

**THE HEATHERTON TROPHY RACE
SHELTER ISLAND YACHT CLUB
SUNDAY, July 6, 2014
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & RULES**

The race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS) 2013-2016, and the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, except as changed by these sailing instructions or the ELIYA General Conditions.

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes or amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be handed out from the committee boat at the starting line prior to the warning signal. Code flag “L” will be hoisted with one sound to signal that an amendment or change has been made and is ready to be distributed.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

There will be race(s) for each of four classes. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first class to start the first race will be 1300. The warning signal for subsequent classes shall be made after the starting signal for the preceding class. Classes may start individually or have combined starts.

STARTING SEQUENCE

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag and Sound</u>	<u>Minutes before start</u>
Warning	Class Flag + 1 Sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z+I or Black flag + 1 sound	4
One minute	Preparatory flag removed, 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed, 1 sound	0

CLASS FLAGS WILL BE:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FLAG</u>	<u>PHRF</u>
1	PENNANT 1	Spinnaker 105 and below.
2	PENNANT 2	Spinnaker 106 and above.
3	PENNANT 3	Non-spinnaker 160 and below.
4	PENNANT 4	Non-spinnaker 161 and above.

Entrants are encouraged to display the class flag for their division from the backstay to facilitate identification by other entrants and the Race Committee.

LOCATION OF THE STARTS

Between an Orange Flag on the Race Committee Boat and a red ball or an inflatable mark set in Gardiners Bay approximately 1.0 NM, bearing 110 M, of RW “N” Mo(A) WHIS.

TIME LIMITS

The time limit for all classes will be five hours after the start time for that class. Competitors finishing more than one hour after the first finishing boat of their class will be scored DNF without hearing, this modifies Rule 35.

SCORING

Boats will be scored using the PHRF time on time scoring system for the SIYC Heatherton awards and the ELIYA series scoring system for the championship racing circuit.

Courses sailed by all classes will be signaled by a **numeric** flag displayed five minutes before a class flag (numeric flag will remain displayed as long as classes sailing that course have not started).

Note: In order to achieve a proper start the Race Committee may elect to set a weather mark at a distance from the starting line. The bearing and distance to the weather mark will be displayed on the race committee boat with a white board and a flag "W" (weather mark) will be displayed over a red flag (leave to port) or green flag (leave to starboard) five minutes prior to Warning.

The marks of the courses follow. Those with an (*) are considered rounding marks.

- #1 Set Mark 2 NM from Start bearing 45 M *
- #2 Set Mark 2 NM from RW "N" Mo (A) WHIS bearing 110 M*
- #3 Crow Shoals buoy N"14" *
- #4 Set Mark 2 NM from Start bearing 220 M *
- #5 RW "N" Mo (A) WHIS *
- #6 R "2" FLR Bell*
- #7 C 3
- #8 N 6 (Orient Harbor)*
- #9 N 10

Course One: From Start: #1 S, #2 S, #4 S, #5 P, #6 S, #7 P, #8 P, #9 S, Finish

Course Two: From Start: #3 S, #4 S, #5 P, #6 S, #7 P, #8 P, #9 S, Finish

Course Three: From Start: #4 P, #3 P, #5 P, #6 S, #7 P, #8 P, #9 S, Finish

Course Four: From Start: #6 P, #4 P, #5 P, #6 S, #7 P, #8 P, #9 S, Finish

Shorten Course The course may be shortened by the Race Committee at any rounding mark above **and the Greenport breakwater.**

The Finish The finish will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and a red ball or inflatable mark located toward the eastern side of Pipes Cove. NOTE: the finish boat may be different from the start boat.

PROTESTS

Protests must be filed at, or mailed to, the Shelter Island Yacht Club no later than 1800 of the day following the race. The Shelter Island Yacht Club protest committee will notify the parties to a protest of the time and place of the hearing.

SAFETY

All boats are required to check in, **under power**, with the Race Committee prior to the first warning by passing across the stern of the race committee boat (not alongside), giving the name and sail number to the race committee boat. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

OFFICIAL BOATS

Signal Boat(s)	Blue race committee flag
Mark and pin boats	Yellow auxiliary committee flag

The Race Committee will monitor **VHF channels 72** throughout the race and will announce instructions, changes and other information on VHF channel 72 as it is able throughout the race day.