



Sailing Instructions

July 18th-19th, 2009

1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the US Sailing Association Prescriptions thereto, applicable Class Association Rules, PHRF-MA rules and regulations including crew limitations and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions must be submitted by posting the question on the Official Regatta Notice Board before 21:00 on Friday July, 17th. The question and any response will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board no later than 8:00 the following day.(see SI 3, Notices To Competitors).

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

2.1 The Red Grant Regatta is open to mono hull PHRF boats with a minimum LOA of 22' and One Design classes with a minimum of 5 boats. All boats must carry a minimum of two (2) persons.

2.2 It is encouraged that owners or skippers be current members of US Sailing or their National Authority.

2.3 Boats racing in a PHRF class must have a valid 2009 PHRF-MA rating certificate, visiting boats can visit phrfma.org for more info.

2.4 Boats racing as One Designs may race in accordance with their Class Association Rules, provided a minimum of five (5) boats have registered to race in a One Design fleet/class.

2.5 Those One Design classes whose class rules require crew weigh-in will do so at registration unless stipulated otherwise by class coordinator.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the deck outside the 1st floor of the clubhouse.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 0800 each day the changes will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff on the RYC dock near the cupola.

5.2 Signals made ashore will be effective for both circles/all classes

5.3 Flag "AP" Answering Pennant means the race is postponed. The time of the 1st warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the "AP" is lowered.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 All boats affiliated with this regatta shall carry an operable VHF radio. All boats on Circle A shall monitor VHF Channel 69. All boats on Circle B shall monitor Channel 70.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 Races are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday as follows

Circle A (All PHRF classes, J109,)

Saturday Harbor Gun: 9:30; Sunday 9:00

Saturday Warning Signal (1st Class): 11:00; Sunday 10:30

Circle B (Beneteau 36.7, J105, J80, J24)

Saturday Harbor Gun 9:30; Sunday 9:00

Saturday Warning Signal (1st Class): 11:00; Sunday 10:30

7.2 Conditions permitting, multiple races will be sailed on Saturday and Sunday. Signal flag A will be displayed at, or soon after the finish, to indicate there will be no further racing that day.

8. CLASS ASSIGNMENTS and CLASS DESIGNATORS

8.1 There will be two circles in this regatta. Circle B will include Beneteau 36.7s, J105s, J80s and J24s, Circle A includes all remaining PHRF and OD fleets. A scratch sheet referencing boat assignment to course circles, classes and color pennant assignments will also be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board by 2200 on Friday, July 17th.

8.2 Boats in each fleet will be subdivided into classes based on ratings, performance characteristics and one design criteria.

8.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to amalgamate, cancel, subdivide or rearrange classes. The Race Committee's decision on the class in which a competing boat will race is final and not subject to protest.

8.4 Each boat within a class assigned a colored streamer, must display the streamer provided by the regatta, from the area off the stern of each boat at a minimum of six (6) feet above the deck, prior to the first warning signal and while racing. If not possible it may be attached at a location clearly visible from the stern of the boat.

8.5 Class color pennants and warning signal numeral pennants are listed in Appendix C

8.6 The race committee boat for Circle A will be the sailboat, "Sea Feather III". The Race Committee boat for Circle B will be the powerboat, "Observer".

9. RACING AREA

9.1 The approximate Starting Area for Circle A will be between Keyport "1" and Segune Point, Staten Island, NY. The approximate Starting Area for Circle B will be to the .5 miles ESE of Great Beds Lighthouse.

10. THE COURSE

10.1 The diagrams on Appendix "A" show the courses for all fleets. All turning marks shall be left to port. The leeward rounding mark will be to windward of the starting line and may be left on either side during the first leg of the course and when finishing

10.2 If a gate is used in place of the leeward mark, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If a gate is not in place, competitors shall round the leeward mark to port. Gates are designated as "2S" and "2P" in Appendix A.

10.3 An offset mark may be used in conjunction with mark 1. If in place, the offset mark will be placed approximately at a right angle to the weather leg and approximately 200 feet from Mark 1 and must be left to port. The offset mark is designated as "O" in Appendix A and its location in relation to the windward mark will not be grounds for redress.

10.4 Courses to be sailed will be posted on a board on the committee boat. The board will indicate the fleet, compass bearing & approximate distance (nautical miles) to the 1st mark and the course to be sailed. See example in Appendix "B". Differences between the actual and posted distance will not be grounds for redress.

11. MARKS

11.1 The original rounding marks will be yellow inflatable buoys.

11.2 In the event of a course change during a race, the new mark will be black and yellow, unless the change is for the last leg, in which case the finish line will be used.

11.3 In the event of a subsequent course change, the new mark will be an original mark or the finish line.

12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26, with the warning signal being given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The start line will be set approximately 100 yards to leeward of the leeward mark and will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the line and a nearby orange mark.

12.3 An inflatable buoy may be tethered to the stern of the committee boat(s). Any boat touching this buoy will have broken rule 31 and shall act in accordance with rule 44.1.

12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area and boats within their starting sequence.

12.5 A course maybe changed during the starting sequence and will be signaled with the display of code flag "C" hoisted from the committee boat along with one single sound. Code flag "C" will remain flying through the starting sequences for all affected classes. If code flag "C" is displayed during a starting sequence on the race committee boat, the course designated on the course board will be the original course. The first mark will be a yellow and black change mark for those classes affected.

13. RECALLS

13.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. As a courtesy, the Committee may attempt to hail such boat(s) and/or advise them by radio; however, it is the skipper's sole responsibility to recognize if the boat is over early and to properly restart.

13.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2.

14A. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

14A.1 Change of course after the start will be in accordance with RRS 33.

14A.2 When changing the course, the applicable class numeral pennant (s) or colored streamer will be displayed with the "C" flag. If no numeral pennant (s) or color streamer (s) are displayed, courses for all class will be changed.

14B. CHANGE OF COURSE BETWEEN STARTS

14B.1 If there is a significant wind shift during a starting sequence, The Race Committee may signal a change of course for classes/divisions not yet started at the warning signal. Code flag C will be displayed with repeat sound signals and will remain displayed until after the starting signal for all classes affected, the change mark will be a yellow and black inflatable.

15. SHORTENING THE COURSE

15.1 Courses may be shortened at any turning mark in accordance with RRS 32.2.

15.2 When shortening the course, the applicable class numeral pennant (s) or colored streamer will be displayed with the "S" flag. If no numeral pennant(s) or color streamer(s) are displayed, courses for all class will be shortened.

16. FINISH

16.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel and the nearby finish mark.

16.2 For races finishing upwind, the Finish Line will be approximately 100 yards to windward of the windward mark.

16.3 For races finishing downwind, the Finish Line will be approximately 100 yards to leeward of the leeward mark.

16.4 For courses 2, 4 and 6, boats shall finish between a staff on the Race Committee Vessel and the nearby Finish Mark placed on the side opposite the original Starting Mark for the race, finishing with the Race Committee Vessel to starboard and the Finish Mark to port.

17. TIME LIMIT

17.1 The time limit for each race will be 2 hours and will apply to each division. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat finishing in their division will be scored TLE. This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A.

18. RETIREMENT

18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore. Failure to comply may result in disqualification for all subsequent races.

19. PROTESTS

19.1 A boat intending to file a protest shall notify the Race Committee of their intent to protest and the boat(s) they are protesting no later than immediately after finishing the race the protest involves and must receive acknowledgement from the race committee of the intent to protest.

19.2 Time to submit a written protest to the Protest Committee will be 1 hour after the Committee Boat docks. The time of docking will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board. Protests are to be submitted to the Regatta Chairman, Doug Stryker, or his designee at the clubhouse.

19.3 The Jury will hear protests in the approximate order received.

19.4 Protest hearings will be heard in the Ladies Auxiliary Room on the 3rd floor of the clubhouse and the approximate time of the hearing for each protest will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board.

20. SCORING

20.1 Low point system of Appendix "A", as modified herein, will apply. Multiple races are scheduled Saturday and Sunday with one race required to constitute a series.

20.2 All races will be scored; there will be no discards. This modifies appendix A2 of the RRS.

20.3 Boats scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) will receive a score equal to the number of boats finishing plus 2. This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A

20.4 PHRF races will be scored using time on distance.

21. SAFETY

21.1 All boats shall carry the safety equipment required by National, State, Local, applicable Class Association rules and/or regulations, and these sailing instructions. All boats shall carry an operable engine, with enough fuel to sustain a minimum of two hours of operation at cruising speed.

21.2 Failure of a boat to carry the necessary equipment as mentioned in these sailing instructions may result in disqualification.

22. DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH

22.1 Boats observed discharging trash over the side shall be either disqualified from all races sailed on the day of the infraction, or subject to other suitable disciplinary action, or both.

23. RESPONSIBILITY

23.1 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.

23.2 The responsibility of the Race Committee is to provide a start and to record positions and times at the finish. The decision to start, continue or retire from a race is the sole responsibility of each competitor.

24 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

24.1 Any boat may be hauled during the regatta unless this conflicts with their class rules and the boat is sailing in a one design division, in which case the class rules will prevail.

25. AWARDS

25.1 Awards will be presented on Saturday to the first place finishers in each class for that day's racing. Awards will be presented on Sunday to the overall 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishers in each class.

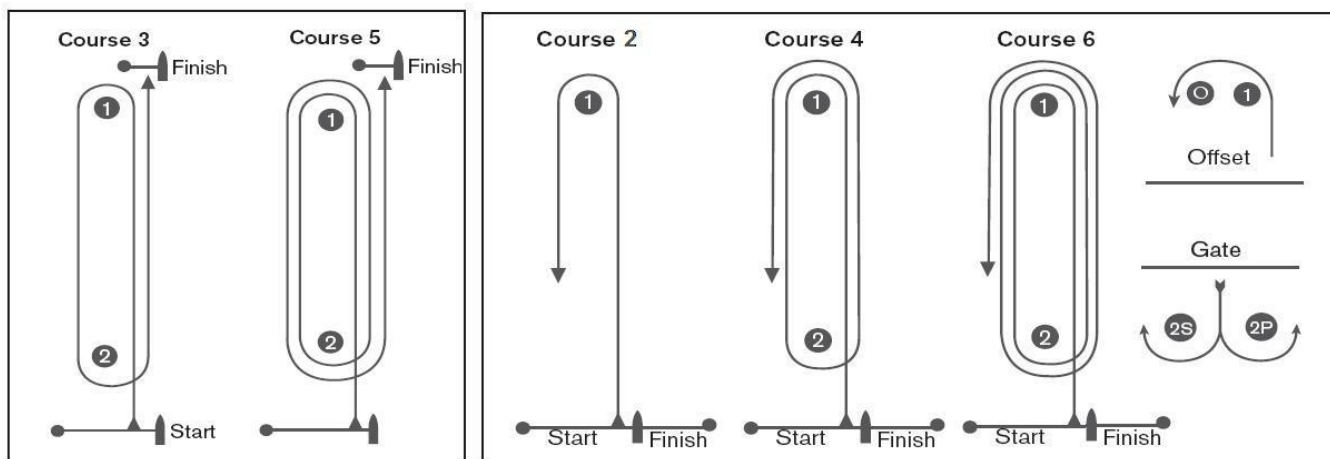
25.2 Perpetual awards listed on the regatta website will also be presented on Sunday.

26. NOTES

26.1 Competitors are reminded that Raritan Bay contains restricted channels and all sailing vessels must comply with COLREGS. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from a particular race or the regatta.

Appendix "A" – Courses

Note: Courses 2, 4 & 6 will finish on the opposite side of race committee boat as the start



Appendix "B" – Display of Courses

* If a field is blank is on the display, as seen below, the number is assumed to be repeated from the classes to the left on the board.

I-III	IV	V-VI	Classes
6	4	2	Course designations
095			Magnetic bearing to 1 st mark for all classes
1.25			Approximate distance to 1 st mark

Appendix “C” – Classes & Designation

Circle A

Class	Color Streamer	Warning Signal
PHRF A1 (Spin)	Red	Numeral Pennant 1
J109	White	Numeral Pennant 2
PHRF A2 Spin)	Light blue	Numeral Pennant 3
PHRF A3 (Spin)	Black	Numeral Pennant 4
PHRF B1 (Non-Spin)	Pink	Numeral Pennant 5
PHRF B2 (Non-Spin	Yellow	Numeral Pennant 6

Circle B

Class	Color Streamer	Warning Signal
Beneteau 36.7	N/A	Numeral Pennant 1
J105	N/A	White
J80	N/A	Blue
J24	N/A	Green

Don't forget to hand each of your crew their drink ticket for their complimentary Red Grant Pain Killer served up at the end of the dock at the Mount Gay tiki bar...

Then head up to the deck for live music by Pat Guadagno.

Fill up with our buffet dinner, enjoy the Photoboat.com slideshow, then party into the night with the The Candle Brothers!

