

## THAMES YACHT CLUB, INC.

### 60<sup>TH</sup> COMMODORE'S TROPHY RACE SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

*Sponsored by Mount Gay Rum*

#### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

##### 1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 US SAILING sail numbers of Rule 77 and Appendix G are not required.
- 1.3 Non-Spinnaker boats shall sail without spinnakers and are limited to one headsail at any one time.

**2.0 CLASS FLAGS** — Class flags are assigned to each class by the Scratch Sheet. Note that class flags may be used to designate classes affected by signals displayed by the Race Committee, in accordance with Race Signals.

**3.0 RACING AREA** - The start and finish lines will be established in the vicinity of Vixen Ledge.

**4.0 THE COURSE** The course will be designated using a horizontal row of mark symbols, reading from left to right, indicating the marks in the order to be rounded or passed. A circled mark symbol indicates the mark is to be left to STARBOARD, while an un-circled mark symbol indicates the mark is to be left to PORT. The last leg of the course is from the mark represented by the last mark symbol posted to the finish as specified in SI 8.1

**5.0 MARKS** - The starting/finishing mark is a yellow tetrahedron buoy. Mark "W" is a large orange tetrahedron; if used, its approximate magnetic bearing and distance from the starting line will be displayed on the Committee Boat. Other available marks are government buoys, as follows:

C	Green Can "7" at Cormorant Rock off Ocean Beach
D	Yellow Dumping Ground Buoy "NL" ( <b>NOT</b> UConn Research Buoy)
E	Red and White (MoA) Whistle "SE" off Silver Eel Pond
I	Green and Red Buoy "DIR" at Intrepid Rock
N	Red Nun "2BL" southeast of Ledge Light
S	Green and Red Can "SL" at Sarah's Ledge
V	Red Nun "28VL" at Vixen Ledge
Y	Red Channel Marker "2" south of Ledge Light

##### 6.0 THE START

- 6.1 The starting procedure and starting order are given in the Scratch Sheet.
- 6.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the yellow tetrahedron buoy.
- 6.3 Boats whose **Warning Signal has NOT been made shall keep clear** of the starting area and of all boats whose Warning Signal has been made.

6.4 An inflatable buoy may be tied to or anchored off the stern of the Committee Boat. Boats starting/finishing shall not pass between it and the Committee Boat.

## **7.0 RECALLS**

7.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1. A boat starting early and failing to return to make a proper start will be penalized 30 minutes; Rule 64.1(a) is changed accordingly. The following shall not be grounds for redress (this changes RRS 62.1): failure of a boat to hear the hail; a boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers; promptness of the hail.

7.2 General recall signals and procedures will be as specified in Rule 29.2. The class recalled will be the next class to start. Normal starting sequence shall then resume.

## **8.0 THE FINISH**

8.1 The Finish Line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the yellow tetrahedron buoy.

8.2 After finishing, boats may anchor off or dock at Thames Yacht Club. Launch service will be available.

**9.0 TIME LIMIT** – The time limit for the first boat in each class is 1700.

## **10.0 PROTESTS**

10.1 A boat intending to protest or acknowledging an infringement shall notify the Race Committee promptly after finishing. Written protests shall be submitted to a Club/Race official within 60 minutes of when the Committee Boat docks.

10.2 Notices of protests will be posted adjacent to the telephone on the main floor of the Clubhouse. It is intended that protests be heard as soon as feasible after the race. Failure of either party to appear may result in a judgment against the absentee.

**11.0 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS** - VHF-FM Channel 72 will be used for radio communications with the Race Committee.

**12.0 PRIZES** - First, second and third place trophies will be awarded in each class with at least seven entrants. Prizes will be awarded at the Post-Race Party to be held at Thames Yacht Club at the conclusion of racing.

**13.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** – Competitors participate in this Race 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 Race.

**NOTES** – 1. In addition to Mount Gay, Thames Yacht Club wishes to extend its special thanks to Ed Cramer and Gordon's Yellow Front Package Stores for donations to this Race. 2. Results will be posted on the Club's website as soon as is practicable. [www.thamesyachtclub.org](http://www.thamesyachtclub.org)