



3rd Annual Liberty Singlehanded Race

New York, October 6, 2012

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS).

Important note!

The Race Committee demands that each competitor is wearing a personal flotation device for the duration of the Race. Competitors not complying with the demand will be disqualified!

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Race is open to monohull yachts of at least 24 feet in overall length and and multihull yachts of any length, holding a valid PHRF Certificate.

The monohull yachts will compete in the racing division (Division # 1).

The Race Committee may accept the monohull entries without valid PHRF Rating Certificates that will be classified as cruising division (Division # 2) in the Race, separately from racing division. Informal classification of yachts in cruising division may be provided by the Race Committee based on the finish time and the temporary PHRF rating derived from YRA publication of 'Base Rating for yachts of Long Island Sound'.

The multihull yachts will be classified in the multihull division (Division # 3).

The yachts holding a valid PHRF Certificate are eligible to compete for the Liberty Trophy.

Note!

Please e-mail a copy of your yacht's 2012 PHRF Certificate as soon as possible to wojtekwalczak@optonline.com

3. SKIPPER'S MEETING

There will be a Skippers' Meeting on Saturday, October 6, 2012 commencing at 1000 hours. The Meeting will take place on the barge of the Polish Sailing Club of

New York in Gateway Marina. Copies of the Sailing Instructions and Scratch Sheets will be available at the Meeting.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Notice Board located on the barge of the Polish Sailing Club of New York.

5. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

This version of the Sailing Instructions supersedes all previous versions. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting and posted by the Race Committee on the Race Notice Board at least 2 hours prior to the start of the Race.

6. CHECK-IN

In order to check-in, all yachts shall hail the Race Committee on VHF Channel 78 prior to 1145 hours on October 6, 2012. Please state your sail number and yacht name.

7. START

The starting line will be located approximately 1/10 nm north of the red buoy R „20“ Fl R 6s, situated at the coordinates [40° 34.184' N, 073° 53.910' W]. The starting line will be between port-end orange mark and a staff displaying a white flag on the Race Committee boat, anchored at the starboard end.

The first warning signal for **monohull yachts** (Divisions #1 and #2) will be at **1155** hours on Saturday, October 6, 2012.

The warning signal for **multihull yachts** (Division #3) will be at **1205** hours on Saturday, October 6, 2012 (5 minutes after start signal for monohull yachts).

Starting Procedure.

Signal	Flag & sound signal	Minutes to start
Warning	Division Flag(s) raised, 1 sound signal	5
Preparatory	Flag P raised, 1 sound signal	4
One minute	Preparatory flag lowered, 1 long sound signal	1
Start	Warning flags lowered, 1 sound signal	0

8. POSTPONEMENTS

Any postponement of the start will be signaled by raising flag "**AP**" (the Answering Pennant) and 2 sound signals. The flag "**AP**" will be lowered with 1 sound signal 1 minute prior to the new warning signal.

9. RECALLS

An individual recall will be promptly signaled by flag "**X**" and 1 sound signal. The Race Committee will attempt to identify yachts failing to start correctly by hail on VHF Channel 78. It is a responsibility of each yacht to start correctly.

A general recall will be signaled by the **First Substitute** flag and 2 sound signals. The new warning signal will be made 1 minute after lowering the First Substitute flag with 1 sound signal.

10. COURSE

The course is from the Start (see above) heading West.

One of the three options A, B or C will be selected by the Race Committee prior to the warning signal and pointed out to the participating yachts by displaying appropriate flag A, B or C of the International Code on the Race Committee boat.

Option A (short [4.4 nm]):

From the Start towards the red buoy R „10“ FI R 4s BELL, situated at the coordinates [40° 34.220' N, 074° 00.707' W], leaving that buoy on the starboard side.

The finish line will be between a staff with a white flag on the Race Committee boat and the red R „10“ buoy.

Option B [8.8 nm]:

From the Start towards the red buoy R „10“ FI R 4s BELL, situated at the coordinates [40° 34.220' N, 074° 00.707' W], rounding that buoy on the port side and sailing back to the starting line.

The finish line will be between a staff with a white flag on the Race Committee boat and the orange inflatable mark on the start line.

Option C [12.9 nm]:

From the Start towards the red buoy R „10“ FI R 4s BELL, situated at the coordinates [40° 34.220' N, 074° 00.707' W], rounding that buoy on the port side and continue sailing towards the red buoy R „18“ Q R BELL, situated at the coordinates [40° 32.370' N, 074° 01.199' W], rounding that buoy on the port side and continue sailing back to the starting line.

The finish line will be between a staff with a white flag on the Race Committee boat and the orange inflatable mark on the start line.

If the course B or C has to be shortened after the Start, the Race Committee will announce that decision over the VHF radio on channel 78 and through the calls to the cell phones of the participating yachts. Furthermore the Race Committee boat situated at the new finish line near the red buoy R „10“ will display the “S” flag of the International Code.

11. DECLARATION

Yacht that crosses the finish line declares the proper completion of the Race.

12. WITHDRAWALS

Any yacht withdrawing from the race must notify the Race Committee by calling the phone number (973) 289-3486 as soon as possible.

13. PROTESTS

Protests should be signaled according to the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) and should be submitted in writing to the Race Committee, no later than 30 minutes after the Committee boat returns to the Marina.

The Race Committee will notify all involved parties about the time and place of the hearing.

14. TIME ALLOWANCES

PHRF time allowances will be “time on distance” based on YRA of LIS “distance race” ratings and a distance of nautical miles for the actual race course.

The final results will be posted on the Race Notice Board.

15. AWARDS PRESENTATION

Awards will be presented at the Awards Celebration Party on Saturday, October 6, 2012 on the barge of the Polish Sailing Club of New York. The party will begin at 1700 hours. The awards ceremony will begin at 1800 hours.