



# STAMFORD YACHT CLUB THE STAMFORD OVERNIGHT RACE

Friday, August 18, 2023

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing except as may be altered by the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.

1.2. Between sunset and sunrise, the International Regulations for Prevention of Collision at Sea replace the relevant rules of Part 2 of the Rules.

1.3. All entrants must comply with the Minimum Equipment & Safety Recommendations by US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for nearshore races. All shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 05a.

1.4. Non-spinnaker class boats shall sail with a main and jib only. A jib is defined as a headsail with the entire luff of the sail attached along the headstay. Reaching struts/whisker poles may be used with one end attached to the mast.

1.5. RRS Rule 52 is hereby modified to permit wind vanes and/or auto pilots during racing for the Double-handed Class.

### 2. Eligibility

Open to single hulled sailing boats 24' LOA and over, that are either owned or chartered and holding a valid YRALIS PHRF certificate. This event is a qualifying regatta for the Stamford Trophy Series, Stamford Cup, Windigo, Sagola, King's Point, Lighthouse and Mertz Trophies.

### 3. Notices to Competitors

Notices or changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on [www.yachtscore.com](http://www.yachtscore.com).

### 4. Courses

One of three courses shall be selected and signaled from the Signal Boat:

COURSE A, signaled with an uppercase letter "A," shall be sailed from the START to Flashing Bell R "18" off Point-No-Point, Stratford; then, passing to the east of Stratford Shoal Lighthouse and Green Can "1" easterly of Middle Ground, to Flashing Bell MO "A" (R/W "PJ") off Port Jefferson; then to

Flashing Bell R "32" (The Cows) off Shippan Point; then to Nun R "2" off the East Stamford Breakwater; then to the FINISH. All turning marks must be left to starboard. The distance is 47.6 nm.

COURSE B, signaled with a lowercase letter "b," shall be sailed from the START to Flashing Bell MO "A" (R/W "PJ") off Port Jefferson; then, passing to the east of Green Can "1" easterly of Middle Ground and Stratford Shoal Lighthouse, to Flashing Bell R "18" off Point-No-Point, Stratford, these marks left to port; then, to Flashing Bell R "32" (The Cows) off Shippan Point to Nun R "2" off the East Stamford Breakwater, these marks left to starboard; then to the FINISH. The distance is 47.6 nm.

COURSE C, signaled with uppercase letter "C" shall be sailed from the start to Stratford Shoal Light (Middle Ground) left to Port. Then to Flashing Bell R "32" (The Cows) off Shippan Point then to Nun R "2" off the East Stamford Breakwater these marks left to Starboard then to the FINISH. The distance Is 40.0 nm.

## **5. The Start**

5.1. Before the Warning Signal for the division in which she will start, each boat shall approach the stern of the Race Committee boat and declare her intention to race by calling out her name, club and sail number.

5.2. Races will be started using Rule 26, with the following modification: 5 minutes before the Warning Signal for the first class to start, Code Flag "F" will be displayed with one sound; 1 minute before the Warning signal for such class Code Flag "F" will be removed without sound. Succeeding classes will start as per rule 26. The first signal shall be at 1900. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

5.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and Flashing Bell R "32."

## **6. Recalls**

Rule 29.1 is hereby modified to allow that, in the event of an Individual Recall, infringing boat(s) may be recalled by name or sail number, by loud hailer or over Channel 05a. The order of boats hailed or the failure of a boat to hear the recall shall not be grounds for redress.

## **7. The Finish**

7.1. The finish line shall be between the staff displaying a Blue flag on the Signal Boat and the green flashing beacon on the Stamford Harbor West Breakwater. The Signal Boat shall be anchored northerly of the East Breakwater

7.2. If no Committee Boat is on station at the FINISH, each yacht shall record her finish time at a point where the green beacon of the West Breakwater bears 260 magnetic. This finish time shall be reported to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

7.3. Each boat shall call the Race Committee on VHF Channel 05a as they round R "32" or are within 1 mile of the FINISH and shall announce her sail number and name. Each boat is responsible for knowing her finish time with respect to the boats finishing ahead of and behind her.

7.4. A boat withdrawing from the race, must inform the Race Committee via VHF Channel 05a as soon as possible, or call the Race Committee at 203.496.5582

## **8. Time Limit**

The absolute time limit for the race is 1000 Saturday, August 19, 2023. Boats finishing after that time shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and awarded points 2 more than the number of starters.

## **9. Protests**

- 9.1. Protesting boats shall comply with part 5, section A of the RRS, which are modified as follows:
  - a. A yacht intending to file a protest shall so inform the Signal Boat immediately after finishing or withdrawing.
  - b. A written protest shall be delivered to the front desk at Stamford Yacht Club no later than 1200 Saturday, August 19, 2023. It is the intention of the Race Committee to notify all affected parties of when a hearing will be scheduled. The Race Committee will attempt to schedule a hearing as soon as possible.

## **10. Scoring**

Scoring in fleet and in class will be based upon a boat's long distance YRALIS PHRF ratings with corrected time computed using time-on-time.

## **11. Prizes**

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded for all Classes that finish.
- 11.2. An overall prize will be awarded to "First in Fleet" for each class.
- 11.3. Prizes will be awarded at the Stamford Yacht Club Awards Ceremony on Saturday October 21, 2023.

## **14. Safety and Responsibility**

It is the sole responsibility of the master of each yacht to see that she is seaworthy in all respects and that she is manned by a competent crew. The master and all members of the crew of each yacht, by participating in this race, agree to do so at their own risk, and waive any claim against and hold harmless The Stamford Yacht Club, its officers, directors, committees, members, employees and agents against any claims arising in any way out of the participating in the Race of such yacht, her master and crew.

## **For additional information please contact:**

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