

2018 WYS Instructors Challenge



WESTHAMPTON YACHT SQUADRON

Remsenburg, NY 11960

Sunday, August 19, 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(Issued August 18, 2018)

Only Division: Flying Scot – No Spinnakers

1. RULES

- 1.1. The races will be governed by *"The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 Including US Sailing Prescriptions"* (RRS), except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. As provided for in Rule 86 of the RRS, Rule 44.1 will be changed by requiring only one penalty turn under any circumstances covered by Rule 44.1.
- 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Westhampton Yacht Squadron (WYS) notice board located north of the flagpole.
- 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 10:00am on the day it will take effect and announced at the Skippers' Meeting. Oral instructions may be given on the water, as necessary, with a loud hailer from the Race Committee boat or by an official support boat, as provided in RRS 90.2(c).

4. SIGNALS

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the WYS flagpole.
- 4.2. **Code Flag L** (yellow and black squares) with one horn blast on shore means a notice to competitors has been posted. On the water, it means "come within hail" of the Race Committee Boat.
- 4.3. **Code Flag AP** (red and white stripes) with two horn blasts means the race is postponed. A single horn blast accompanies the lowering of the flag.

5. SAFETY

- 5.1. All competitors <u>must</u> wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type III or Type V Personal Flotation Device (PFD) at all times on the water. This changes RRS 40.
- 5.2. No spinnakers are to be flown at any time while racing.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. The Instructors Challenge will consist of races on Sunday, August 19, 2018.
- 6.2. Four (4) to five (5) races are planned, but there may be more or less depending on time and weather conditions.
- 6.3. Schedule for the day:

Registration/Check-in	9:00 – 10:00 am
Skippers' Meeting	10:30 am
Warning Signal for First race	11:30 am
No race shall begin after	2:00 pm
Awards after racing	

- 6.4. Racers must check in with the Race Committee boat on the water prior to the first race each day. If leaving the race area, racers must communicate that information to the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 7. **RACING AREA** Races will be held on Moriches Bay west of WYS near Seatuck Cove.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The Planned course is a windward leeward once around (WYS Course #2) but may be modified at the Skippers' meeting or on the water by oral instructions from the Race Committee.
- 8.2. The diagrams in Attachment "A" at the end of these Sailing Instructions show the WYS courses. Course Diagrams will also be available at the Registration desk. Prior to each race, the course symbol will be displayed on white board from the Race Committee boat designating the course to be sailed in that race.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2, and 3 (if used) will be orange inflatable pyramids.
- 9.2. The start-finish line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the small orange ball in the water (the pin) or an anchored pin boat with a staff.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started by using modified Rule 26 (3-minute start sequence) with the warning siren being made approximately one (1) minute prior to the warning signal.
- 10.2. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 10.3. If RRS 30.1 is invoked, the **Code Flag I** (yellow field, black ball) will be hoisted instead of the **Preparatory Flag P** two (2) minutes before the start and lowered at one (1) minute before the start.

11. RECALLS

11.1. **Code Flag X** (blue cross on a white field) and 1 horn blast signals an individual recall. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers for boats that are OCS (on the course side). This modifies RRS 41. Boats shall not be entitled to redress for

the following: the failure of a boat to hear or receive a recall hail; the order of recall numbers hailed; the promptness of the hail. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

11.2. **Code Flag First Substitute** (blue pennant with yellow triangle) and 2 horn blasts signals a general recall. A single horn blast accompanies the lowering of the flag. The warning signal will be made one minute after removal.

12. SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START

- 12.1. **Code Flag S** (white flag with blue square) and 2 horn blasts signals a shortened course, the finishing line shall be at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying flag S. This modifies RRS 32.2.
- 12.2. **Code Flag N** (blue and white checks) and 3 horn blasts signal abandon race; return to start area. A single horn blast accompanies the lowering of the flag. The warning signal will be made one minute after removal.
- 12.3. Code Flag N over Code Flag H (blue and white checks over white and red vertical stripe) and 3 horn blasts signal abandon race, return to shore.
- **13. PENALTY TURNS** A boat will only be required to take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the RRS. This modifies RRS 44.1.
- **14. TIME LIMIT** Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF (did not finish). This changes RRS 35 and A4.

15. **PROTESTS**

- 15.1. The Race Committee will post the docking time at the end of racing each day on the official notice board.
- 15.2. Protest forms are available at the club and completed protest forms shall be delivered to the Protest Committee no later than one hour after the docking. The same time applies to protests by the Race Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- **16. SCORING** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series; however, five (5) races are planned. The results will be based on all races completed. There will be one throw out if five races are sailed. This modifies Appendix A2.
- **17. RADIO COMMUNICATION** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- 18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Competitors in the Summer Series and Labor Day Races are participating entirely at their own risk and are bound by *"The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 Including US Sailing Prescriptions"* and all other rules that govern this event and assume full responsibility for starting or continuing to race see RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, host club and/or personnel conducting this event will not accept any liability for material damages or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

