



# **Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club**

## **Wednesday Night Rhodes-19 Fleet Racing Series**

### **23 May through 3 October, 2012**

### **Sailing Instructions**

#### **1. RULES**

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009-2012).

##### **1.2. ALTERATION OF RACING RULES**

1.2.1. A minimum of *two* boats must *start* to constitute a race. This changes RRS A2.

1.2.2. Alternative procedures for dispute resolution are outlined in paragraph 12 below.

##### **1.3. ALTERATION OF CLASS RULES**

1.3.1. Under rule 87, class rule B12.02. is changed. A minimum Rhodes crew complement of *two*, including the helmsman, is required.

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Marina Office.

#### **3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1600 on the day of the race.

3.2. Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1600 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff located near the Marina Office.

4.2. When flag “Y” is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1. The Wednesday Night Rhodes-19 Fleet Racing series is divided into two ten-week series:

5.1.1. The Summer Series starting 23 May and ending 25 July, and

5.1.2. The Fall Series starting 1 August and ending 3 October 2012.

##### **5.2. Schedule:**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Function</u>
Summer Series	1730	Warning signal
Fall Series - August	1730	Warning signal
Fall Series – September/October	1700	Warning signal

5.3. Skippers must confirm boat assignments with the Fleet Captain by noon each Monday to race on Wednesday.

5.4. The intent is to conduct one race per evening.

5.5. A second race may be scheduled to make up for races *abandoned* or not sailed.

#### **6. CLASS FLAGS**

6.1. Class flags will be used. This flag will be the Rhodes-19 class symbol stipulated in the class rules.

#### **7. RACING AREA**

7.1. Sail Newport’s South Bay Race Chart defines the general racing area.

#### **8. MARKS AND COURSES**

8.1. The *marks* are described in the South Bay Race Chart.

8.2. The course table “Starts West of Coasters Harbor Island” will be used.

8.3. Course designations, from the race chart table, describe the order in which rounding *marks* are to be passed, and the side on which each *mark* is to be left. Example P1= 10p Xp; leave mark 10 to port, leave mark X to port.

8.4. Fixed courses will be designated by black letters and numbers on a white board from the RC boat.

8.5. Special courses will be designated by displaying Flag “O” before or with the warning signal. The rounding *marks* from the Race Chart will be displayed on the white board in the order to be passed and the required side.

- 8.6. A number in parentheses after the course display indicates the number of laps to be sailed if there is more than one lap. Example: P1 (2); course P1 twice around.
- 8.7. Government aids to navigation need not be honored unless they are rounding *marks* of the course.

## 9. THE START

- 9.1. Races will be *started* by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2. The starting line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the RC boat and the nearby mark/pin.

## 10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. Unless the course is shortened, the finishing line will be between the staff displaying the blue flag on the RC boat and the nearby mark/pin.
- 10.2. If the race committee intends to *start* another race on the same evening, it will display flag “AP” (with no sound) while boats are *finishing*. The warning signal for the subsequent race will be flown one minute after “AP” is removed with a long sound. This is an addition to the race signals found on the back cover of the RRS.

## 11. TIME LIMITS

- 11.1. If no boat has passed the first *mark* within 45 minutes from the *start*, the race will be *abandoned*.
- 11.2. The time limit for each boat to *finish* is 15 minutes before sunset. This changes Rule 35.
- 11.3. Boats failing to *finish* within a 20 minute time window after the first boat sails the course and *finishes* will be scored Time Window Expired (TWE) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## 12. PROCEDURES FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 12.1. The protest time limit is 24 hours after the start of the race.
- 12.2. Optional Penalties

### 12.2.1. Penalties at the Time of the Incident

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, while in the *zone* around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

### 12.2.2. Penalties Taken After the Race

- 12.2.2.1. After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Scoring Penalty. Rules 44.1 (a) and (b) apply when such a penalty is taken. Rules 44.3(a) are (b) are deleted and replaced by, "A boat takes a Scoring Penalty by informing the race committee in writing, identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred."
- 12.2.2.2. If taken before the protest time limit, the penalty shall be a 20-percent Scoring Penalty. The penalty shall be calculated as stated rule 44.3(c).

### 12.2.3. Informing the Race Committee

A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.

- 12.3. Breaches of instructions 4.2, 15.1, and 15.2 will not be grounds for a *protest* by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification subject to the ruling of the protest committee. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

## 13. SCORING

- 13.1. This regatta will be scored in accordance with Appendix A - Low Point Scoring System and A9 – Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta except that:
- 13.1.1. At least two boats must *start* to be scored. This changes Rule A2.
- 13.2. Boats assigned Race Officer Duties will be scored ROD and awarded average points in the series, minus discards, if the boat does not sail that race as a result of their duty as Race Officers. This is in addition to A5.
- 13.3. Boats scored TWE under instruction 11.3 will be scored 1 point more than the number of boats that finished within the time window. This is in addition to A5.

#### 14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Series prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places and for the overall Season Championship.
- 14.2. For each series, a boat must *start* in two-thirds of the races completed. Additional races will be excluded.
- 14.3. For the Season Championship, a boat must *start* in one-half of the races completed in both series. Additional races will be excluded.
- 14.4. The prize giving ceremony will be held at the CHNYC Annual Awards Banquet in November.

#### 15. SAFETY & SECURITY

- 15.1. Before starting a race, boats shall come within hailing distance on a starboard *tack* and check-in with the signal boat, by hailing their sail number and the skipper's name.
- 15.2. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the course, or the Marina Office immediately after arriving ashore.
- 15.3. Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have right-of-way over a vessel which may be restricted in her ability to maneuver. Boats that infringe the Preamble to Part 2 of the Rules and are witnessed by or reported to the Race Committee shall be protested by the Race Committee. This is in addition to the requirements of rule 60.2 and the preamble to Part 2.
  - 15.3.1. If this protest is upheld, the boat will be disqualified from the race and scored DNE.
- 15.4. When passing under the Newport Bridge, boats shall sail through one of the three center spans.
- 15.5. Boats shall not sail between Rose Island and the Newport Bridge.
- 15.6. Boats shall not sail between the Dumplings and the Jamestown shore.
- 15.7. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to other boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones. However, boats are encouraged to monitor the RC VHF channel (72) for information about the race.
- 15.8. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

