



NORWALK YACHT CLUB

"SATURDAY CHAMPS"

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2013

1. RULES: All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS); the prescriptions of U. S. Sailing; the current Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound ("YRALIS"); the Minimum Equipment Recommendations of the YRALIS; and by this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. This is an RRS category A event.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors, class assignments and changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Norwalk Yacht Club. As a convenience to competitors we also intend to post Sailing Instructions and Notices on the Norwalk Yacht Club web site at www.norwalkyc.com. However, the Official Notice Board posting governs and failure to post notices on the web site is not a valid basis for protest.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any change to the sailing instructions or to the class assignments will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SCHEDULE: The Saturday Champs are composed of the Chantey Man Cup on June 15, 2013 and the Green's Ledge Trophy on September 7, 2013. First signals for each will be at 1100.

5. ENTRY:

5.1 You are requested to enter on-line at www.yachtscoring.com. Please contact the OA at regatta@norwalkyc.com with any problems or questions

5.2 Entry Fess are \$50 if both races are entered, \$25 if one race is entered

6. CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS: Classes will be announced by scratch sheets, which will be available at the Norwalk Yacht Club and on www.yachtscoring.com no later than 09:30 on the day of the race. Scratch sheets designating classes will also be available on the Race Committee Boat(s). Class flags will be the Numeral Pennants shown in the table below:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Class 1 Spinnaker	Numeral 1
Class 2 Non-Spinnaker (PHRF under 135)	Numeral 2
Class 3 Ideal - 18	Numeral 3

7. RACING AREA: Area south of Rowayton, Connecticut in the vicinity of Greens Ledge Lighthouse.

8. THE COURSES:

8.1 Diagrams of the Courses are attached in **Addendum A**.

The course chosen for each fleet will be displayed by the Committee Boat and the course will be comprised of inflatable marks or race committee boat(s) as indicated in **9.1** below. The Race Committee boat may change an announced course at any time prior to, but no later than, the class warning signal and during a postponement.

8.2 When only one course is displayed, that is the course for the next class to start. When multiple courses are displayed the following designations identify the class course assignments:

Placard	Course is for:
I	Spinnaker Class
II	Non-Spinnaker Class
III	Ideal – 18 – note that courses for the Ideals may also be announced by VHF and Hail

8.3 Courses will normally be displayed vertically and are read from top to bottom. If for any reason a course is displayed horizontally, it shall be displayed from forward to aft on the committee boat.

9. MARKS

9.1 New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, may be designated by the race committee and may be a committee boat or an inflatable mark.

9.2 All marks shall be rounded to port with the exception of the Z course which has one midcourse rounding of the Starting Mark/Pin to starboard (see diagram in Addendum A).

10. STARTING SEQUENCE

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal. The starting procedure is illustrated as follows, assuming the warning signal is at 1100. Adjust times for later starts.

Class 1	Flag and Sound
1200 Warning	Class flag; 1 sound
1201 Preparatory	P, I; 1 sound
1204 One-Minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound
1205 Start	Class flag removed; 1 sound.

10.2 The warning signal for each succeeding class will be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class. **CLASSES WILL START IN NUMERICAL ORDER**

10.3 After the first warning signal has been made, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

10.4 Visual signals govern. The Race Committee's failure to execute a sound signal shall not be a valid basis for protest or redress.

10.5 Recalls and Restarts. Recalls will be signaled in accord with Rule 29. The committee may attempt to hail boat(s) recalled, but failure to hail will not excuse a boat's failure to return to the pre-start side of the starting line. If a general recall or postponement is signaled, the starting sequence will resume as follows: One minute after the AP or FS code flag is lowered, the Warning Signal (5 Minute) for the recalled class will be made and starting sequence resumed. The starts for succeeding classes are postponed accordingly.

11. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK (THIS MODIFIES RULE 33)

11.1 Changes will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will display Code Flag "C" with repetitive sounds, and designate the approximate compass course to the new mark. Code flags, chalk boards, signs or hail may be used to designate the approximate compass course to the new mark. Any mark to be rounded after the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

11.2 The race committee may also attempt to announce changes using VHF Channel 78A, but failure to make such an announcement on Channel 78A shall not be a basis for protest or redress.

12. THE FINISH The finish line will be in the vicinity of Green's Ledge Light between an inflatable mark and an orange flag on the Committee Boat unless the course is shortened by the race committee as provided in Rule 32.

13. TIME LIMITS The finish of one boat in any class prior to 3 hours after its warning signal will constitute a race for all classes. Any yacht not finishing within 3 hours of the start of the last class started will be scored DNF.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.2 Protests shall be written on standard forms available at the Norwalk YC race office and delivered there within the Protest Time, which begins when the committee boat returns to the Norwalk Yacht Club after finishing the racers and ends at 6:00 PM on the day of the race. Protests will be heard at 2000 hours on Mondays at the Norwalk Yacht Club. Protest notices will be posted at the Norwalk Yacht Club on the day following the Protest Time expiration. Decisions will be posted at the NYC following the hearing. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

15. SCORING. Scoring will be by the Time on Distance methodology. Awards will be presented to the first three boats in each class.

16. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Norwalk Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is their sole responsibility. Each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Norwalk Yacht Club and the YRA of LIS and each of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising

out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor, as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat, including safety equipment and rigging, and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel manning them is at the risk of the participant.