



2019-2020 NHYC L12 Winter Series SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

OA: Newport Harbor Yacht Club



1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by 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. US Sailing prescriptions RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.4. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one tack and one gybe are required

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the boatyard at Newport Harbor Yacht Club (NHYC) as well as on the online notice board which is accessible at www.nhyc.org.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later 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 is to take place.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast located at the top of the launch ramp.
- 4.2. When flown 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 RRS Race Signals, AP.

5. MEASUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1. Boats may be subject to inspection by the class-designated inspector(s) for compliance with class rules at any time during the regatta.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. The scheduled time of the first warning is 1300.
- 6.2. There will be no warning signal made after 1630.

7. RACING AREA

Racing will take place in the harbor north of NHYC.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Addendum A- Course Descriptions show the possible courses to be sailed and give a detailed description of all starting and turning marks.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee (RC) signal boat will display the course to be sailed.
- 8.3. All turning marks shall be rounded to port unless otherwise indicated.
- 8.4. The letter "G" displayed with any course description will denote a gate that will replace Mark 3

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

[NP] Moored boats rank as *obstructions*. Moored boats and their mooring balls and lines shall not be touched in any way.

10. THE START/FINISH

- 10.1. All races will be started using RRS Appendix U.
- 10.2. The start and finish line will be between the course side of a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of a nearby start *mark*.
- 10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. Boats failing to comply with this instruction may be subject to protest.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the position of the next mark, the RC will move the original mark to a new position. The change will be signaled before the first boat has begun the leg. At the time of the signal, the mark need not be in the new position. Any subsequent mark to be rounded after the mark in the new position may be relocated to maintain original course configuration without a signal.

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish will be forty-five (45) minutes
- 12.2. A boat that fails to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired ("TLE") without a hearing. In such case, the R/C may terminate the race and score the boat points equal to the number of boats finishing plus two (2). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A11.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1. RRS 61.1(a) is changed by adding this sentence before the word "However": "She shall also notify the R/C at the finish line as soon as practicable after she finishes."
- 13.2. All protests shall be submitted in writing. Forms are available at the Protest Desk (located in the NHYC Race Office). Protest forms shall be delivered to the Protest Desk no later than thirty (30) minutes after the RC Signal Boat has returned to the dock. That time will be posted.
- 13.3. Protests will be heard as soon as possible, in the order determined by the protest committee (PC). It is the responsibility of boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.
- 13.4. The penalty, if any, for breaking a class rule or fleet by-law shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1 (a).
- 13.5. RRS 66 is changed so that "a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than thirty (30) minutes after being informed of the decision.

14. SCORING

Scoring will be accordance with RRS Appendix A except that when four (4) or fewer races are completed, boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores.

15. TROPHIES

- 15.1. Trophies will be awarded daily as soon as possible after racing.
- 15.2. The St. Cicero Trophy will be awarded to the daily winner of the L12 class for the November race day.
- 15.3. The Ken Davis Trophy will be awarded to the daily winner of the L12 class for the December race day.
- 15.4. The Harry Mann Trophy will be awarded to the daily winner of the L12 class for the January race day.
- 15.5. The Humphrey Bogart Trophy will be awarded to the daily winner of the L12 class for the February race day

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