



# Sailing Instructions

American Yacht Club

30<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Regatta and Leukemia Cup

**September 26, 2020**

Organizing Authority: American Yacht Club, Rye, NY

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V "Alternative Penalties", Rule V1 shall apply.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T "Arbitration" shall apply.
- 1.4 Boats shall observe the US Sailing Special Equipment Requirement 4.6 for nearshore races.
- 1.5 The YRALIS PHRF Regulation E Crew Weight Limits shall not apply.
- 1.6 The US Sailing Prescriptions to rule 63.2 shall **NOT** apply.
- 1.7 Boats shall keep clear of commercial shipping as required by the IPCAS or other government right-of-way rules. The penalty for breaking this rule may be disqualification, which also may be non-excludable, from one or more races or from the series.

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS and VHF CHANNELS USED

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the regatta website:  
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=11813>
- 2.2 VHF race Course Channel used by the race committee to communicate with the competitors shall be as follows: **VHF Channel 69**
- 2.3 The race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts on the VHF channel at 1300 and 1330.
- 2.4 The race committee will announce their intentions to start the race or the course signals via the VHF Race Course Channel.
- 2.5 Failure of the race committee to make any VHF broadcasts, the timing thereof or the failure of a competitor to hear any broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 2000 on September 25, 2020.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the American Yacht Club main flagpole and will be announced on VHF Race Course Channel.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Flag AP shall not be displayed ashore later than 1300.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first class is 1400.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flags will be numeral pennants.
- 6.2 **Each boat shall display its class flag** on its permanent backstay or, in the absence of a permanent backstay, from its stern rail.
- 6.3 A listing of entrants by class shall be posted on the Event Website by 1600 on September 25, 2020.

## 7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The starting area will be located approximately mid-Sound south of Milton Point.
- 7.2 The approximate position of the starting area will be announced at 1330 on the VHF Race Course Channel.

## 8 THE COURSES FOR ALL CLASSES

- 8.1 The Courses for each class shall be announced on VHF Race Course Channel prior to the warning signal for each class.

8.2 The course will be around government marks and up to one drop mark.

## 9 MARKS

9.1 The race committee signal vessel will signal the course by letters according to SI 9.2. Marks shall be rounded in the order signaled and left on the hand so that the rhumb line to the next mark will not cross the rhumb line from the previous mark. If the next mark is reciprocal, the mark shall be left to port when rounding.

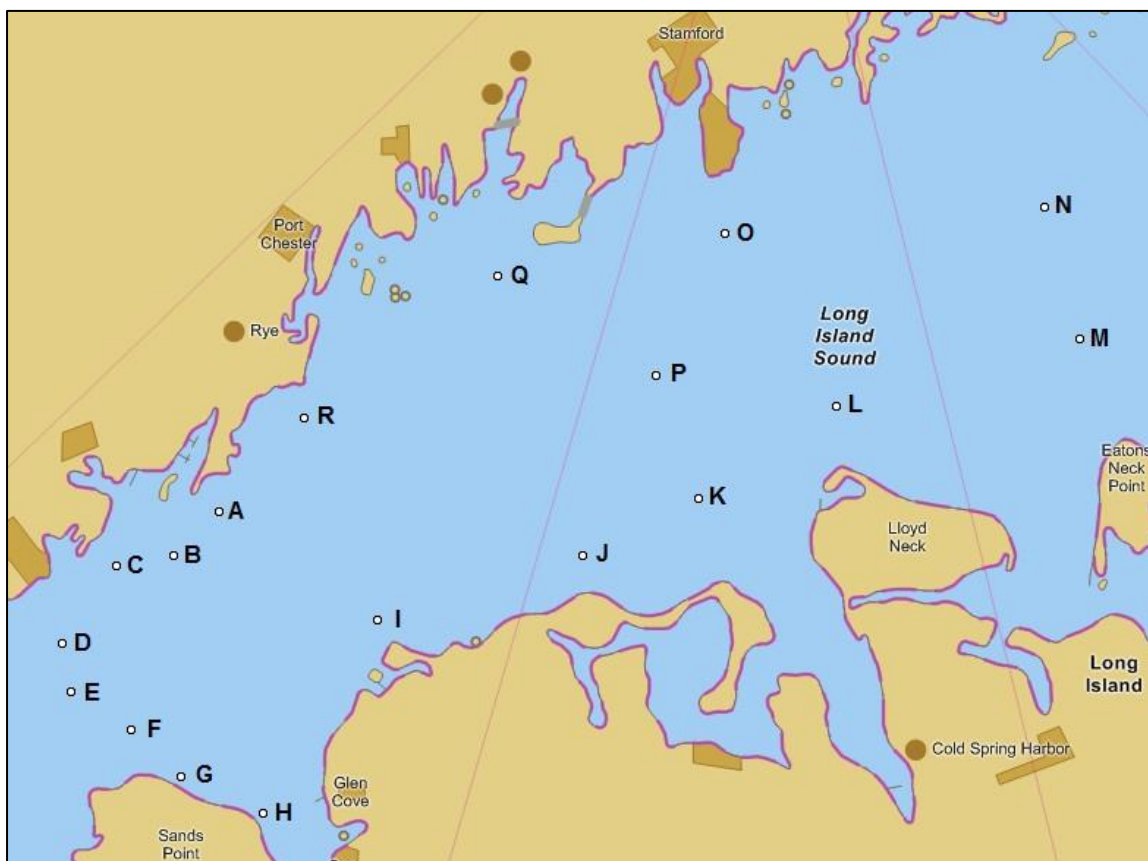
9.2 Marks for the distance race will be designated as follows:

<b>A</b> N "40A" Scotch Caps	<b>F</b> G"23" Sands Point	<b>K</b> G"17" Oyster Bay	<b>P</b> R"32A" Mid-sound
<b>B</b> R"42" Mamaroneck	<b>G</b> R"4" Prospect Pt	<b>L</b> G"15" Lloyd Point	<b>Q</b> G"1" Greenwich
<b>C</b> C"1" Delancey Pt	<b>H</b> R"6" Mott Point	<b>M</b> GR "E" Eaton's Neck	<b>R</b> R"38" Playland
<b>D</b> R"2" Larchmont	<b>I</b> G"21" Matinecock	<b>N</b> R"28C" Norwalk	
<b>E</b> C"1" Execution Rock	<b>J</b> G"19" Oak Neck Pt	<b>O</b> R"32" Stamford	<b>X</b> Drop Mark

9.3 Mark X, if signaled, will be a yellow tetrahedron inflatable mark, and located at a range and bearing from the race committee signal boat as displayed on the course board. Mark X may be used anywhere in the course.

9.4 The starting and finishing marks will be orange tetrahedron inflatable marks.

9.5 The following chart shows the approximate location of the government marks. It is not intended to be used for navigation and is not to scale.



## 10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other class(es).

10.3 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.4 The race committee will attempt to identify OCS boats and to broadcast their sail numbers on the VHF Race Course Channel.

## 11 FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark. The race committee signal vessel will be on station for the finish in approximately the same location as for the start.

## 12 TIME LIMITS

For all classes the time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish in each class will **be 3 hours** from the starting time of that class. Boats failing to finish within **45 minutes after** the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Rule 61.1(a) is changed to include the following notice and procedures: At any time after the incident, up to and including immediately after finishing, **a protesting boat shall notify the race committee over the VHF Race Course Channel of its intent to lodge a protest** and the identity of the boat it intends to protest. The race committee will identify all protests for that race received by the committee by broadcast over the racecourse VHF channel. Broadcasts will commence approximately 5 minutes after the first boat has finished and will be repeated at approximate 15-minute intervals until the last boat has finished. These broadcasts are made only as a courtesy to competitors.

13.2 Protest forms are available at the Jury Desk, located in the lobby of American Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.3 For each class, the protest time limit is **60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel for that class docks**.

13.4 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located off the lobby of American Yacht Club beginning at the time posted.

13.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

13.6 The arbitrator will not be a member of the Jury that hears the protest but may be permitted to observe the testimony given to the Jury and offer testimony. This changes Rule 63.3(a).

## 14 SCORING

14.1 One Race is scheduled.

14.2 The classes will be scored time on distance and will use the W/L rating specified on their PHRF Certificate issued by the YRALIS.

14.3 Course distances as determined by the race committee will not be grounds for redress, this changes Rule 62.1.

14.4 For every \$100 in excess of \$1,000 raised by a boat participating in the September 26, 2020 Leukemia Cup as of 1200 on September 20, 2020 that boat will be awarded a rating adjustment benefit of one second per mile towards their finish time, up to a maximum of 20 seconds per mile.

## 15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels 16 and 69. Except in an emergency or to report a protest or withdrawal, a boat shall neither make nor receive any type of electronic communication while racing that is not freely available to all boats.

## 16 PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place if there are 10 or fewer boats. In addition, a 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize will be awarded if there are more than 10 boats. Fundraising prizes will also be awarded.

16.2 Awards will be mailed to the appropriate boat owners.

## **17 RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY, WAIVER & RELEASE**

By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed, or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree, understand and accept, for themselves and their respective successors, assigns, representatives, administrators, executors, agents, heirs or any person acting or purporting to act on their behalf ("Releasers") that sailing is an inherently dangerous and unpredictable activity due to multiple factors that cannot be anticipated or predicted with certainty, including but not limited to weather, equipment failure or malfunction, and the actions of others on or off the water. Releasers also agree, understand and accept that sailing presents inherent risks of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death, whether by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss. Accordingly, and in consideration for being permitted to enter into and participate in this or any other sailing event sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club, Releasers forever release and waive, to the fullest extent allowed by law, any and all claims, actions, accounts, causes of action and choses in action, whether in law, equity or admiralty, that Releasers now have, may have had or may come to have, against American Yacht Club, including its officers, directors, trustees, members, employees, agents, volunteers, staff, committees, and anyone acting on its behalf ("Releasees"), for anything arising out of or relating to Releasers' participation in such sailing events. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, and without in any way limiting or lessening the effect or breadth of the foregoing release and waiver, and solely for the avoidance of doubt and clarification, Releasers agree, acknowledge and understand that this release and waiver applies to any and all claims of any kind at all against Releasees arising out of or relating to injuries, deaths, damage to vessels or damage to personal property sustained during or as a result of any and all sailing events sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club.

## **18 CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Due to the current protocols in place to help curb the spread of COVID-19, only American Yacht Club members and their crew (Corinthian Guests) are permitted on American Yacht Club property. At this time there will be no moorings, dockage, or boat storage available on the grounds for non-members. We appreciate your understanding**