



2014 Summer Thursday Twilight Series SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

OA: Newport Harbor Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. For the Harbor 20 classes only, RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*.
- 1.3. US Sailing prescriptions 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be located on the official notice board, located in the main hallway at NHYC and on the online notice board (www.nhyc.org).
- 2.2. Any change in the sailing instructions made ashore will be posted on the official notice board (located in the main hallway on NHYC) and online not fewer than thirty (30) minutes before it will take effect.
- 2.3. Flag 'L' over the numeral pennant of the most recent amendment will be displayed ashore.
- 2.4. Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be given on the water from the R/C signal boat; flag 'K' accompanied with five long sounds will indicate that a change has been made.

3. RACING AREAS

- 3.1. The racing area for all classes will be in the harbor north of NHYC.
- 3.2. Moored boats rank as *obstructions*. Moored boats and their mooring balls and lines shall not be touched in any way. A boat may not protest for infringement of this SI. This changes RRS 60.1.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Series Month	Date	Scheduled first warning signal
June	12, 19, 26	1800
July	10, 17, 24, 31	1800
August	7, 14, 21, 28	1800

L12 are scheduled to have no more than three (3) races per day.

H20 are scheduled to have no more than two (2) races per day.

5. COURSES AND MARKS

- 5.1. The diagrams in Addendum AA- Course Descriptions show the possible courses to be sailed.
- 5.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee (RC) signal boat will display the course to be sailed.
- 5.3. The letter "G" displayed with any course description will denote that a gate will replace Mark 3.
- 5.4. When there is a leeward gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 5.5. The marks will be as follows:

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1, 2, 3 (3s, 3p)	GREEN inflatable cylinder
O	ORANGE inflatable ball
Start, Finish	ORANGE inflatable cylinder, RC boat displaying an ORANGE flag

- 5.6. The starting/finishing line *marks* are not *marks* of the course except when *starting* or *finishing*.
- 5.7. All marks are to be left to port unless otherwise indicated.

6. START/FINISH

- 6.1. Races will be started using RRS Appendix S, the Sound Signal Starting System.
- 6.2. The starting/finishing line will be a straight line between the course side of the start/finish mark and the course side of a staff with an orange flag on an RC boat.
- 6.3. Five (5) boats in the starting area will constitute a class division entitled to a separate start. Divisions may be combined in the event there not sufficient boats to meet this requirement. Upon elimination of a division, the starting times of succeeding class divisions will advance accordingly. ***Competitors must be alert for the display of their class/division indicator at the warning signal for each race.***
- 6.4. The race committee intends for the order of start to be: H20A, H20B, H20C, L12A, L12B

7. TIME LIMIT

- 7.1. The time limit for the first boat in each division to finish will be one (1) hour.
- 7.2. Boats still racing fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in their division finishes will be scored points equal to the number of boat finishing plus two (2). The scoring abbreviation TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be used for recording this occurrence. This changes RRS 35, A4.1 and A11.
- 7.3. If a boat in last place is delaying the next start, the race committee may order the race terminated and score that boat points equal to last place.

8. PROTESTS

- 8.1. Protests shall be written on forms available at the Protest Desk located in the Race Office at NYHC and shall be delivered to the Protest Desk no later than forty five (45) minutes after the race committee boat has returned to the dock. That time will be posted.
- 8.2. Protests will be heard as soon as possible, in the order determined by the protest committee.
- 8.3. It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. Each monthly series (June, July, August) will be scored separately.
- 9.2. Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A. Three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

When 'X' number of races have been completed	A boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding 'X' number of scores
4 or fewer	0
5 - 7	1
8 - 10	2
11 or more	3

10. DISCLAIMER

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in these races participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Ratings Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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