

Stamford Yacht Club
41st Annual Regatta for The Dorade Trophy
Monday, August 11, 2008
2008 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

07/29/08

1. RULES

1.1 The races shall be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008, the PHRF Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations of the YRA of LIS: Category C, and the current Rules for JSA Events, except as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Before the Warning Signal for the division in which she will start, boats shall approach the stern of the Race Committee boat and call out her name and sail number.

1.3 A boat withdrawing from the race must inform the Race Committee (RC) via VHF 05 as soon as possible.

1.4 PHRF Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations of the YRA of LIS Rule 40 is hereby changed as follows: see JSA Rules for PHRF Events, Rule 9.4

2. ENTRIES

Open to single hulled sailboats owned by a member of a JSA of LIS member club program and not less than 27' LOA nor more than 44' LOA and having a valid 2008 YRA of LIS PHRF Rating Certificate. For the purpose of this regatta, YRA of LIS PHRF Weight Limits are hereby waived.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board on the dock house on the SYC pier. They may also be available on both the JSA and SYC websites. The Race Committee may make courtesy announcements over VHF channel 05.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the notice board no less than thirty (30) minutes before the Harbor Start Signal on the day they take effect. They may also be available on-line and from the RC.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RC boat while at the SYC dock.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

On Monday, August 11, all boats intending to race shall rendezvous with the Race Committee at 0930 in the vicinity of Red Bell "32A" (Mid-Sound.) It is intended that three races will be held. One race shall constitute a regatta.

7. CLASSES

Based on the number and rating of the entries, boats will be divided into two classes.

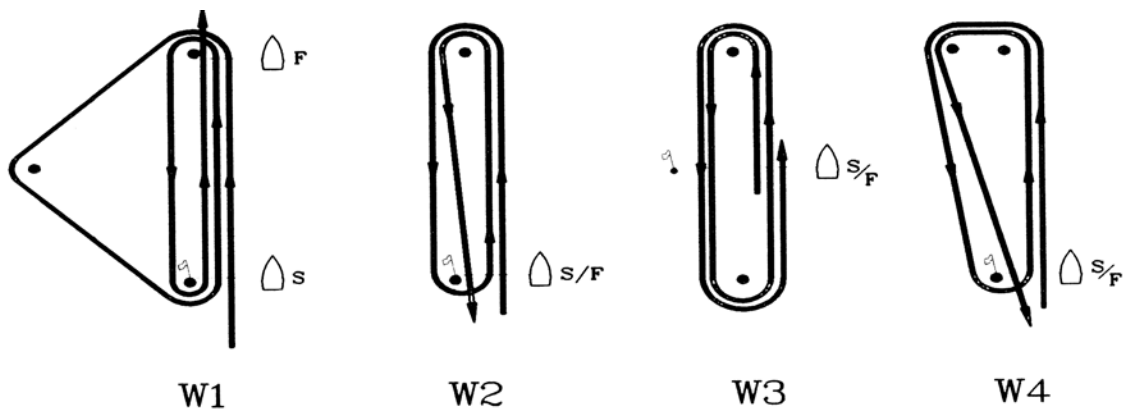
8. THE RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be the waters of Long Island Sound generally southerly of Stamford and Greenwich, CT

8.2 Code flag "L" displayed from a starboard halyard of the RC boat will indicate that all boats shall follow the RC boat to an alternate starting area.

9. COURSES

9.1 The course for each race will be signaled with code flags flown from a halyard on the Committee boat. The code flags will correspond to one of the course configurations shown as follows and will be displayed before the warning Signal of the first division to start.



9.2 The course and distance to the windward mark will be displayed numerically on a course board mounted on the ace Committee Boat. They will be designated such that the approximate Magnetic bearing will be the top row of numbers and the distance in nautical miles will be the bottom row of numbers.

9.3 In the event of a change in course, the new mark will be distinguished from the original by the addition of a black band. It is intended that the original course be abandoned and the new course sailed from the mark at which the change is signaled. The signaling of a change in course is not intended to change the finish mark.

9.4 In the event course W3 is signaled, unless Starting or Finishing, the Start/Finish Line may be ignored.

10. THE MARKS

The marks of the course will be orange or yellow inflatable tetrahedrons and shall be left to port.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 *with the modification* that 5 minutes before the warning for the **first start of the day**, Code Flag "F" will be flown accompanied by 1 sound:

	<u>Minute</u>		<u>Signal</u>
1000	10	Attention	Code Flag "F", 1 gun
	06		Remove "F" (no sound)
	05	Warning	Division Numeral Pennant; 1 gun
	04	Preparatory	"P" flag; other possible signals ("I"); 1 gun
	01	One Minute	"P" or other flag removed; 1 horn
	00	Start	Remove Division numeral pennant; 1 gun

The Warning for the second class' start is the Start of the preceding class.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the RC boat and the nearest mark or navigational aid. Said mark may be a temporary mark set by the Race Committee.

12. RECALLS

12.1 Rule 29.2 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 05. Failure to hear such hail or the timing and order of such hail shall not be grounds for redress.

12.2 A boat that starts prematurely (OCS) and fails to return and start properly, shall be penalized by the addition of 15 minutes to her elapsed time.

13. THE TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for any class's race will be two hours or 20 minutes after the first boat to finish in that class. If at least one boat finishes within the time limit, each starter in that class's race will be scored. Boats that fail to

finish within the time limit shall be scored the number of points that is half way between the number of boats that started and the number of boats that finished. (This changes RRS 35 and A4.2)

13.2 At the expiration of a time limit, and if no boats in that class have finished, the RC shall announce that fact over channel 05.

13.3 No race will be started after 1500 hours and no finishers will be scored after 1700 hours.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the RC boat and the mark used as the starting mark or in accordance with sec. 14.3.

14.2 The RC boat may be stationed on either side of the finishing mark. Boats shall finish in the direction of the rhumb line course from the last mark.

14.3 The race may be shortened at any mark of the course.

15. PROTESTS & MEDIATION

15.1 Protesting boats shall comply with Part 5, Section A of the Racing Rules.

15.2 A boat intending to file a protest shall inform the RC when finishing or withdrawing. (This adds to RRS 61.1(a))

15.3 Protests shall be written on standard forms and lodged with the RC or at the front desk of the host Club no later than one hour after the RC boat has returned to the dock.

15.4 It is intended that all protests be mediated prior to a hearing. The parties to a protest will state their cases to a mediator, the mediator will discuss the issues with each and, upon evaluating the statements made, offer an opinion as to the likely outcome of a hearing. Should all parties to the protest accept the opinion, the appropriate action(s) are to be taken and no hearing will take place. If a hearing is held, the mediator shall not participate.

15.5 It is the intent of the jury to mediate protests on Friday, August 15th at 1400 at Stamford Yacht Club.

16. COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency or if contacted by the RC, while racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions or special communications not simultaneously available to all boats. It is the intention of the RC to monitor channel 05 during all races. A boat which retires from a race shall notify the RC immediately.

17. SCORING

The Low Point System (RRS Appendix A) will be used.

18. SAILOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Stamford Yacht Club, the owner, helmsperson and each crewmember agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. Each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Stamford Yacht Club and the JSA of LIS and each of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor, as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel aboard them is at the risk of the participant Stamford Yacht Club bears no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to boats or their personnel arising from any cause during the race

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