



Larchmont Yacht Club

Vanguard 15

New England Championship

Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13, 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*.
- 1.2 Part 5 Section B of the *RRS* is changed to provide for arbitration of protests of Part 2 rules.

2 ENTRIES

Eligible boats may enter by completing registration and payment of entry fee as prescribed in the Notice of Race for the regatta.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the front porch of the main clubhouse.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the front lawn. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the first warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the "AP" is lowered.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 12

- 1300 Skippers' Meeting
- 1330 Harbor Start
- 1430 First Warning
- 1945 BBQ in the Junior Clubhouse. Additional tickets available at registration

Sunday, June 13

- 0900 Bagels & coffee porch of Junior Clubhouse
- 1000 Harbor Start
- 1030 First Warning
- 1530 No Warning signal after this time
Awards Ceremony shortly after the completion of racing.

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the waters off the breakwater of Larchmont Harbor.

7 COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1 Courses will be; or Windward-Leeward using either configuration "1" or "2" or Harry Anderson using configuration "4"

- 1 Consisting of a weather mark (with an offset mark) – windward, offset, finishing to leeward leaving the race committee boat to port.

- 2 Consisting of two (2) marks (with possible offset mark at the windward) – windward, leeward, finishing to windward leaving the race committee boat to starboard.
- 4 Consisting of four (4) marks – windward (to port), gybe (to port), starting pin (to starboard), leeward mark (to port), finishing to windward leaving the race committee boat to starboard.

- 7.2 Courses will be announced before each race from the committee boat. Course lengths are at the discretion of the committee.
- 7.3 The start and finish lines are “open” and may be disregarded except when maneuvering to start or finish.
- 7.4 For courses “1” or “2”, an offset mark will be set to the port side of the windward mark, approximately perpendicular to the course axis and approximately 100-150 feet distant. The windward offset mark is to be rounded to port.
- 7.5 For all courses, the race committee will set a gate at the leeward mark, which will be downwind of the finish line. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 7.6 All marks, including the offset mark(s) if used, shall be rounded to port except for course “4”.
- 7.7 All marks, excluding the offset marks if used, shall be orange hippity hops. The offset marks, if used, shall be white hippity hops.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 One completed race will constitute a series.
- 8.2 The Race Committee intends to run multiple races. If fewer than 6 races are completed a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. If 6 or more races are completed a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score subject to rule 90.3(b).
- 8.3 TLE will be scored one plus the number of finishers

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with the Sound Signal Starting System of Appendix S.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end.

10 RECALLS

- 10.1 The race committee will endeavor to identify recalled boats by sail number using a loud hailer.
- 10.2 Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification and the order and timing of such hail shall not be grounds for redress.
- 10.3 If flag “I” is displayed prior to the starting sequence of the race, rule 30.1, Round-an-End Rule, will be in effect for that start. This changes Race Signals.

11 THE FINISH

The finish line will be on the starboard side of the starting line, between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby buoy. Immediately after finishing, a boat shall sail to the starting line area and stay clear of the finish line and other boats still on the race course. Boats failing to keep clear of the finish line area after finishing may be subject to protest by the race committee only.

12 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be 45 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat will be scored “Time Limit Expired” (TLE). This changes rule 35.

13 WITHDRAWAL

A boat that withdraws from the race or that does not intend to start a scheduled race shall notify the race committee at the first opportunity.

14 PROTESTS

- 14.1 A boat intending to protest shall report this to the race committee promptly after finishing that race.
- 14.2 Protest forms are available at the front desk of the clubhouse. Written protests shall be delivered to the jury desk located on the second floor of the clubhouse within the protest time limit, which will be one hour after the race committee comes ashore.
- 14.3 Protest time limit and a list of protests submitted to the jury desk will be posted on the notice board.
- 14.4 Hearings will begin as soon as practicable after the expiration of the protest time limit. Parties and their witnesses must be available when called

15 ARBITRATION

- 15.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule in Part 2 – When Boats Meet, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5 Section B of the *RRS*.
- 15.2 After a written protest is filed, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.
- 15.3 A boat that accepts fault at the arbitration hearing shall receive a penalty of 40% of the number of entries (rounded upward 0.5) added to her finish position, except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF.
- 15.4 The arbitrator is neither the race nor protest committee; therefore, decisions made during arbitration cannot be grounds for redress and cannot be appealed.
- 15.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest but may be permitted to observe testimony presented and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).

16 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, June 13, 2010. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place finishers.

17 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 17.1 The skipper/owner shall be responsible for all actions of his or her crew or guests. In the event of a breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member or agent of the Larchmont Yacht Club, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her boat shall be subject to protest and disqualification.
- 17.2 The Larchmont Yacht Club is not responsible and will not accept any liability for bodily injury, death or property damage suffered from any cause. Each participant, including skipper and crew, participates in the regatta entirely at his/her own risk and waives any and all claims, including those arising from negligence or lack of due care, which he/she may have against the Larchmont Yacht Club, its regatta committee, and its officers, trustees, committee members, members, agents, or employees. Responsibility for evaluating the wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each participant as does responsibility for the safe condition of the boat, including safety equipment and rigging and for deciding when to wear life jackets. Patrol boats or other assistance will not likely be available. Assistance, if any, from the regatta committee or other Larchmont Yacht Club vessels, or other patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is entirely at the risk of the participant.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Larchmont Yacht Club, 1 Woodbine Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538. Telephone 914-468-7716 or Fax 914-468-7751.

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