



**78th Annual Red Grant
Regatta July 13-14, 2024
Raritan Yacht Club
Perth Amboy, NJ
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Mayor’s Cup and Colgate Cup**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the 2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. PHRF – Mid Atlantic or one-design class rules are in effect.
- 1.3. These Sailing Instructions

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the main outside on the main deck of Raritan Yacht Club (RYC) in the display case.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 69.
- 3.3. While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagstaff on the RYC dock near the cupola.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The scheduled time of the warning signal on Saturday is 1400.
- 5.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1. The will be Raritan Bay.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. The diagram in SI Addendum A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat will display the courses as show in SI

8. MARKS

- 8.1. Government Marks will be used.
- 8.2. The marks, their distance and bearing can be found at the end of this document

9. THE START

- 9.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 9.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.4. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.5. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. Finish will be at the cupola between the mast displaying an orange flag and the course side of government mark "60". 9.3.
- 10.2. All yachts must round mark "Z" leaving it to starboard on their approach to the finish line. Should mark "Z" not be listed as part of the course it shall be left to Starboard regardless, and the race length adjusted to include mark "Z".

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies.

12. FILING A PROTEST

- 12.1. As soon as possible after finishing, a boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee boat on the designated VHF channel and identify the protested boat(s).
- 12.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in your class finishes. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 12.3. Hearing request forms are available from official notice board on the deck of Raritan Yacht Club or racers can access a fillable PDF form on the racing events & documents page on RYC's website. https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/US_Sailing_Hearing_Request_Form_20210301_Fillable.pdf
- 12.4. Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the conclusion of 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 at the top floor or RYC, beginning at the time posted.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Appendix A of the (RRS) will be used for scoring Cruisers, PHRF-MA and OD classes.
- 13.2. One (1) race constitutes a series.
- 13.3. A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 15.1. This is a clean race; all competitors are strongly encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles and to recycle whenever possible. A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Water bottle refill stations will be available in the RYC yard for your convenience.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 17.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event.

- 17.2. Keelboats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means after the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

- Mayor's Cup is awarded to the winner of the cruising non-spinnaker division.
- Colgate Cup is awarded to the winner of the Colgate OD class.

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of per incident or the equivalent.