



Star Class Centennial Regatta

Hosted By

LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB

Larchmont, NY

September 12 – 18, 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules:

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as any of these are modified by the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

1.2 RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS Appendix P is changed to permit the hail to a protested boat to be either sail number or bow number.

1.3 The prescriptions of the national authority, US Sailing do apply and are stated fully in Paragraph 21.

1.4 Racing rule 35 is changed as follows: RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 60 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and requesting that a hearing be re-opened on the last day of racing.

2 Notices to Competitors:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the Pandemonium.

3 Changes in the Sailing Instructions:

Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Jury and the Organizing Authority and will be posted before 0900 of the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 Signals Ashore:

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flag pole on the front lawn of the Larchmont Yacht Club.

4.2 Code flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 90 minutes after the lowering of the signal.

5 Schedule:

Mon Sept 12	1200 - 1700	Registration Woodies & Classics (<7300), (Moderns if early)
Tues Sept 13	0900 - 1700	
	1830	Opening Cocktail Party
Weds Sept 14	1100	First Warning Woodies & Classics
Thurs Sept 15	0900 - 1700	Registration Modern Fleet – all boats eligible
	1100	First Warning Woodies & Classics
		Awards presentation at the completion of racing
Fri Sept 16	1100	First Warning Modern Fleet
	1830	Centennial Gala Celebration
Sat Sept 17	1100	First Warning Modern fleet
Sun Sept 18	1000	First Warning Modern Fleet
	1400	No warning signal after this time
		BBQ and Awards at the completion of racing

5.1 The Race Committee may change the schedule. No more than three (3) races per day may be sailed as per STCR 34.3.7.

6 Class Flag:

The Class Flag shall be the Star Class flag.

7 Racing Area:

The racing area will be in the waters of Western Long Island Sound in the vicinity of Larchmont Yacht Club.

8 Course:

8.1 Course "0", Course "1", Course "3", or Course "4", STCR 34.3 may be used. The Race Committee signal boat will display the appropriate numeral pennant (or the course number by placard) to indicate the course.

PLEASE NOTE:

Woodies and Classics Racing, Sept. 14-15 will use Format C, STCR 34.3.7

Modern Fleet Racing, Sept. 16-18 will use Format B, STCR 34.3.7

8.2 The approximate compass bearing from Mark 3 (or Marks 3S and 3P) to Mark 1 will be displayed on the Race Committee signal boat prior to or with the Warning Signal.

8.3 The courses will not be shortened.

8.4 Lengths of legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal, this changes RRS 33.

9 Marks:

9.1 Except as provided for in SI 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, and 11 marks will be orange inflatables.

9.2 A new mark will be identified with a black band. If a new mark is subsequently changed, it will be replaced with a mark without a black band.

9.3 If employed, a "leeward gate" will consist of a pair of orange inflatables.

9.4 For Courses "3" and "4", Mark 2 will be a white spherical mark.

9.5 At any mark beginning a downwind leg on courses "0", and "1", the Race Committee may set an off-set mark. In that case, boats shall pass Mark 1 to port, and then round the off-set mark to port.

10 Check In:

Prior to the first Warning Signal of the first race a boat sails each day, boats shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat to be recorded. RRS A4.1 is changed to provide that boats not complying with this instruction will receive the same score as a boat not starting without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

11 The Start:

11.1 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat and the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the pin boat.

11.2 RRS A4 is changed so that a boat not starting within 10 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.

11.3 The recall number for a boat shall be her bow number or her sail number.

11.4 A Race Committee boat displaying Code flag "G" may pass to windward of the fleet in the event of an abandonment, postponement or general recall which means: "The Race Committee has signaled an abandonment, postponement or general recall. Boats are to return to the starting area immediately."

11.5 A Race Committee boat displaying Code flag "X" positioned near Mark 1 will attempt to notify boats that were OCS and will display their bow numbers.

11.6 A Race Committee boat displaying a black flag positioned near Mark 1 will attempt to notify boats that have been disqualified in accordance with RRS 30.3 and will display their bow numbers. Any boat notified that she has been disqualified shall leave the race course immediately. However, if there are two races scheduled for that day, boats having been disqualified in the first race may stand by in an area outside the race course for the second race.

12 Change of Position of the Next Mark:

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in position.

13 The Finish:

The finishing line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a Race Committee boat and the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the pin boat.

14 Time Limit:

14.1 The time limit will be as described in STCR 34.3.7 Format B (Sept 16-18) and STCR 34.3.7 Format C (Sept. 14-15).

14.2 RRS 35, A4 and A5 are changed to provide that boats finishing more than 60 minutes after the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.

15 Protests:

15.1 Protest forms are available at the front desk of the Clubhouse. Completed protests shall be delivered to the jury desk located on the 2nd floor of the main clubhouse within the Protest Time limit.

15.2 Protests must be delivered within one hour of the Race Committee signal boat docking time. The protest time will be posted on the Notice Board. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to request redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

15.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held on the 2nd floor of the main clubhouse at the time posted.

15.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time limit.

15.5 Boats recorded on the finishing list as having not started or not finished will be posted on the Notice Board ½ hour before the end of Protest Time.

15.6 On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed on the day of the decision.

15.7 On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15.8 The Penalty for breaking SI 17, 19, 20, and 22 will be at the discretion of the jury. For SI 19 the penalty may be applied to all boats associated with the team or private support boat.

16 Scoring:

The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply; modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with the worst score discarded if more than 4 races are completed.

Sept. 14-15: Five (5) races are scheduled, of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series.

Sept. 16-18: Six (6) races are scheduled, of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series.

17 Liability and Safety:

17.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and/or entrant.

17.2 Competitors leaving the race course before the end of a race shall inform the Race Committee or the Jury as soon as possible. Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the Waterfront Director on VHF 72 or the front desk at 914-834-2440.

18 Crew Changes:

18.1 Any request for a change of crew shall be submitted to the International Jury in writing prior to 0900 on the day of the race for which the change is to be made. If the International Jury grants permission, it will do so in writing and post such notice on the Notice Board.

18.2 A change of helmsman will not be permitted.

19 Team and Private Support Boats:

19.1 Coach boats and private spectator boats are expected to render assistance to a boat in danger when requested by the boat, or at the request of the Race Committee or jury.

19.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Warning Signal until all boats have finished racing.

19.3 The Penalty for breaking 19.1, 19.2, 19.3 or 19.4 will be at the discretion of the jury up to and including disqualification of all boats associated with the team or private support boat.

20 Haul out Restrictions:

20.1 Woodies and Classics may be drysailed.

20.2 Modern fleet boats will be assigned a rotation of drysail and moorings at registration.

21 US SAILING Prescriptions that Apply

21.1 After RRS 68 add: "US SAILING prescribes that:

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats."

21.2 After RRS 76.1 add: "US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age."

21.3 Add RRS 76.3: "US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6."

22 Radio Communication:

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions (including cellular telephone) while racing.

23 Prizes:

23.1 Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew, as follows:

Sept. 14-15	Woodies	Boats finishing 1 st through 3 rd
Sept. 14-15	Classics	Boats finishing 1 st through 3 rd
Sept. 16-18		Boats finishing 1 st through 3 rd
	Masters (50-59)	finishing 1 st through 3 rd
	Grand Masters (60-69)	finishing 1 st through 3 rd
	Exaulted Grand Masters (70 and older)	finishing 1 st through 3 rd
	Juniors (under 25)	finishing 1 st through 3 rd
	Women's	finishing 1 st through 3 rd
	Top Woody	finishing 1st with the Modern Fleet
	Top Classic	finishing 1st with the Modern Fleet

24. Conditions and Responsibilities

24.1 My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury associated with it. We have read RRS 4, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.

24.2 I acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority nor the race committee, nor their members, will be responsible for

- (a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or
- (b) any injury to myself or my crew, including death, sustained as a result of the participation of myself, my crew and the boat in this event.

24.3 I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event, whether on the water or on shore, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.

24.4 I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that myself, my crew and the entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law or that a prudent seaman would consider advisable. "

25 Commerical Traffic

25.1 **No boat shall interfere with commercial shipping transiting the racing area.** Any boat observed by a Race Committee member or a Jury as being in violation of this rule, may be disqualified without a hearing. This modifies RRS 63.1.