



## CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

### 2017 Spring Cruise

#### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

##### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 Except as modified in these Sailing Instructions, all races will be governed by the International Sailing Federation's **The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS)**, including **US Sailing Prescriptions**.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the **General Orders** and these **Sailing Instructions**, The Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 All yachts shall comply with the current **PHRF of the Chesapeake class rule** Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment & Accommodation Standards and Standard Sail and Equipment Specifications.
- 1.4 All large commercial shipping must be given clear right-of-way in or near the main ship channels. If a yacht in a ship channel infringes RRS42.1 by using its engine to clear at the approach of commercial traffic, it shall either retire, or, if the incident was unavoidable, continue racing and seek redress.

##### **2. ENTRIES**

- 2.1 Yachts properly registered with the Fleet Captain are eligible to race. Races will be open to yachts from the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia and guest yachts. All will be eligible to win the daily prizes, but only CYC yachts will be eligible to win the Fun Race and CYC perpetual trophies. Perpetual trophies are awarded to those yachts that register for both the Spring & Fall Cruise Series and receive a score for the scheduled races. In the event the Race Committee must abandon **all** racing in either Cruise, the perpetual trophies **will not** be awarded for that year.

##### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors, if any, will be made at the Captains Meeting or prior to the time of the harbor start for each day as specified in the General Orders.

#### **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1** Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be handed out in writing at the Captains' Meeting or announced on the water prior to the warning signal. This changes RRS 90.2. Instructions

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1** The schedule of races is found in the General Orders issued for the particular cruise.
- 5.2** The start times for the first class of Friday's and Saturday's races are listed on the Daily Course Sheets which are an integral part of these Sailing Instructions and will be distributed at the Captains' Meeting or can be obtained from the Race Committee prior to the harbor start.

#### **6. CLASSES**

- 6.1** There will be two classes: A and B which shall race in a single headsail class without spinnakers in accordance with PHRF of the Chesapeake Specification 16, Non-spinnaker Limitations ( [www.phrfchesbay.com](http://www.phrfchesbay.com)). Yachts that raced in the Spring Cruise Series will be placed in the same class in the Fall Cruise Series.

#### **7. CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1** The Race Committee Boat will display colored shapes as class flags to identify the starting class: Yellow for Class A and Blue for Class B.

#### **8. COURSES and MARKS**

- 8.1** Courses and marks for each race are described on the Course Sheet, which is an integral part of these Sailing Instructions, and which will be distributed at the Captains' Meeting or can be obtained from the Race Committee before the harbor start.
- 8.2** The Course Sheet will assign numbers to one or more courses each day. The Race Committee Boat will designate the course to be sailed by each class by flying numeral pennants from a hoist. The topmost numeral pennant will indicate the course for Class A, the lower pennant down the course for Class B.

#### **9. SPECIAL SIGNAL**

- 9.1** When displayed by the Committee Boat, flags "T" over "X" with two sounds means "Monitor VHF Radio."

#### **10. THE START**

- 10.1** The starting line will be between a mark designated by the Course Sheet(s) and an orange flag displayed on the Race Committee Boat.
- 10.2** Yachts are required to check in with, and be acknowledged by, the Race Committee Boat prior to their class's Warning signal. This amends RRS 27.

**10.3** Class A will start first, Class B second.

**10.4** The starting sequence will be announced over VHF radio on the designated channel. VHF announcements will take precedence over visual signals and other sound signals. This changes RRS 26.

**10.5** All classes will have approximately a one minute sequence attention signal prior to their Warning signal. This signal will be made with a horn with four or more short blasts.

**10.6** At the start, yachts whose preparatory signal has not been sounded are required to keep well clear of the starting line so that classes starting will not be impeded during their sequence.

**10.7** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “DNS” without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

**10.8** The Race Committee may attempt to notify boats identified as OCS by announcing their sail numbers on the VHF working channel. Failure to hail, the hail of some, but not all, OCS boats, the order in which hailed or the untimely hailing of boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **11. THE FINISH**

**11.1** The finishing line will be between the finish mark and an orange flag displayed on the Race Committee Boat or substitute yacht. The Race Committee Boat or substitute yacht will display a blue shape or flag to indicate that she is anchored on station at the finish line.

**11.2** If the Race Committee Boat is not on station at the finish, each yacht shall take her own time when she is no more than 200 ft. from the finish mark and with the finish line bearing 90 degrees from the course from the prior mark. Each yacht shall communicate her finish time to the Race Committee as soon as possible by radio or hail, followed by written confirmation to the Race Committee as soon as practicable.

## **12. PENALTIES**

**12.1** RRS 44 is amended for this series by deleting section RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty.

## **13. TIME LIMIT**

**13.1** The time limit for qualifying a race for a given class will be **1700** hours on Friday and Saturday and **1600** hours on Sunday. At least one yacht in a class must finish the race within the time limit for there to be a race for that class.

## **RETIREMENT**

**14.1** A yacht that retires or withdraws from a race shall notify the Race Committee Boat of that action as soon as possible in person, by VHF radio or by cell phone. If a yacht cannot reach the Race Committee Boat, she shall communicate with the Safety Officer, the fleet Communications Yacht or another yacht in the fleet and ask that the message be relayed to the Race Committee.

## **15. PROTESTS**

**15.1** RRS 61 is amended to require that notice of intent to protest and the number of the protested boat **MUST** be given to the Race Committee promptly after the protesting boat finishes, acknowledged by the Committee.

**15.2** RRS 61.3 is modified in that protests shall be delivered in writing to the Race Committee within two hours after the protesting yacht finishes.

## **16. RATING**

**16.1** All 2017 classes will race under the PHRF of the Chesapeake handicapping system.

**16.2** Yachts for which a 2017 Valid Certificate has not been submitted shall be assigned a rating determined by the Race Committee from the PHRF of the Chesapeake rating list or other sources at the discretion of the Race Committee.

**16.3** Captains of yachts for which there is no valid rating certificates or available via electronic means, including chartered yachts, shall furnish the make and year, LOA, rig, draft, keel, sail number and hull color or other distinguishing characteristics to the race committee who will assign a rating to the best of their ability.

## **17. SCORING**

**17.1** The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.

**17.2** Appendix A2 of the Rules, Series Score, is modified in that all races from both the Spring Cruise and the Fall Cruise shall count when computing a yacht's total score for the annual trophies.

**17.3** The High Point system will be used for the Thomas Point Trophy.

## **18. COMMUNICATION**

**18.1** Boats that wish to communicate with the Race Committee should do so via VHF radio channel 72, in person or, if necessary, by cellular phone (Race Committee Chairman John Dearnaley at 267 977-4357 ).

**18.2** The Race Committee boat has been designated the Fleet Communications and Safety Yacht.

## **19. RADIO**

**19.1** All yachts must be equipped with a VHF radio.

**19.2** Unless otherwise announced by the Race Committee, the normal working channel for communications among the fleet will be **VHF channel 72**. Be advised that the Race Committee may announce a change of the working channel at the Captains' Meeting.

## **20. ELECTRONIC AIDS TO NAVIGATION**

**20.1** Radar may not be used by a yacht at any time after the Preparatory Signal for her class until she has finished the race and cleared the finish line or until she has withdrawn from the race.

**20.2** AIS and GPS may be used.

## **21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**21.1** Competitors participate in the Cruise entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, The Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the Cruise.

## **22. TROPHIES**

**22.1** Trophies will be awarded for the Saturday and Sunday races based upon the number of starters in each class.