

61st COMMODORE'S TROPHY RACE

SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 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.

3.0 **START/FINISH** Starting and finishing 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** Mark "A" is the starting/finishing mark and is a yellow tetrahedron. 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. Replacement marks for "A" and "W" will be orange tomato buoys, if required. Other available marks are government buoys, as follows:

C	Green Can "7" at Cormorant Rock off Ocean Beach
E	Red and White (MoA) Lighted Whistle "SE" off Silver Eel Pond
I	Green and Red Buoy "DIR" at Intrepid Rock
N	Red Nun "2BL" southeast of Black Ledge
S	Green and Red Can "SL" at Sarah's Ledge
V	Red Nun "28VL" at Vixen Ledge
Y	Red Lighted 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.

When the Race Committee elects to begin the sequence for another class, it will display its Warning Signal, and continue per procedure.

6.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and Mark "A" at the port end.

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 touch it nor 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; Rules 29.1 and 64.1(a) are 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 finish mark.

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 official at the Clubhouse prior to the time 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. The Post-Race Party will not begin before 1630.

13.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY .Competitors participate in this 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.