



SCWSA Sr. Sabot Regatta

Hosted by

Newport Harbor Yacht Club

SUNDAY

April 24, 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Breaches of instructions which are annotated [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). If the jury concludes that a boat has broken one of these rules, or rule 55, it may impose a penalty other than disqualification. In these cases, the discretionary penalty, if less than disqualification, will be represented by the scoring abbreviation "DPI". The penalty imposed by the jury in such case constitutes the "other penalty" in the first sentence of rule 64.1.
- 1.3 [NP] Competitors shall wear USCG-approved PFD's at all times while on the water, other than during brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The race committee will not fly the 'Y' flag. This modifies RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 1.4 Rule 44.2 is changed so that only one tack and one gybe are required.
- 1.5 The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.6 Other changes to rules may appear in the relevant sailing instructions (SI).
- 1.7 Local tide charts may be accessed online from NOAA here: <http://goo.gl/jIoMKU>.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Flag Deck window.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The race committee will post any change in the sailing instructions not fewer than thirty (30) minutes before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be made by 2000h on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located at the top of the main dock gangway.
- 4.2 When flow ashore, Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two horns (one horn when lowered) means, "Racing is postponed, do not leave the harbor. The time of the warning signal will be posted before the lowering of 'AP'." This changes rule Race Signals, AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 24

10:00a -11:30a	Registration/ Check-In/ Brunch
11:30a	Competitors' meeting
12:00p	First warning signal, subsequent races to follow*
	*15 minute break will be given after the 2nd race.
3:00p	No warning given after this time
After racing	Refreshments and Trophy presentation

6 RACING AREA

Racing will take place in the harbor north of NHYC.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The diagrams in Addendum A – Course Descriptions show the possible courses to be sailed.
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee (RC) signal boat will display the course to be sailed.
- 7.3 All marks are to be left to port unless otherwise indicated.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 The start and finish line marks are not marks of the course except when starting or finishing.
- 8.2 [NP] Moored boats rank as obstructions. Moored boats and their mooring balls and lines shall not be touched in any way. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 8.3 Table 1 in Addendum A provides a detailed description of the marks.

9 START/FINISH

- 9.1 All races will be started using RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix S.
- 9.2 The order of start will be: Women's A, Men's, Women's B, Mixed C, or as stated by the RC. If there are fewer than five (5) sailors in either the Women's A or the Men's Fleet, the two fleets may be started together and scored separately.
- 9.3 The start line/finish line will be a straight line between the course side of a staff with an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the nearby start/finish mark.

10 TIME LIMIT

- 10.1 A boat that fails to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in her fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired ("TLE") without a hearing. In such case, the RC may terminate the race and score the boat points equal to the number of boats finishing plus two (2). This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, A5, and A11.

11 RETIREMENT

[NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the race area. If that is impossible, then immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify a regatta representative.

12 PROTESTS

- 12.1 RRS 61.1(a) is changed by adding this sentence before the word, however: "She shall also notify the race committee at the finish line as soon as practicable after she finishes."
- 12.2 A party shall submit a protest or request for redress in writing. Forms are available at the protest desk located in the trophy room at NHYC. Regarding an incident observed in the racing area, a boat, the race committee, or the protest committee shall deliver a completed form to the protest desk no later than thirty (30) minutes after the last finish in the class' last race of the day. That time will be posted. This constitutes the time limit mentioned in the first sentence of RRS 61.3.
- 12.3 The PC will hear protests as soon as possible and in the order it determines. The hearing schedule will be posted on the notice board and at the protest desk no later than 10 minutes after the close of protest time. This posting will constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2.
- 12.4 Notice of any other protest by the race committee or protest committee will also be posted. This will constitute the notification required under 61.1(b).
- 12.5 Only the skipper may represent a boat in a hearing. No coach or other person may represent a boat or file a protest on her behalf. This changes RRS 63.3(a).
- 12.6 It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.
- 12.7 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one (1) hour after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of RRS 62.2.

12.8 On the last scheduled day of racing, a party to the hearing shall deliver a request for reopening a hearing or a request for redress based on a protest committee decision no later than thirty (30) minutes after being informed of the decision. This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

[NP] From the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished, or until the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, all team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel (including family members) shall stay:

- a. At least 50 meters away from any boat that is racing; and
- b. outside of the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and mark 1 until all boats have finished; and
- c. outside of the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and mark 2 until all boats have finished.

Any penalty associated with this SI shall apply to the boat(s) associated with the support boat in question. This SI shall not apply to any support boat (or her associated competitors) that the race committee has directed to help a boat or competitor that is in danger while racing.

14 SCORING

14.1 Three (3) completed races shall constitute a series.

14.2 A boat's total score will be the total of her race scores.

15 TROPHIES

The OA will present trophies as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing on Sunday, April 24th.

16 DISCLAIMER

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, race committee, PC, 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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