



2013 IDEAL 18 INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP OF LONG ISLAND SOUND

September 28, 2013

Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich, Connecticut

Organizing Authority

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the **rules** as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016(RRS)*.

1.2 All of the prescriptions of US Sailing will apply.

1.3 Racing rule 40 and the Preamble to Part 4 will be changed as follows: Except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing or equipment, all competitors shall wear, while on or near the water, a US Coast Guard approved PFD. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. Also see NOR 10 (Time Limits) below. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.4 As permitted by RRS 87, rules 4.6 and 13.4 of the Ideal 18 Class Rules are changed as follows: *the hull surface below the top waterline stripe shall have an anti-fouling bottom paint or coating; and, boats shall be raced by two persons.* The Organizing Authority may require that boats be inspected to ensure compliance with the bottom paint requirement.

1.5 The equipment required to be aboard each boat while racing is listed in Ideal 18 Class Rule 10, and includes PFD's, a separate throwable PFD with whistle, anchor & anchor line, bucket, pump, and paddle. The Organizing Authority may require that boats be inspected ashore or during the on-water check-in each day to verify compliance with on-board equipment requirements.

1.6 Bow numbers will be distributed during check-in. They are to be applied to both sides of the bow in the following manner: the leading edge of the forward number shall be two inches aft of the stem with its' top two inches below the deck edge. The aft number shall then be applied one inch aft of the forward number and two inches below the deck edge. The Organizing Authority may supply event advertising material, with instructions for application to the hull.

1.7 Appendix T sections B and D will apply.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Main Lobby of the Club House.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 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. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole on the front lawn of the Club House.

4.2 When pennant AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP

5. Schedule of Races & Events

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Friday, September 27

1700-2000 Check-In* & Late Registration

Saturday, September 28

0800-0930 Check-in* & Late Registration

0930 Competitors' Meeting

1000 Harbor Start

All boats must be afloat by 1000

1055 First Warning

Awards will be presented shortly after racing ends

* **Note:** All skippers & crews must check-in for the regatta in person. No exceptions.

6. Class Flag

The class flag will be number pennant 1. Also see SI 10.2.

7. Racing Areas

The racing area will be in Captain Harbor.

8. Courses

8.1 Two types of courses may be signaled by mark letter:

(a) **W** – Windward-Leeward. When "W" is used, it will be displayed over a number indicating the number of legs to be sailed. For the purpose of indicating the number of legs, the distance between the windward mark and an offset mark shall not count as a leg. Examples: W3 means 3 legs: windward, leeward, finish to windward; W4 means 4 legs, windward, leeward, windward, finish to leeward.

(b) **M** – Modified Olympic. This course has 6 legs in the following order: windward, leeward, windward, two reaching legs, and finish to windward.

8.2 All marks including an offset mark shall be rounded to port, except that a gate, when used, shall be rounded as described in rule 28.1(c)

8.3 It is the intention of the race committee to use gate marks at the end of leeward legs. If a gate is replaced by a single mark, it shall be left to port

8.4 An offset mark will be set approximately 7 boat lengths to port of the windward mark.

8.5 The leeward mark, or the leeward gate if set, will be located approximately 50 yards to windward of the starting line.

8.6 No later than the warning signal, the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing and distance to the windward mark will be displayed on the course board on the bow of the Race Committee Signal Boat, using placards arranged vertically.

9. Marks

9.1 The marks of the course will be yellow tetrahedrons.

9.2 The offset mark near the windward mark will be a brightly colored spherical buoy.

9.3 A new mark, as provided in SI 11.1, will be an orange tetrahedron.

9.4 The starting marks will be the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and a yellow cylinder at the port end. The finishing marks will be the same as the starting marks, and will not be moved except in the event of a substantial wind shift.

10. The Start

10.1 Races shall be started using Appendix S, the Sound-Signal Starting System, and a 3-minute sequence. This changes RRS 26.

10.2 Supplemental visual signals will be used.

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat, and the port-end starting mark.

10.4 Excepting after a General Recall, a series of short horn sounds will be made before the warning signal, to alert boats that a sequence will begin soon. In addition, when a mechanical sound box is used, in the 20 seconds before the warning signal, there are several series of mechanically produced short count-down sounds.

10.5 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 & A5.

11. Changing the Next Leg of the Course

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark or gate (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark (or marks) as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2 If the windward mark is changed, a new offset mark will not be set.

12. The Finish

12.1 The finishing line will be the same as the starting line for M courses and for W courses with an even number of legs. For W courses with an odd number of legs the finish will be approximately 50 yards to windward of the last windward mark **unless there is a change of course for the final leg.**

12.2 If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Substitute pennant (with no sound) while boats are finishing.

13. Penalty System

13.1 Appendix T Section B Post-Race Penalties will apply whereby a boat may take a scoring penalty after a race in accordance with Section B if she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or 31 while racing.

13.2 Appendix T section D Arbitration will apply.

14. Time Limits & Target Times

14.1 The target time for each race will be 20 to 40 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This amends RRS 62.1(a).

14.2 The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish.

14.3 A boat not finishing within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This modifies RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. Protests & Requests for Redress

15.1 At its' first opportunity after finishing or withdrawing from a race, a boat shall notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest another boat, and provide the sail number of the boat to be protested. This adds to RRS 61.

15.2 Protest forms will be available at the Front Desk of the Club House. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be in writing and shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks. A long sound signal will indicate that protest time has begun. The docking time and protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.4 Notices will be posted as soon as possible before or after the protest time limit to inform competitors of arbitrations or hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Notices of protests by the Race Committee will also be posted within the time limit to inform boats of protests under RRS 61.1(b).

15.5 The time limit for requests for reopening or redress based on a hearing or the scoring is 30 minutes after a hearing decision or scoring results have been posted. This modifies RRS 62.2 & 66.

15.6 Breaches of SI's 1.5,1.6,15,18,19,21 and NOR's 12, 14.A,14.B, and 15 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This amends RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for breaches of these instructions may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for discretionary penalties imposed under this instruction will be DPI, and they are not discardable.

16. Arbitration

16.1 For all RRS Part 2 protests, an arbitration hearing will first be held before proceeding to a protest hearing. This modifies RRS Part 5 Section B.

16.2 After a written protest is filed, one representative from each boat will meet with an arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.

16.3 A boat accepting fault during arbitration shall receive a scoring penalty of 40% of the number of entries (rounded up 0.5) added to her finish position but no worse than DNF.

16.4 Arbitrators shall not be considered race or protest committee members; therefore, arbitration decisions cannot be grounds for redress and cannot be appealed.

16.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee that hears the protest but may be permitted to observe at the hearing and offer testimony. This amends RRS 63.3(a).

17. Scoring

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used.

17.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute the series.

17.3 (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score subject to RRS 90.3(b).

17.4 Boats scored TLE will receive as a race score points equal to two places more than the last boat that finishes within the time limit, but not worse than DNF. This modifies A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

18. Safety Regulations

18.1 Boats shall check in before the first race each day by passing close to the stern of the Race Committee signal boat after it has anchored, with mainsail raised, and hail their sail numbers until acknowledged.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race or for the day, or does not intend to start a race, shall notify any race committee boat as soon as possible.

18.3 Depositing trash in the water is not permitted.

19. Support Boats

Coach and support boats are not permitted to have contact of any nature with a boat from the time of harbor start until the boat has finished the last race of the day.

20. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top scoring Club and to individual competitors.

21. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to request proof of insurance from any entrant's boat owner. Adequacy of cover is an owner responsibility.

22. Safety & Disclaimer

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely on their own responsibility. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the Organizing Authority the Indian Harbor Yacht Club, its officers, trustees, committee members, and employees, and the Race Committee, Protest Committee, race course assistants, and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, including fatality, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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