



38th Annual Mayor's Cup Race
Sunday, June 9, 2024
THE HALLOWEEN YACHT CLUB
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1. The races will be governed by the current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except as may be altered by the Notice of Race or by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The current PHRF regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS) PHRF weight limits will not be in effect.
- 1.3. All boats shall comply with the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for nearshore races. The VHF radio shall be capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 05A.
- 1.4. Prior to the first race signal of the day, each boat shall check in with the Signal Boat by sailing by the stern and declaring her intention to race. There will be no check in by radio.
- 1.5. A boat withdrawing must inform the Race Committee as soon as possible before leaving the racing area and wait for acknowledgement from the Race Committee.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the event page of yachtscoring.com.
- 2.2. The Race Committee may make broadcasts on VHF Channel 05A for communications to competitors before or during the race. The timing, order of the broadcast, or the failure of the Race Committee to make or the competitors to hear the broadcast, will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 29.1 and 60.1(b).

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0830 on the day they 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. Oral changes may be made on the water via announcements over VHF Channel 05A.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Signal Boat while at the dock.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes.” This changes the Race Signals section of RRS.

5. Schedule of Events

- 5.1. Attention signal – 1120.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1 Each boat shall display from her backstay, at least five feet above the deck, a numeral pennant corresponding to her class. For example:
 - Class 1 – Spinnaker
 - Class 2 – Spinnaker
 - Class 3 – Non-Spinnaker
 - Class 4 – Non-Spinnaker
 - Class 5 – Catboats

7. Racing Area

- 7.1 Attachment 2, “Halloween Yacht Club Racing Marks Chart,” indicates the location of the racing area.

8. The Courses

- 8.1. The course for each class will be indicated on a course board mounted on the Signal Boat. It is also the intention, but not the obligation, of the Race Committee to announce the course via radio.
- 8.2. Marks shall be rounded in succession in the order displayed, from left to right.
- 8.3. If Windward Mark ‘W’ is used, the magnetic compass bearing and the distance in nautical miles will appear on the top line of the course board.
- 8.4. Display of numeral 2 after the course signals indicates that the course is to be sailed twice around with the pin end of the start line being treated as a turning mark of the course.
- 8.5. At or prior to the first warning signal, the course for the first class will be signaled from the Signal Boat. The course for each succeeding class, if it is to change, will be displayed no later than the preparatory signal for the succeeding class.

9. Marks

- 9.1. The marks of the course will be designated on Attachment 1, “Mark Designations” of these Sailing Instructions, unless otherwise noted in Special Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2. When “S” is a mark of the course (other than a course described in 8.4), the start mark “S” and the Signal Boat will serve as a gate. Upon returning from a signaled mark to “S”, all boats must pass through the gate and proceed to the next signaled mark.
- 9.3. Regardless of what tack they are on, when two boats are approaching the gate from opposite directions, the one sailing downwind will have right of way. This modifies rules 10 and 11 under this situation only.
- 9.4. Except when passing through the gate (as defined in 9.2) all marks shall be rounded so that a boat’s rhumb line course to the next mark does not cross the rhumb line course from the previous mark. When two consecutive legs of the course are reciprocal, the mark between them shall be left to port.

10. The Start

- 10.1.** Races will be started by using Rule 26 of the RRS, with the following additions:
- An attention signal (flag F with one sound) will be made 5 minutes before the first Warning Signal. One minute before the first Warning Signal, code flag F will be removed without a sound signal.
 - There will be an extra 5 minutes before the warning signal for the Catboats class.
- 10.2.** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of a start mark set by the Race Committee.
- 10.3.** The Race Committee may elect to start two or more classes simultaneously.
- 10.4.** Every boat whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 10.5.** If more than one boat starts in any one class, the race will be scored as a qualifying race for that class.

11. Recalls

- 11.1.** RRS 29.1 is hereby modified to allow that, in the event of an Individual Recall, infringing boats may be recalled by name or sail number, by loud hailer or over the radio. Failure of a boat to hear a recall or the order or timing of such recalls shall not be grounds for redress.

12. The Finish

- 12.1.** The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the last mark of the course.
- 12.2.** A race may be shortened at any mark on the course. A shortened course will be signaled with code flag "S" and two sound signals. If the race is intended to be shortened for one class and not others, the race committee will display the class flag along with the "S" flag for the class that will have its course shortened.
- 12.3.** The Finish Boat may be stationed on either side of the finishing mark. Boats shall finish in the direction of the rhumb line from the last turning mark.

13. Time Limit

- 13.1.** Any boat not finished by 1600 will be scored DNF.
- 13.2.** If a single boat is unduly delaying the completion of a race, the Race Committee may order the race terminated and score that boat last place. This changes rules 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1.** A boat intending to protest shall so inform the race committee upon finishing or withdrawing. Protests shall be submitted on standard forms obtained from the event's Yachtscoring page or from the Race Committee. Protests shall be submitted in writing with the Race Committee no later than one hour after the Race Committee has returned to the dock. The Race Committee will post its arrival time on the Official Notice Board at the Halloween Yacht Club.
- 14.2.** To inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. Hearings will be held at the Halloween Yacht Club and will be scheduled at

the discretion of the Protest Committee.

- 14.3. In conformance with RRS 61.1(b), and to inform boats of protests received, notices will be posted as soon as practicable after receipt.

15. Arbitration

- 15.1 Arbitration will be held in accordance with Appendix T of the current RRS.
- 15.2 One representative from each boat will meet with an arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn.
- 15.3 The arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony given and offer testimony. This changes RRS 63.3 (a).
- 15.4. It is intended that protests be heard at Halloween Yacht Club on a date and time to be determined by the parties in conversation with the Protest Committee. It is intended but not required that such hearing be scheduled within 15 days following the race in which the protest occurred.

16. Radio Communication

- 16.1. Except in the case of an emergency, while racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive wireless communication not simultaneously available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 16.2. It is the intention of the Race Committee to monitor VHF Channel 05A during all races.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

- 17.1. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS Part 1, Rule 3, DECISION TO RACE. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

Attachment 1 Mark Designations

- A - Gong "1", Little Captains Island East Reef
- C - Red Nun "34" Greenwich Point
- E - Red /Green Can "E" Eaton's Neck
- G - Green Gong "1" Stamford Harbor
- H - Red Bell "32" The Cows
- I - Red Bell "28-C" Cable & Anchor Reef
- J - Red Bell "32-A" Mid Channel Buoy
- L - Green Gong "15" Lloyd Point
- O - Green Bell "17" Oyster Bay
- P - Green Can "19" Oak Neck
- S - Start Line Pin (inflatable mark)
- W - Windward Mark (inflatable mark)

Attachment 2 Course Area

HALLOWEEN YACHT CLUB RACING MARKS CHART

