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CLASSIC YACHTS CHALLENGE

**BESTLIFE**

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND  
August 30, 2008

# SATURDAY'S CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The Organizing Authority is Sail Newport  
With Race Committee support by The New York Yacht Club*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, and any appendices or amendments as issued.
- 1.2 Twelve Metre yachts will be governed by their by-laws and regulations as of Sept. 18, 2006. Racing shall be under The International 12 Metre Class Rule conformed to ISAF regulations effective January 1, 2003 and any subsequent amendments. The Organizing Authority may choose to accept entries who may not meet the above guidelines.
- 1.3 One-Design Classes will be governed by their individual class rules.
- 1.4 In accordance with the US SAILING prescription to rule 86.3, the following rules will be tested for this regatta. For the purposes of rules 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16, the definition of *keep clear* is changed to:

**Keep Clear:** One boat *keeps clear* of another when she is more than one of her hull lengths away from the from the other boat, the other can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and, when the boats are *overlapped* on the same *tack* and the *leeward* boat can change course in both directions without immediately making contact with the *windward* boat.

### 2. ADVERTISING

For purposes of RRS 79 and ISAF Regulation 20, this regatta is designated Category A for yachts so classified by their class, rating system, national or international authority; and is designated Category C for yachts so classified by their class, rating system, national or international authority.

### 3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 Eligible yachts may be entered by completing registration with Sail Newport. This includes the waiver of liability signed by the captain and crew. Additionally, all yachts must carry minimum liability insurance as specified in the liability waiver. Eligibility requirements for yachts are as indicated in the Notice of Race.
- 3.2 The Museum of Yachting Classic Yacht Regatta will offer handicap racing for Vintage, Modern Classic and Good Old Boats with a current CRF Rating Certificate and for One Design boats in the following divisions; 12 Metre, S-Boats, Shields, 6 Metres (provided a min. of 6 boats per class register.)

#### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors, including race results, amendments and protest hearing schedules, will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Museum of Yachting. Results may also be posted on the website at [www.museumofyachting.org](http://www.museumofyachting.org) and [www.sailnewport.org](http://www.sailnewport.org). The Race Committee may broadcast race information on VHF channel 79 (Big Boat Circle) or 72 (Small Boat Circle) before and during each race. Failure of such communication to be given or received shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

#### 5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect.

#### 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole at the Museum of Yachting.
- 6.2 Flag "AP" with two sounds (one sound when lowered) means "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered." This modifies "AP" in RRS Race Signals.
- 6.3 Rendezvous locations and any other regatta announcements will be made at 0930 Saturday at the Skippers' Meeting. After these have been made, the Race Committee boats will monitor and communicate on VHF Channel 79 and Channel 72 for the One Design / Small Boat Circle- see 11.2.
- 6.4 Saturday: Rendezvous locations will be in the area between Rose Island and Goat Island in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay.
- 6.5 Sunday: The Rendezvous location for LaBelle Classes will be between Rose Island and Goat Island. The Rendezvous for all other classes on Sunday will be in the vicinity of Conanicut Yacht Club in Jamestown.

#### 7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

##### August 29th, Friday

|      |                                   |
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| 1700 | Skipper Check-in and Registration |
| 1800 | Welcome Party at MoY              |

##### August 30, Saturday

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| 0930 | Mandatory Skippers Meeting   |
| 1150 | Course Signals               |
| 1155 | Warning Signal (First Class) |
| 1800 | Cocktails at MoY             |
| 1930 | Awards Dinner at MoY         |

##### August 31, Sunday

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| 1030  | Classic Yacht Parade   |
| 1150* | Course Signals Around the Island Race. In the vicinity of Conanicut Yacht Club, Jamestown. See Separate Sailing Instructions |
| 1150* | Course Signals, LaBelle Class (*following Classic Yacht Parade)  |
| 1155* | Warning Signals, both division   |
| 1800  | Prize Giving at MoY  |

- 7.1 On Saturday, August 30, the S Boats and small boat handicapped class (TBD) will also have one race. The Shields and 6 Metre Classes may have up to 3 races - Flag "2nd repeater" flown at the "small boat" finish line indicates that another race will be sailed by the Shields and 6 Metre classes only.

#### 8. CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 Yachts will be divided into classes. Each yacht shall race in the class to which it is assigned on the scratch sheets. These sheets shall also assign a colored flag designation or numeral pennant for each class. Class assignments will be distributed at registration and posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 8.2 All boats participating in the Regatta shall fly the MoY/Panerai event flag from the backstay, six feet above the deck, just above their respective class flag. While racing these flags are to be displayed from the backstay or other prominent position to permit observation by the Race Committee. If the yacht has no fixed backstay then the flags may be displayed from a starboard shroud.

## 9. CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

Prior to the first warning signal, all yachts shall check-in with their respective Race Committee Signal Boat by radio, hailing the yacht name, starting class, and sail number. The Race Committee will acknowledge by responding with the number heard. Yachts retiring shall inform the Race Committee on VHF channel 79 ("Big Boats") or on VHF Channel 72 ("Small Boats") or by calling the Museum of Yachting (401) 847-1018.

## 10. SATURDAY COURSES

- 10.1 The course will be posted for each class before or at the warning signal for that class from their respective committee boat, and will be announced on VHF channel 79 (VHF channel 72 for "small-boat" circle).
- 10.2 There may be different courses for each class.
- 10.3 The courses will be selected utilizing government buoys and special race marks as listed on the **2008** South Bay Race Chart and may include government marks in Rhode Island Sound for LaBelle Class.  
**Special Mark Description:** The Race Committee may elect to position a special mark to achieve a particular course configuration. If used, the Race Committee shall fly code flag "W" (whiskey), and the distance and bearing to the special mark from the committee boat will be displayed.
- 10.4 Turning marks for each course on Saturday will be posted with black letters or numbers on a white board from the committee boat in order of rounding, with the subscript for each mark designating the required side. "P" means leave to Port, "S" means leave to starboard.
- 10.5 Passage under the Newport (Pell) Bridge shall be made through the center 3 spans only. Passage under the Jamestown (Verrezano) Bridge shall be made through the center span only.
- 10.6 When racing in Narragansett Bay competitors should note that a security zone exists from the Naval War College to the breakwater North of Piers 1 and 2 and is marked by a series of white buoys. Yachts shall not sail inside the line defined by these buoys.

**SUNDAY COURSES: Please Refer to CYC AROUND THE ISLAND RACE sailing instructions (attached) for Sunday Race Details.**

## 11. THE START (SATURDAY)

11.1 Races for the "Big Boat" circle on Saturday will be started in accordance with RRS 26, with classes starting at 10-minute intervals in the order listed in the scratch sheets.

### Example Sequence

|      |                                      |
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| 1150 | Course Signals                       |
| 1155 | Warning Signal, First Class to Start |
| 1156 | Preparatory First Class to start     |
| 1200 | Start; First Class                   |
| 1205 | Warning for Second Class to start    |
| 1206 | Preparatory Second Class to start    |
| 1210 | Start; Second Class                  |

and so forth until all classes have started.

- 11.2 Starts on the "Small boat" course (Saturday) will be in accordance with RRS 26 using rolling starts.
- 11.3 The following classes will have a separate starting line and Race Committee (Saturday only): S-Boats, Shields, 6 Metres and smaller handicapped boats (tbd). S-Boats and the small boat handicap class (tbd) will sail one race on Saturday. The Shields and 6 Metre Classes may have up to three races on Saturday. Courses will be chosen from the 2008 South Bay Race Chart. The radio channel for this "small-boat" circle only, will be VHF Channel 72.
- 11.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end. The Race Committee Signal Boat may deploy a "Keep-Off" buoy astern. This buoy shall be considered an integral part of the Race Committee Signal Boat for the purpose of RRS 31.
- 11.5 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 11.6 Any yacht starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal is requested to inform the Race Committee on VHF channel 79 (Big Boats) or VHF Channel 72 (Small Boats).

## 12. THE FINISH (SATURDAY)

- 12.1 "Big Boat" finish will be between the staff flying the orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the nearby inflatable mark, north of Fort Adams

- 12.2 Yachts that do not have sail numbers shall display their number placard to the finish line committee boat as they approach the finish line.
- 12.3 The "Small Boat" finish, on Saturday, will be in the vicinity of their start line.

### **13. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS**

In addition to the requirements of RRS 29.1 the Race Committee will endeavor to hail each premature starter on VHF channel 79 (Big Boats) VHF channel 72 (Small Boats – Sat. Only). This amends RRS 29.2. Failure on the part of the Race Committee to hail each premature starter shall not relieve a yacht of her obligation to start correctly.

### **14. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

Rule 44.3 scoring penalty will apply.

### **15. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for all boats in the Big Boat Fleet (and S Boats) will be 1730 plus the time a yacht's class starts after the first class to start. Boats not finishing by their time limit will be scored "TLE". Boats retiring should inform the Race Committee on VHF channel 79 or (VHF channel 72 for small boat circle) or by calling Sail Newport at (401) 846-1983.

- 15.1 The time limit for the Shields and 6-Metre races is 90 minutes. Any Shields or 6 Metre not finishing within 15 minutes of the first boat in their class to sail the course and finish will be scored DNF.

### **16. PROTESTS**

- 16.1 A yacht's intention to protest shall be signified to the Race Committee on the VHF channel at the finish of the race and be acknowledged by the Race Committee. This modifies RRS 61.1(a).
- 16.2 Protest forms will be available at the Museum of Yachting. Written protests shall be submitted to the Jury Secretary at the Museum of Yachting as soon as possible, but not later than one hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.3 Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible. Protest hearings will start as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The Jury will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of yachts who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Museum of Yachting.
- 16.4 When a yacht has been involved in an incident that may be subject to protest, it is her responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any yacht to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Jury as grounds for proceeding under RRS 63.3 (b).
- 16.5 RRS 63.5 is modified by adding, "A protest involving contact may be heard by the Jury even though the requirements of RRS 61.1 (a) and 61.3 have not been fulfilled."
- 16.6 Protests filed under rules other than the Rules of Part 2 may result in penalties decided at the sole discretion of the Jury. This modifies RRS 64.1 (a).

### **17. SCORING (Saturday)**

- 17.1 For handicapped classes, results will be based upon time allowances, based on the 2008 Classic Rating Formula (CRF) ratings and course distances determined by the Race Committee. Scratch sheets and class assignments will be distributed at the skipper's meeting. Handicapped classes will be scored using Appendix A with low-point scoring, and no throw-outs. One race constitutes a series. This modifies RRS A2.
- 17.2 One Design classes will be scored using Appendix A with low-point scoring, and no throw-outs. One race constitutes a series. This modifies RRS A2.
- 17.3 Yachts failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired), by the Race Committee without a hearing. These yachts will score points equal to the number of yachts that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit plus 1 point. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2, A5 and A11.18.2. One Design classes will be scored level.
- 17.4 Please see Addendum 1 for descriptions of the "Special Awards" categories for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Yacht Regatta.

### **18. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make nor receive radio/telephone nor any other communications not available to all yachts while racing. Yachts shall monitor VHF channel 79 all times for RC announcements. (VHF channel 72 for "small boat" circle.)

## 19. GOVERNMENT BUOYS

Government buoys, when not specified as part of the course, have no required side, except for safe navigation.

## 21. SAIL & EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS

### Sail & Equipment Limitations: For Vintage Yachts Only

**Sail Material:** Only traditionally constructed, woven canvas, nylon, or polyester, (Dacron) sails are permitted. Sails made using laminate or composite construction or materials (such as, but not limited to, Mylar, Kevlar, Spectra, Vektron, Carbon Fiber, etc.), including those sails utilizing advanced shaping technologies (3DL or similar) are not permitted.

**Allowable Sails & Equipment:** Maximum headsail LP = 150%. A whisker pole, no greater than 1.25 of the J measurement, may be used to wing out a jib on the side opposite the main boom as long as no other sail, including a staysail, is set in the fore-triangle, and it is fixed at the mast while in use. Spinnakers and Headsails are defined in accordance with 2005-2008 RRS 50.4.

**Non Spinnaker Classes:** Only one jib shall be carried in the fore-triangle at one time: i.e., drop one sail before setting another. This modifies 2005-2008 RRS 50.1. Bona fide double headsail rigs, (Cutters) that are indicated as such on their CRF form, may carry a fore-triangle staysail hanked on to the inner forestay, however, all headsails must be tacked on the centerline of the boat, any and all headsails set flying are not permitted: i.e., all sails set in the fore-triangle must be hanked on the full length of the stay, (except fixed-stay roller furling sails). Mizzen staysails are permitted.

**Sail & Equipment Limitations:** All other classes are governed by their individual class rules, policies, and limitations. There are no sail or equipment restrictions for Moderns, Good Old Boats, or La Belle Class Yachts.

## 22. NOTES

22.1 Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have the right-of-way over a vessel under power which may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.

22.1 All times herein are Eastern Daylight time.

22.3 In the event that life saving equipment is lost overboard, it should be retrieved. If recovery is impossible, loss of any equipment that floats shall be reported immediately to the Race Committee and the nearest U. S. Coast Guard station, on VHF 16.

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