially in the area of Bridgeport Entrance Channel. Ferry, ship and tug/barge traffic have the right of way.

#### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the official Park City Regatta notice board in the FYC hallway.

#### 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 on race day on the official notice board.
- 4.2 Any changes will be announced by the race committee (VHF channel 68) at approximately 1145.
- 4.3 Any changes will be signalled by flag "L" (black and yellow squares) on the committee boat up to the first warning signal.


#### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the race committee signal boat at the FYC dock.
- 5.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, its removal (with one sound signal) will be followed by either an abandonment ("N" over "A" with three sound signals) or, in the absence of further signals, a warning or other race signal in the starting area in approximately one hour.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Saturday, July 18, 2009:

- 1000 Skipper’s meeting in Fayerweather Yacht Club Penfield Room
- 1100 Harbor Start
- 1200 First Warning Signal for Division A

6.2 NOTE: The race committee, at their option, may run a second race, time and conditions permitting. If a second race is to be sailed, the race committee signal boat will display flag “L”  at the completion of the first race. If a second race is sailed, combined scores from both races will be used. No warning signal will be made after 1500.

**7. RACING/STARTING AREA**

- 7.1 The racing area is in Long Island Sound off Bridgeport, CT.
- 7.2 The starting area is anticipated to be between Black Rock Harbour entrance marker FL R “2A” and the Bridgeport Entrance Channel.
- 7.3 The race committee may change the starting area at its discretion. Any change from the area designated in 8.2 will be announced over VHF channel 68 at approximately 1145 and will be signalled on the race committee signal boat by flag “L” (yellow and black squares).

**8. MARKS**

- 8.1 Turning marks and the start pin will be orange or yellow inflatable marks.
- 8.2 The starting pin will also be the leeward mark in the event of more than one lap.

**9. THE COURSE**

- 9.1 Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions will sail a windward/leeward course as designated in Section 21.
- 9.2 The number of LEGS will be displayed next to your Division letter along with range and bearing to the first mark
- 9.3 The course for each division will be posted before its warning signal on the race committee signal boat course board. Course board examples are shown in Section 21.

**10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The new mark may have a black band on it.
- 10.2 When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

**11. THE START**

11.1 Races will be started using Rule 26. The start sequence MAY or MAY NOT be a rolling start. Watch for your division flag for your warning signal. Class sequence will be in ascending order (i.e Div A, Div B, Div C, etc...)

11.2 SIGNAL	FLAG	SOUND	MINUTES TO START
Warning	Division pennant hoisted	1	5
Preparatory	“P” or “I” flag hoisted	1	4
One Minute	“P” or “I” flag lowered	1	1
Start	Division pennant lowered	1	0

- 11.3 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and an orange or yellow inflatable tetrahedron.
- 11.4 A standoff mark may be deployed by the race committee signal boat. No boat shall touch the standoff mark or pass between the standoff mark and the committee boat.
- 11.5 After the first warning signal, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 11.6 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.

**12. RECALLS**

- 12.1 Recalls will be signalled in accordance with Rule 29
- 12.2 The race committee will attempt to notify OCS boats by either loudhailer, VHF channel 68 or both. Failure to hear a hail, or failure to make a hail, or time it accurately, will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 12.3 After a General Recall, a new warning signal for the recalled division will be made one minute after flag First Substitute is lowered (with one sound signal).

**13. FINISH**

13.1 The finish line will be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and an orange or yellow inflatable mark.

**14. TIME LIMIT**

14.1 The time limit for each division shall be 4.0 hours from its start.

**15. PENALTIES**

15.1 A boat breaking a rule of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) may take a “Two Turns Penalty” in accordance with Rule 44.2

15.2 A boat touching a mark may take a “One Turn Penalty” in accordance with Rule 31.2.

**16. PROTESTS/REDRESS**

16.1 A boat intending to protest must notify the finish line race committee within five minutes after her finish with her own sail number and the sail number of the protested boat. This modifies Rule 61.1(a).

16.2 Protest Forms will be available in the FYC clubhouse.

16.3 Protests shall be delivered to the race committee within 30 minutes after the race committee boat docks. Flag “P” will be hoisted at the beginning of the protest filing period and will be lowered at its end.

16.4 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 15 minutes of the end of the protest period to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearing will be held in the FYC clubhouse beginning as soon as practical.

**17. COMMUNICATIONS**

17.1 The race committee will monitor and utilize VHF channel 68.

17.2 The race committee intends to communicate all course and starting information on VHF channel 68, as appropriate, for the convenience of the participants. There will be no information broadcast that is not in the Sailing Instructions or displayed on the course board, and the inability to receive any informational transmission shall not be grounds for protest or redress. Accordingly, the race committee will not respond to questions that are answered in the Sailing Instructions and/or *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

17.3 While racing, a boat shall neither make radio/cell phone transmissions nor receive radio/cell phone transmissions not available to all boats, unless safety is in jeopardy.

**18. SCORING**

18.1 Time-on-Time handicapping will be used.

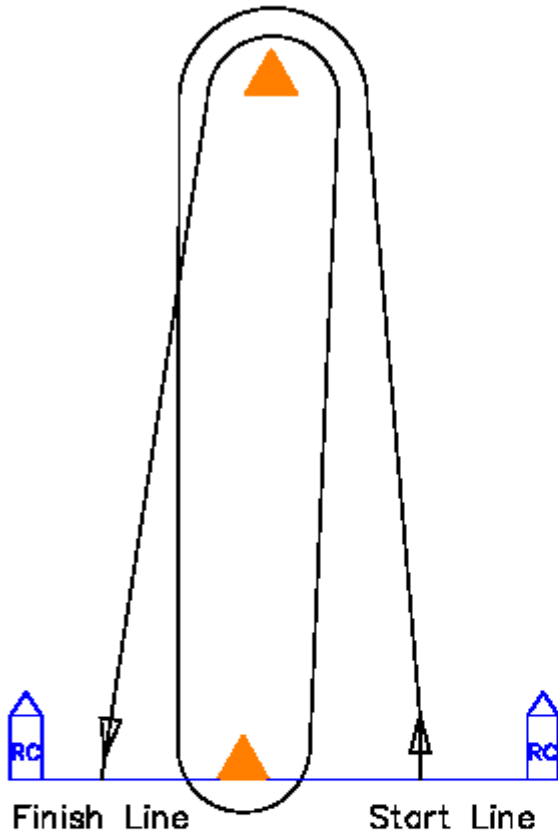
18.2 ECSA PHRF ratings will be used. YRALIS PHRF ratings are acceptable and will be adjusted to ECSA ratings, if necessary, at the discretion of the race committee.

**19. PRIZES**

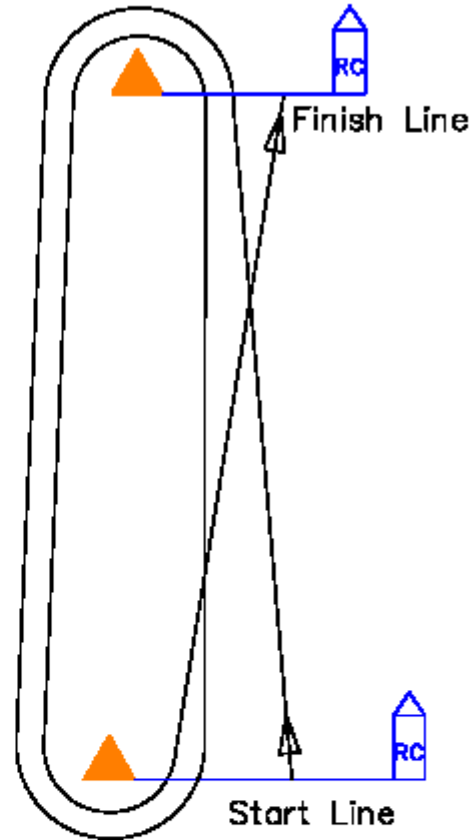
19.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three places in each division.

20. COURSE EXAMPLES

Course shown is four legs



Course shown is five legs



Bearing	270
Distance	1.2 nm
Division A	6
Division B	4

Course Board Example

Bearing	270
Distance	1.2 nm
Division A	5
Division B	3

Course Board Example