



**3rd Annual
NJ Hospice Cup Regatta
Sailing Instructions
October 10-11, 2009**

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Entrants must meet all ownership, Class membership (where applicable) and measurement requirements, and must have completed registration and paid all fees with the regatta organizing authority before becoming official competitors. Separate classes will be designated for one-design boats with five or more valid registrations.
- 1.3. All boats participating in the PHRF Classes must possess a valid 2009 PHRF-MA Measurement Certificate as of 0900 on October 10, 2009. (PHRF-MA approved provisional ratings may be accepted for new applicants.)
- 1.4. Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing to a representative of the Race Committee or Regatta Information Desk. The question and any response will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board (see SI 3, Notices To Competitors).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located on the deck outside the first floor of the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2100 on the day before the change is to take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the official RYC flagstaff located at the Cupola on the club dock, and broadcast on the designated VHF channel.
- 4.2. Flag "AP" Answering Pennant means the race is postponed. The time of the first warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the "AP" is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Races are scheduled for both days as follows:
- 5.2. HARBOR GUN 0930
- 5.3. WARNING SIGNAL (Class 1) 1100
- 5.4. Five races are scheduled.
- 5.5. If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Substitute (with no sound) while boats are finishing.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Class flags or streamer colors (as needed) shall be:

Class	Signal Flag	Streamer Color
1	Numeral Pennant 1	<i>Purple</i>
2	Numeral Pennant 2	<i>Yellow</i>
3	Numeral Pennant 3	<i>Blue</i>
4	Numeral Pennant 4	<i>Orange</i>
5	Numeral Pennant 5	<i>Green</i>
6	Numeral Pennant 6	<i>White</i>

- 6.2. The number of classes and class splits will be posted no later than 0900 on Saturday, October 10, 2009.
- 6.3. Each boat shall display the designated colored streamer (or a signal flag indicating the class number) from the backstay approximately six feet above the deck prior to the warning signal of the first class to start. The flag or streamer shall remain in position while racing.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. COURSE LOCATION: The approximate starting area (rendezvous) will be between Keyport "1" and Seguine Point, Staten Island, NY.
- 7.2. Courses shall be sailed rounding all marks, in sequence, to port. The leeward rounding mark will be to windward of the starting line, and is not a mark of the course on the first leg of the course.
- 7.3. The course for each class along with the magnetic bearing and approximate distance to the first mark will be displayed on a course board located on the Race Committee boat at or before the warning signal. If the course bearing or distance is unchanged for later classes, there may be a blank space rather than repetition on the course board.

Example:

I-III	IV	V-VI	Classes
5	4	3	Course designation (see <u>Appendix A</u> hereto).
1.25			Approximate distance to 1 st mark in Nautical Miles.
095			Magnetic bearing to 1st mark for all classes

8. MARKS

- 8.1. The original rounding marks (windward and leeward) will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 8.2. Change marks, if used, will be yellow & black, unless the change is for the last leg, in which case the finish line will be used.
- 8.3. In the event of a subsequent course change, the new mark will be an original mark or the finish line.
- 8.4. Leeward mark MAY be a "gate", with two marks set approximately 100 feet apart. Boats must pass between the marks and round either mark. The mark to the right shall be left to starboard.

9. CHECK IN

Before the warning signal of her first race of each day, each boat shall pass the stern of the Race Committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. In the alternative each boat may check in with the Race Committee on VHF Channel 80 until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to check in may be penalized by the jury in its discretion.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26, with the warning signal being given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The start line will be set approximately 100 yards to leeward of the leeward mark and will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the line and a nearby orange mark.
- 10.3. An inflatable buoy may be tethered to the stern of the committee boat(s). Any boat touching this buoy will have broken rule 31 and shall act in accordance with rule 44.1.
- 10.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area and boats within their starting sequence.
- 10.5. A course maybe changed during the starting sequence and will be signaled with the display of code flag "C" hoisted from the committee boat along with one single sound. Code flag "C" will remain flying through the starting sequences for all affected classes. If code flag "C" is displayed during a starting sequence on the race committee boat, the course designated on the course board will be the original course. The first mark will be a yellow and black change mark for those classes affected.

11. RECALLS

- 11.1. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. As a courtesy, the Committee may attempt to hail such boat(s) and/or advise them by radio; however, it is the skipper's sole responsibility to recognize if the boat is over early and to properly restart.
- 11.2. General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2.

12. CHANGES OF COURSE

- 12.1. Change of course after the start will be in accordance with RRS 33.

- 12.2. When changing the course after the start, the applicable class numeral pennant (s) or colored streamer will be displayed with the "C" flag. If no numeral pennant (s) or color streamer (s) are displayed, courses for all classes will be changed.
- 12.3. If there is a significant wind shift during a starting sequence, The Race Committee may signal a change of course before the start for classes/divisions not yet started at the warning signal. Code flag C will be displayed with repeat sound signals and will remain displayed until after the starting signal for all classes affected, the change mark will be a yellow and black inflatable.

13. SHORTENING THE COURSE

- 13.1. Courses may be shortened at any turning mark in accordance with RRS 32.2.
- 13.2. When shortening the course, the applicable class numeral pennant (s) or colored streamer will be displayed with the "S" flag. If no numeral pennant(s) or color streamer(s) are displayed, courses for all class will be shortened.

14. FINISH

- 14.1. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel and the nearby finish mark.
- 14.2. For races finishing upwind, the Finish Line will be approximately 100 yards to windward of the windward mark.
- 14.3. For races finishing downwind, the Finish Line will be approximately 100 yards to leeward of the leeward mark.
- 14.4. For courses 2, 4 and 6 (downwind finishes), boats shall finish between a staff on the Race Committee Vessel and the nearby Finish Mark placed on the **side opposite** the original Starting Mark for the race, finishing with the Race Committee Vessel **to starboard** and the Finish Mark **to port**.

15. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race the will be 2½ hours and will apply to each division. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat finishing in their division will be scored TLE. This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A.

16. WITHDRAWAL

A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore.

17. PROTESTS

- 17.1. A boat intending to file a protest shall notify the Race Committee of their intent to protest and the boat(s) they are protesting no later than immediately after finishing the race the protest involves and must receive acknowledgement from the race committee of the intent to protest.

- 17.2. Time to submit a written protest to the Protest Committee will be 1 hour after the Committee Boat docks. The time of docking will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board. Protests are to be submitted to the Regatta Chairman, Geoff Pierini, or his designee at the clubhouse.
- 17.3. The Jury will hear protests in the approximate order received.
- 17.4. Protest hearings will be heard in the Ladies Auxiliary Room on the 3rd floor of the clubhouse and the approximate time of the hearing for each protest will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. The Low-Point Scoring System, of Appendix A of the RRS modified so a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.2. One race must be completed for this event to be considered a Regatta. This modifies Rule A2.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1. The Race Committee will communicate with competitors and make courtesy announcements on **VHF Channel 80**.
- 19.2. Boats should monitor **VHF Channel 80** for all communication as described in the Sailing Instruction #11. Competitors are urged to monitor RC radio communication at all times as the RC may attempt to give competitors advanced warning of upcoming starting sequences and schedules.
- 19.3. Failure to hear any RC transmission shall not be grounds for requesting redress.

20. CREW REQUIREMENTS & LIMITS

- 20.1. Crew limits shall be in accordance with the PHRF-MA (or applicable Class Rule) Guidelines.
- 20.2. The number of crew shall remain constant on any given day during the regatta unless the boat has written permission of the Race Committee.

21. INSPECTION

An inspection may be made during the regatta for compliance with these rules.

22. PRIZES

Prizes for first through third for each class will be awarded on Sunday following racing.

23. NOTES

- 23.1. Competitors are reminded that Raritan Bay contains restricted channels and all sailing vessels must comply with COLREGS, as amended.
- 23.2. No part of a boat's anchor may extend past the stem fitting on the boat.
- 23.3. All times in these instructions are Eastern Daylight Time. Bearings are in degrees magnetic and are approximate. Distances are expressed in nautical miles and are approximate.

Appendix "A" – Courses

Note:

Courses 2, 4 & 6 will finish on the opposite side of race committee boat as the start.

