



Cedar Point Yacht Club
Vanguard 15
New England Championship
Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28, 2009

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*.
- 1.2 Part 5 Section B of the *RRS* is changed to provide for possible arbitration of protests of Part 2 rules.
- 1.3.1 Race Signals Flag "T" is changed to be displayed prior to the starting sequence of the race, rule 30.1, Round-an-End Rule, will be in effect for that start.

2 ENTRIES

Eligible boats may enter by completing registration and payment of entry fee as prescribed in the Notice of Race for the regatta.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the front porch of the main clubhouse.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the front lawn. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the first warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the "AP" is lowered.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 27

- 1200 Skippers' Meeting
- 1230 Harbor Start
- 1300 First Warning
- 1800 BBQ in the Main Clubhouse. Additional tickets available at registration

Sunday, June 28

- 1000 Harbor Start
 - 1030 First Warning
 - 1530 No Warning signal after this time
- Awards Ceremony after the completion of racing on the front lawn

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the waters off Cedar Point, either between Cockenoe Island and Seymour Rock, or just to the east of the Saugatuck channel entrance.

7 COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1 Courses will be a triangle, "T", Harry Anderson, "H", or windward-leeward using "W"
 - T Consisting of three (3) marks (without an offset) - windward, reach and reach, finishing to windward leaving the race committee boat to starboard.

- H Consisting of four (4) marks – windward (to port), gybe (to port), starting pin (to starboard), leeward mark (gate), finishing to windward leaving the race committee boat to starboard.

- W Consisting of two (2) marks (with possible offset mark at the windward and/or leeward mark) – windward, leeward (leeward mark will be a gate), finishing to windward leaving the race committee boat to starboard.

- 7.2 Courses will be posted on the course board on the committee boat.
- 7.3 Course lengths are at the discretion of the committee.
- 7.4 The starting line in course “W” may be disregarded except when maneuvering to start.
- 7.5 For courses “W”, offset marks may be used at the windward mark.
- 7.6 All marks, including the offset mark(s) if used, shall be rounded to port except for course “H”.
- 7.7 All marks shall be orange hippity hops. Offset marks will be smaller than the windward mark.
- 7.8 For courses “H” and “W”, the leeward mark will be in a gate configuration, with two marks approximately 8-10 boatlengths apart.
- 7.9 Underneath the primary course configuration will be either be the number “1” or “2” indicating the number of laps to be sailed in that configuration, or another letter indicating the configuration for the second lap of the course.

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started in accordance with the 3 minute Sound Signal Starting System, Appendix S of the *RRS*.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag/or hippity hop on the port end.

9 RECALLS

- 9.1 The race committee will endeavor to identify recalled boats by sail number using a loud hailer.
- 9.2 Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification and the order and timing of such hail shall not be grounds for redress.
- 9.3 If flag “I” is displayed prior to the starting sequence of the race, rule 30.1, Round-an-End Rule, will be in effect for that start. This changes Race Signals. The race committee will endeavor to hail boats by sail number with a loud hailer.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 One completed race will constitute a series.
- 10.2 The Race Committee intends to run multiple races. If fewer than 6 races are completed a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. If 6 or more races are completed a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score subject to rule 90.3(b).

11 THE FINISH

The finish will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag/or hippity hop.

12 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be 45 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat will be scored “Time Limit Expired” (TLE). This changes rule 35.

13 WITHDRAWAL

A boat that withdraws from the race or that does not intend to start a scheduled race shall notify the race committee at the first opportunity.

14 PROTESTS

- 14.1 A boat intending to protest shall report this to the race committee promptly after finishing that race.

- 14.2 Written protests shall be delivered and marked with the time, to the protest committee box located in front of the dock masters office no later than 1 hour after the race committee comes ashore.
- 14.3 Protest forms are available at the yacht club.
- 14.4 The expiration time for filing protests and the list of protests in the approximate order in which they will be heard will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.5 Hearings will begin as soon as practicable.

15 ARBITRATION

- 15.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule in Part 2 – When Boats Meet, a short arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5 Section B of the *RRS*.
- 15.2 After a written protest is filed, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.
- 15.3 A boat that accepts fault at the arbitration hearing shall receive a penalty of 40% of the number of entries (rounded upward 0.5) added to her finish position, except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF.
- 15.4 The arbitrator is neither the race nor protest committee; therefore, decisions made during arbitration cannot be grounds for redress and cannot be appealed.
- 15.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest but may be permitted to observe testimony presented and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).

16 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, June 28, 2009. Prizes will be awarded for first through fifth place finishers.

17 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 17.1 The skipper/owner shall be responsible for all actions of his or her crew or guests. In the event of a breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member or agent of the Cedar Point Yacht Club, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her boat shall be subject to protest and disqualification.
- 17.2 Cedar Point Yacht Club is not responsible and will not accept any liability for bodily injury, death or property damage suffered from any cause. Each participant, including skipper and crew, participates in the regatta entirely at his/her own risk and waives any and all claims, including those arising from negligence or lack of due care, which he/she may have against the Cedar Point Yacht Club, its regatta committee, and its officers, trustees, committee members, members, agents, or employees. Responsibility for evaluating the wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each participant as does responsibility for the safe condition of the boat, including safety equipment and rigging and for deciding when to wear life jackets. Patrol boats or other assistance will not likely be available. Assistance, if any, from the regatta committee or other Cedar Point Yacht Club vessels, or other patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is entirely at the risk of the participant.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

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