



INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB

6th ANNUAL SPRING SPRINT

“THE GEARTESTER”

Saturday, May 20, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. This race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing except the US Sailing prescription to rule 34 (see instruction 9).
- 1.2. The measurement rules used will be PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker rules as administered by the YRA of LIS.
- 1.3. Boats will be scored using the distance racing handicap issued by the YRA of LIS and scored using time-on-distance.
- 1.4. All boats must comply with the YRA of LIS Category B minimum equipment recommendations.
- 1.5. Any weight or crew limits are waived.
- 1.6. Per rule 42.3(i), a boat that runs aground while racing may use its engine or any other method to get refloated provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race.
- 1.7. Each boat shall fly from her backstay six or more feet above the deck a numeral pennant corresponding to her class.
- 1.8. Any double-handed class or classes may be included provided there are sufficient entries as determined by the race committee.

2. DOUBLE-HANDED FLEET RULES

- 2.1. Crew limit is two persons, one of whom must be 18 years of age or older
- 2.2. Boats will be scored using the double-handed racing handicap issued by the YRA of LIS and scored using time-on-distance.
- 2.3. Wind vanes or electric self-steering devices may be used.
- 2.4. Jack lines must be rigged both port and starboard, and run from the cockpit to the bow.
- 2.5. Safety harnesses must be worn at all times while racing.

3. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY & FEES

- 3.1. This race is open to boats owned by or under charter to members of the YRA of LIS or other US Sailing Association, and boats of foreign registry.
- 3.2. Entry is via the appropriate yachtscoring.com event site.
- 3.3. All entrants must be able to readily produce a copy of their measurement certificate.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & SCRATCH SHEETS

- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the lobby of the IHYC clubhouse.
- 4.2. Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day of the race.
- 4.3. Once on station, the signal boat will signal if a change was made to the Sailing Instructions after Wednesday, May 17 by displaying flag L. Any change will be available from a race committee support boat.
- 4.4. Scratch sheets may be obtained from the Indian Harbor front desk beginning Friday evening, May 19 or from the race committee support boat prior to the start, or online at the yachtscoring.com event site.

5. COURSES

- 5.1. Divisions and course letters will be displayed by placards on the RC boat course board.
- 5.2. The line extending from GB 1 east of Wee Captain Island to the western shore of Great Captain Island is deemed to be a continuing obstruction and shall not be transited.
- 5.3. Course distances have been determined by the Regatta Committee and are not subject to redress. This amends RRS 62.1(a).
- 5.4. Courses are described in Appendix A.

6. THE START

- 6.1. The starting line will be to the east of Little Captain Island OUTSIDE Captain Harbor between Flat Neck Point Shoal RN "2" (40°59.746N/ 073°35.479W) and a yellow flag on the signal boat.
- 6.2. Prior to the warning signal of the first division, all boats shall sail past the stern of the signal boat while on starboard and be recognized by the race committee.
- 6.3. The first warning is scheduled for 1100.
- 6.4. Succeeding classes will be started in numerical order either (a) at five minute intervals by displaying a class flag at the start of the preceding class, or (b) at any time afterward by re-commencing a new five minute sequence. In the event a new five minute sequence is initiated, the race committee will announce the time of the next warning via VHF 05 and will endeavor to make a multiple horn signal shortly before the new warning signal.

7. RECALLS

The race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF Channel 05. Failure of the race Committee to successfully notify an OCS boat over the radio shall not relieve the OCS boat of its responsibility under RRS 28.1 nor be grounds for redress.

8. FINISH LINE

- 8.1. The finish line will be between Greenwich Harbor Channel RN "2" (40°59.905N/073°37.277W) INSIDE Captains Harbor and a yellow flag on the signal boat. [Please note: This is NOT the same Nun "2" as is being used for the start. The bearing FROM this buoy TO the Great Captains Light is 199 degrees magnetic at a distance of 0.97nm.]
- 8.2. The signal boat will be anchored to the north of RN "2".
- 8.3. The race Committee boat will display a race committee flag, and, after sunset, two vertical white lights.
- 8.4. If finishing in the dark, boats are to hail the race committee on VHF Channel 05 once they estimate they are five minutes from finishing and illuminate their sail numbers and hail the race committee boat until acknowledged by the race committee.

9. TAKING TIME AT THE FINISH

- 9.1. In the absence of a race committee boat at the finish line, boats shall take their own time when, passing within 20 yards to the north of RN "2" as described in Section 8.1 and once the Great Captains Light bears 199 degrees magnetic.
- 9.2. This time is to be reported to the Indian Harbor Yacht Club at 203-869-2484.

10. WITHDRAWALS

Boats withdrawing from the race are to contact the race committee either over VHF Channel 05 or by contacting Indian Harbor Yacht Club at 203-869-2484.

11. FILING & HEARING PROTESTS

- 11.1. A protesting boat should notify the Regatta Committee at the time it finishes that it intends to file a protest.

- 11.2. The protest time limit ends 1200 Sunday, May 21 with protests delivered to the IHYC front desk and marked to the attention of the Protest Committee. Faxed or emailed protests are acceptable.
- 11.3. Any protests will be heard starting at 1900 on Tuesday, May 23.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each division. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 12.2. Prizes will be awarded immediately following racing at the post-race get together at Indian Harbor YC.
- 12.3. Prizes will be awarded at the Indian Harbor YC Annual Awards Dinner to the boats having deemed by the race committee to have had the best overall performance in the Double-Handed, Fully-Crewed and Non-Spinnaker classes in the combined Geartester/Gearbuster regattas.

13. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPETITORS

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14. CONTACT INFORMATION

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Appendix A

Geartester Courses

- Course A
Start, Eatons Neck Point Lighted Gong Buoy “11B” Fl G 4s (LL Nr 21310) to port, Finish.
Distance 19.2 nautical miles
- Course B
Start, Cable and Anchor Reef Lighted Bell Buoy “28C” Fl R 4s (LL Nr 21330) SE of Greens Ledge to port, Finish.
Distance 17.1 nautical miles.
- Course C
Start, Cows Lighted Bell Buoy “32” Fl R 2.5s (LL Nr 21365) off Stamford Harbor to port, Finish.
Distance 7.6 nm.
- Course D
Start, Scotch Caps Lighted Bell Buoy “42” Fl R 2.5s (LL Nr 21430) off Mamaroneck Harbor to port, RN “4” north-northwest of Cormorant Reef to starboard, Finish.
Distance 12.4 nm.
- Course E
Start, Matinecock Point Shoal Lighted Gong Buoy “21” Fl G 4s (LL Nr 21420) to port, Lloyd Point Shoal Lighted Gong Buoy “15” Fl G 4s (LL Nr 21360) to port, Finish.
Distance 19.6 nm.
- Course F
Start, Lloyd Point Shoal Lighted Gong Buoy “15” Fl G 4s (LL Nr 21360) to starboard, Matinecock Point Shoal Lighted Gong Buoy “21” Fl G 4s (LL Nr 21420) to starboard, GB “1” east of Wee Captain Island to port, Finish.
Distance 19.1 nm.
- Course G
Start, Cows Lighted Bell Buoy “32” Fl R 2.5s (LL Nr 21365) off Stamford Harbor to starboard, Scotch Caps Lighted Bell Buoy “42” Fl R 2.5s (LL Nr 21430) off Mamaroneck Harbor to starboard, RN “4” north-northwest of Cormorant Reef to starboard, Finish.
Distance 18.3 nm.
- Course H
Start, Scotch Caps Lighted Bell Buoy “42” Fl R 2.5s (LL Nr 21430) off Mamaroneck Harbor to starboard, Cows Lighted Bell Buoy “32” Fl R 2.5s (LL Nr 21365) off Stamford Harbor, to starboard, Finish.
Distance 20.5 nm.
- Course I
Start, Cows Lighted Bell Buoy “32” Fl R 2.5s (LL Nr 21365) off Stamford Harbor to starboard, Bell “17” off Centre Island to starboard, Bell Buoy “36” Bluefish Shoal to starboard, GB “1” east of Wee Captain Island to port, Finish.
Distance 16.3 nm