

2004 LAWRENCE X. SHEA, JR. MEMORIAL RACE
Saturday, September 25, 2004

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

Racing shall be conducted in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2001-2004, as amended, the US SAILING's prescriptions thereto, these sailing instructions and any amendments thereto.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Bulletin Board at NYC. A general notice will be included in the mailing for the Earl L. Mitchell Columbus Day Regatta and in the "Burgee." THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT NYC AND ON THE DAY OF THE RACE FROM THE COMMITTEE BOAT PRIOR TO THE START OF THE RACE. THEY ARE ALSO POSTED ON THE NYC WEBSITE AT WWW.NEWPORTYACHTCLUB.ORG UNDER "RACE."

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be made by hail from the Committee Boat prior to the starting sequence. The Committee Boat will display the code flag "L."

4. SIGNALS:

Signals to the racing fleet will be made in flag code by flag hoist from the Committee Boat.

5. START:

The start of the race will be southeast of Rose Island between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and an orange mark. Starting Signals will be made in accordance with The Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 26.

6. COURSES:

Course "F" will be from the starting line to RG Bell south of Beavertail Point, thence to R "2" south of Brenton Reef, thence counter-clockwise around Gould Island, thence to the finish. 15.75 Nautical Miles.

Course "P" will be from the starting line, counter-clockwise around Gould Island, thence to RG Bell south of Beavertail Point, thence to R "2" south of Brenton Reef, thence to the finish. 15.75 Nautical Miles.

Course "R" will be from the starting line to Gong "7" at Kettle Bottom Rock, thence to R"6" at Butterball Rock, thence to Can "13" north of Newport Bridge, thence to the finish. 7.5 Nautical Miles.

Course "V" will be from the starting line to Can "13" north of the Newport Bridge, thence to Gong "7" at Kettle Bottom Rock, thence to R"6" at Butterball Rock, thence to the finish. 7.5 Nautical Miles.

ALL TURNING MARKS IN ALL COURSES WILL BE LEFT TO PORT.

7. FINISH:

The finish will be southeast of Rose Island between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and an orange mark.

8. GOVERNMENT MARKS:

Yachts must observe all government marks that are not marks of the course EXCEPT G "17" East of Gould Island and Can "13" north of the Newport Bridge. Yachts must pass through any of the three center spans of the Newport Bridge.

9. CLASS DESIGNATORS: Numeral flags will be displayed for class flags.

- Class 1 Spinnaker Yachts All PHRF's (Except Multihulls)
- Class 2 Non-Spinnaker Yachts All PHRF's (Except Multihulls)
- Class 3 Multihulls

10. STARTING SEQUENCE: NOTE - The Starting Sequence is as follows. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. Pay attention to which class flag is displayed. **The warning signal for the first class will be at 1200.**

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class Flag; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P,I,Z with I, or black flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound. next Class Flag 0	

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be the starting signal of the preceding class.

11. POSTPONEMENT AND RECALLS:

Abandonment will be indicated by signals 'N' over 'A' at the Club or on the Race Committee boat. Signals will be displayed with three horn signals.

Postponement will be indicated by pennant "AP" and two horn blasts. This signal will be lowered one minute before the WARNING with one horn.

Individual Recall will be indicated by code flag "X" and a second gun. NO OTHER NOTIFICATION WILL BE MADE. Flag lowered when offending yacht(s) clear and/or one minute before next class start.

General Recall will be indicated by Pennant "1st Repeater" and two extra guns. This signal will be lowered one minute before the next class start. Recalled class will re-start at the end of the starting sequence.

12. PROTESTS:

Protests must be filed in writing at the Newport Yacht Club within 30 seconds of the protesting yacht's finish. The protesting yacht shall display a 3'x 3' Protest flag from her starboard mizzen spreader. The skipper of the protesting yacht shall be restricted to bread and water at the awards party. IN CASE OF A RULES INFRACTION AN OFFENDING

YACHT MAY EXHONERATE HERSELF BY EXECUTING A 360 DEGREE TURN WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER THE INFRACTION.

13. TIME LIMIT:

The first yacht in a class must finish by 5:00 P.M. Any vessels not finishing by that time will be scored DNF and should abandon the race.

14. SCORING:

The low-point scoring system will be used. Time on Distance is used to calculate corrected elapse times.

15. TROPHIES:

Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded for each class to finish. In addition, the first Triton to finish will receive the NETA Commodore's Trophy. All first place finishers will be recorded on the L. X. Shea Race perpetual trophy boards at NYC.