

AC Race Week 2012 Responsibilities

CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The term "Captain" as used in these Conditions and Sailing instructions shall mean the person, whether or not the owner of the yacht, who is in charge of the yacht. The Captain shall be a member of a recognized yacht club, ocean racing organization or USSA.

The safety of a yacht and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Captain, who shall ensure that the yacht is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew, who are in good physical condition, to safely and properly participate in the event in all weather conditions. The Captain of the yacht shall be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He shall ensure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that he and the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

Neither the establishment of equipment regulations nor any inspection of a yacht in any way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibility of the yacht's Captain.

Each Captain and crew member acknowledges by entry that he participates in an Event at his own risk and warrants and represents that he will comply with the applicable rules and regulations of the Club, State and Federal laws, and racing rules, whether general or of particular application to the Event.

Each Captain will have the sole responsibility to decide whether to start or continue in any race.

IMPORTANT TO ALL CONTESTANTS:

The Legal Drinking age in the state of New Jersey is 21 years of age.

Captains with minor crew members are expected to help enforce this LAW.

any Each Captain is solely responsible for the conduct of his yacht's crew and guests before, during and after Event. Conduct deemed as being unbecoming to a yachtsman or gentleman can result in the yacht being disqualified from the particular race or series.

Neither the Ocean City Yacht Club, the Middle Atlantic Yacht Racing Association or its member clubs bear responsibility for accidents, damage, or injury to yachts or their personnel arising from any cause during the AC Race Week Regatta or related activities.

There will be a dinner party and dance held on the docks at the marina. To ensure that there is adequate food available, all tickets must be purchased by Saturday A.M. The free cocktail party prior to the dinner dance is open to all participants of the regatta.

SKIPPER'S MEETING

A skipper's meeting will be held on the dock at 08:30 hours on the first day of the regatta.

DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for materials damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta

RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility of the Race Committee is to provide a start and to record positions and times at a finish. The decision to start, continue or retire is the responsibility of the contestant.

AC Race Week 2012 Sailing Instructions

1) **RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Any questions in regard to these Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing. The question and answer will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.
- 1.3 For the J-24 fleet no member of the crew shall station any part of his/her torso outside the upper lifeline other than temporarily, notwithstanding the provisions of RRS 49. (This changes RRS 49.2)

2) **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the regatta notice board located at the official race committee desk located on the dock in Farley Marina.

3) **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except for any changes in the schedule of races which will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4) **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official race committee flag pole located on the roof of the main marina entrance to Farley Marina..
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes in the Race Signals "AP".
- 4.3 When flag "L" is displayed ashore, to alert sailors that important message or notices are posted.

5) **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 **Sport Boat (PHRF "A") & J-24**

One race may constitute the series. Five (5) races are planned.
_DATE & of the first warning signal of the first race each day

Saturday, July, 21.....1100

Additional races may follow the first race. No warning signal will be given after 1530.

Sunday, July, 22.....1100

Additional races may follow the first race. No warning signal will be given after 1430.

5.2 **PHRF Spinnaker (PHRF "B") & PHRF Non-spinnaker (PHRF "C")**

One race may constitute the series. Five (5) races are planned.
_Date & time of the first warning signal of the first race of each day

Saturday, July, 21.....1100

Additional races may follow the first race. No warning signal will be given after 1530.

Sunday, July, 22.....1100

- 5.3 Additional races may follow the first race. No warning signal will be given after 1500. When more than one race (or sequence of races, for two or more classes) will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race. The race committee will signal its intent to run another race by displaying Flag **"Second Substitute"** on the signal boat at the finish Line of the previous race.

6) CLASS FLAGS

6.1	Class flags will be:	Color	Signal boat displays
	Sport Boat (PHRF "A").....	Purple.....	Flag # "1"
	J-24.....	Green.....	Flag # "2"
	PHRF Non-Spinnaker (PHRF "C").....	Yellow.....	Flag # "1"
	PHRF Spinnaker PHRF (PHRF "B").....	Green.....	Flag # "2"

7) RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Sport Boat (PHRF "A") & J-24 will race in Area "A"
7.2 PHRF Spinnaker (PHRF "B") & PHRF Non-spinnaker (PHRF "C") will race in area "B".
7.3 Exhibit 1 shows the location of the racing areas.

8) THE COURSES – ALL CLASSES

- 8.1 Courses to be used for each race shall be selected by the race committee from those outlined in Exhibit 2.
8.2 Courses for Sport Boat, PHRF Spinnaker & J-24 will be windward-leeward and designated by "W#" where the # indicates the number of legs to be sailed. See examples attached
8.3 Courses for PHRF Non-Spinnaker will be a Triangle then windward-leeward and designated by "TW#" where the # indicates the number of legs to be sailed. See examples attached
8.5 The basic course designation will be displayed from the race committee signal boat before or with the warning signal. .
8.6 The approximate compass bearing from the middle of the starting line to the first windward mark of the course will be displayed from the race committee signal boat.
8.7 The distance to the first windward mark for Sport Boats, PHRF Spinnaker & J-24 fleets, will be from 1 to 1.75 mi. The distance to the first windward mark for the PHRF Non-Spinnaker fleet will from 0.75 to 1.5 mi.
8.8 The race committee may attempt to broadcast the course on the designated VHF channel.
8.9 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start in a scheduled race shall report directly to the race committee on station or on the designated VHF channel. If this is not possible she shall report her actions to the race committee office.

9) MARKS

- 9.1 Inflatable marks will be used on all courses.
9.2 New marks as provided in 11.0 will be different from the original marks.
9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be inflatable marks.
9.4 An offset mark may be used at the windward mark. If there is a subsequent change of course no offset mark will be used.

10) **START**

10.1 Before the warning signal for the first race of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat and hail her class and sail number, which hail will be acknowledged by the race committee.

10.2 Order of start

Area "A"

- 1) Sport Boat.....Flag # "1"
- 2) J-24.....Flag # "2"

Area "B"

- 1) PHRF Non-spinnaker.....Flag # "1"
- 2) PHRF Spinnaker.....Flag # "2"

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10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat at the starboard end of the line and a buoy on the port end. If barging buoys are used they will be considered part of the committee boat.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". This changes RRS A4.2.

10.5 As a courtesy the race committee may attempt to announce the sail # of all boats that are on the course side of the line at the starting signal on **the appropriate fleet VHF channel**.

10.6 The Race Committee expects to identify a considerable number of, if not all, premature starters. It is planned that there will be no general recall. However, should a general recall be sounded, the start for succeeding classes will be postponed accordingly.

10.7 As a courtesy the Race Committee may also broadcast the boat numbers of boats whose crew, or equipment are on the course side of start line during the final minute before the starting signal on the appropriate fleet VHF channel.

10.8 The following shall not be grounds for redress.

- A) Failure of the Race Committee to broadcast the number of a boat on the course side of the line at the start or during the last minute before the start, failure of a boat to hear a broadcasted number, or the order in which the numbers are broadcasted.

10.9 Flag "WHITE" displayed indicates that the committee boat establishing a starting or finish line. Keep clear of the area between the committee boat and the nearby mark.

11) **CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK– IN ACCORDANCE WITH RRS 33**

11.1 As a Courtesy the race committee may broadcast the above change over the fleet the designated VHF channel.

12) **THE FINISH**

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat and the nearby mark.

12.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the course area by sailing past the committee boat or calling on the appropriate VHF channel. Failure to do this with out good reason may, at the jury's discretion, result in disqualification from all races that day.

13) **PENALTIES**

13.1 For all fleets RRS 44.1 is changed so that **"Two-turn Penalty"** is replaced by **"One-turn Penalty"** (This changes RRS 4.1)

13.2 **Scoring Penalty** Rule 44.3 will apply.

- 13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty RRS 44.3 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit. Forms are attached to the Sailing Instructions and are available at the official race committee desk located on the dock at Farley Marina.. This modifies RRS 44.3 (b)
- 13.3 Boats seen displaying a Yellow Flag while on the Course and not reporting at the Protest Desk as mentioned above may be penalized as in RRS 44.3 c
- 13.4 Penalties for rule infringements other than those of RRS Part 2 are at the discretion of the Jury.

14) TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 If a boat does not reach Mark 1 within one hour or the first boat to finish does not finish within two hours, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.2 If a yacht is unreasonably delaying the completion of a race, the race committee may assign an appropriate position for that race. (This changes RRS 35 & A3)
- 14.3 Immediately upon docking the RC of Area (A) and the RC of Area (B) will post:
 - 1) The time of completion of the last race on their respective Areas.
 - 2) The list of boats penalized by the RC
 - 3) All boats reporting a protest
 - 4) All boats seen displaying a red or yellow flag on the course

15) PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms and penalty acknowledgement forms are attached to the sailing instructions and are available at the protest desk at the official race committee desk. These shall be delivered to the jury desk within the protest time limit which is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day on each of the respective courses.
- 15.2 Protest hearing alternative:
 - a. For a protest involving infringement of a rule of Part 2, a protested boat may accept a penalty as in RRS 44.3c rather than proceeding with the protest hearing. (This changes Part 5 Section B of RRS)
- 15.3 A boat intending to protest or seek redress is requested to notify and receive acknowledgement from the race committee at the finish line after finishing and clearing, giving the name and number of the boat being protested.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted as soon as possible, but not later than 5 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearing in which they are parties or named witnesses. Hearings will be held at the marina in a protest room.
- 15.5 Breaches of instructions 10.2, and 12.2 shall not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.6 On the last day of the regatta requests for redress or reopening a hearing shall be:
 - a. Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - b. No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule RRS 62.2 & RRS 66.

16) SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System (RRS A) will apply except that each boat's total score will be the sum of her score for all races. **No throw-out** will be allowed. This changes (RRS A 2).

17) SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 All boats are required to carry all safety equipment as required by national, state or local regulations. A current and valid USCG Aux. Inspection decal will suffice as an indication of compliance.
- 17.2 If class rules require additional equipment that too must be on board.

18) RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 The following channels shall be used for radio communication:

Area "A" channel 71

Area "B" channel 72

8.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephone.

19) CREW WEIGH-IN AND REPLACEMENT

19.1 Any crew substitutions must be requested in writing prior to 900 hrs on the date of the race and approved by the jury. One design fleet must also have the desired substitute crew member weighed-in prior to the request.

20) DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH

20.1 Boats observed discharging waste or trash over the side may be protested by the race committee.