

LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB



Vanguard 15 Spring Regatta *Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12, 2011*

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 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

3 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.

4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 11

- 1200 Skippers' Meeting
- 1230 Harbor Start
- 1300 First Warning
- 1800 Dinner

Sunday, June 12

- 1000 Harbor Start
 - 1030 First Warning
 - 1530 No Warning signal after this time
- Awards Ceremony after the completion of racing on the front lawn

5 RACING AREA

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

6 COURSES AND MARKS

- 6.1 Courses will be a Harry Anderson, "H", or windward-leeward using either configuration "L" or "W."

H 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.

W Consisting of two (2) marks (with possible offset mark at the windward and/or leeward mark) – windward, leeward, finishing to windward leaving the race committee boat to starboard.

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

- 6.2 Courses will be announced before each race from the committee boat.
- 6.3 Course lengths are at the discretion of the committee.
- 6.4 The starting line in course “W” may be disregarded except when maneuvering to start.
- 6.5 For courses “L” and “W”, offset marks may be used at the windward mark and/or the leeward mark and will be set at the discretion of the committee to the port side of said mark(s).
- 6.6 For courses “W” and “H”, the Race Committee may set a gate at the leeward mark.
- 6.7 All marks, including the offset mark(s) if used, shall be rounded to port except for course “H”.
- 6.8 All marks, excluding the offset marks if used, will be orange hippity hops. The offset marks, if used, will be white hippity hops.

7 THE START

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

8 RECALLS

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

9 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby buoy.

10 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 45 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first finisher will be scored “Time Limit Expired” (TLE) as described in SI 13.3

11 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.

12 PROTESTS

- 12.1 A boat intending to protest shall report this to the race committee promptly after finishing that race.
- 12.2 Written protests shall be delivered to the protest committee desk located on the second floor of the club house no later than 1 hour after the race committee comes ashore.
- 12.3 Protest forms are available at the front desk of the yacht club.
- 12.4 The expiration time for filing protests and the list of protests in the approximate order in which they will be heard will be posted on the official notice board.
- 12.5 Hearings will begin as soon as practicable.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 One completed race will constitute a series.
- 13.2 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).
- 13.3 Boats scored TLE will receive points equal to the number of boats that finished within the time limit plus one.

14 ARBITRATION

- 14.1 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*.
- 14.2 After a written protest is filed, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 The arbitrator is neither the race nor protest committee; therefore, decisions made during arbitration cannot be grounds for redress and cannot be appealed.
- 14.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe testimony presented and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, June 12.
- 15.2 Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place finishers.
- 15.3 The regatta is the first event in the Heineken Vanguard 15 Tristate Championship. Overall prizes for the series championship will be awarded at the conclusion of the Atlantic Coast Championship July 9-10, 2011 at Sayville Yacht Club.

16 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 16.1 As a condition of participating, 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.
The Larchmont Yacht Club is not responsible and will not accept any liability for bodily injury, death or property damage suffered from any cause.
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, including all shore side and social activities, entirely at our own risk.
- 16.2 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.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 and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.
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.
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.

I agree to be bound by all the rules that govern this event. I will inform all crew members of the conditions stated herein for their participation such racing

17 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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