



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **VHF 77**

#### **1. RULES**

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

1.2 The prescriptions of US SAILING will not apply except to Rule 68 which states:

**(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.**

**(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.**

**(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats."**

1.3 The following racing rules have been changed: 44.1, 44.2 Race Signals "AP", Rule 35 – Time Limit.

1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

1.5 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will apply.  
This changes rule 63.7

#### **2. ENTRIES**

Boats for which the ISMA subscriptions for 2009 have been paid, and for which completed entry, registration, measurement and completed waiver forms have been received are eligible to race.

#### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Event Tent at the head of the Alofsin Piers at Sail Newport.

#### **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a signal mast at the head of the Alofsin Piers at Sail Newport at **0930** and broadcast on Ch 77 VHF.
- 5.2 When Flag “AP” is displayed shore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes in race signal “AP”.
- 5.3 Rendezvous location – Flag “A” means rendezvous in the vicinity of R”2” at the entrance to Narragansett Bay  
Flag “D” means rendezvous in the vicinity of Halfway Rock inside Narragansett Bay. These areas are shown on the 2009-2012 South Bay Race Chart provided by the Race Committee.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7 Sept. Monday	1000 – 1800	Registration & Measurement checks
	1800	Skippers meeting & Reception at Harbour Court (NYYC)
8 Sept. Tuesday	1200	First warning signal
9 Sept. Wednesday	1200	First warning signal
10 Sept. Thursday	1200	First warning signal
11 Sept. Friday	1200	Warning signal
12 Sept. Saturday	1200	Warning signal
	After racing	Closing Ceremony
13 Sept Sunday		Reserve day

- 6.1 Eight races are scheduled. Five races shall be completed to constitute a valid World Cup.
- 6.2 Two races are scheduled on September 8/9/10 but on any day additional races may be sailed at the discretion of the race committee in order to achieve a minimum of five races.

7. **CLASS FLAG** The Class Flags will be: Modern (Rums of Puerto Rico) Class – Numeral Pennant 1  
Classic (Puerto Rico Tourism) Class – Numeral Pennant 2

## 8. COURSES

- 8.1 The courses are shown in Attachment 2.
- Turning marks of the course will be orange.
  - Offset marks will be smaller orange spheres.
  - A new turning mark will be yellow.
  - The course number will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat.
  - If a gate is not set, the single mark shall be left to port.

## 9. THE START

- 9.1 Five minutes prior to the initial warning signal, Flag “F” will be displayed for four minutes.
- 9.2 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.3 The starting line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and a yellow mark at the port end.
- 9.4 As a courtesy, the race committee will attempt to broadcast recalls on Ch 77. Failure to hear a broadcast, the timing or the order in which sail numbers are broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

## 10 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the blue flag on the committee boat and the nearby mark.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**11.1** Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one gybe and one tack, is required.

## **12. TIME LIMIT**

**12.1** There shall be a time limit of 50 minutes for boats of the Modern Class and 55 minutes for boats in the Classic Class to complete each leg. The time will be measured as the elapsed time between first roundings, by the boat leading at that point in the race, of the two marks defining each leg.

**12.2** All boats finishing the race within the prescribed time or within one hour after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored. All others to be scored DNF. This alters rule 35.

## **13. SCORING**

**13.1** Each class will be scored separately.

**13.2** If more than five races are completed, each boat's worst score will be excluded from her series score.

## **14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**14.1** Protest forms are available on the Official Notice Board and shall be delivered to the Jury at the Sail Newport Conference Room within two hours after the committee boat docks.

**14.2** Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board informing competitors of protest time limit and of protests in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the order and time of hearings.

**14.3** Hearings will be held at Sail Newport Conference Room.

**14.4** Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in Rule 70.5

## **15. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

**15.1** Each boat shall file a crew list of a maximum of 6 persons prior to the first race.

**15.2** Substitution of competitors by any person not named on the list may only occur after approval of a written request submitted to the International Jury and a signed waiver submitted.

**15.3** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment, including sails, will not be permitted unless prior approval of the measurer has been obtained and reported to the race committee and Class representative.

**16. SUPPORT BOATS** Support boats shall fly their national flag and shall not approach any competitor closer than 100m during racing.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

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

**17.2** Boats that retire from a race should inform the Race Committee of their status on Ch 77 VHF.