

**48th Annual Francis T. Bradbury
Memorial Long Distance Race
July 4, 2009**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Eastern Connecticut (PHRF-EConn) Handicapping System, Course Symbols and Marks handout, scratch sheet, and these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 Rules of the Road provide commercial traffic with the right of way in a restricted channel. Failure of a racing boat to keep clear, whether intentional or not, will result in disqualification.
- 1.3 The Time-On-Time handicapping system will be utilized for handicapped boats.
- 1.5 US Sailing sail numbers of Rule 77 and Appendix G are not required.
- 1.6 Each class must have a minimum of 2 boats appear in the starting area in order to have a race started for that class.

2.0 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Entries will be accepted or rejected and assigned to classes at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC). Skippers of record must be members of Thames Yacht Club.
- 2.2 Class assignment and handicaps will be based on the **2009** PHRF of Eastern Connecticut system. At the discretion of the RC a handicap will be assigned to a boat without an established one.

3.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Racing Information bulletin board prior to 0930 if the first Warning Signal is not delayed.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES & THE START

- 4.1 One long race, 12 to 15 nm. is planned.
- 4.2 Class assignments are given in the scratch sheet, class flags are as follows: The numeral pennant section of Postponement Signals does not apply. This changes Race Signals.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Class Flag</i>
Ensigns	Ensign Class Flag
Class B	Numeral Pennant 2
Class A	Numeral Pennant 1

- 4.3 Races will be started as provided in rule 26, with classes starting in the order posted on the Course Board. It is intended to make the Warning Signal for a class simultaneously with the Starting Signal for the preceding class, although the RC retains the option of delaying any Warning Signal. For races following the first race, classes may be started in any order. The Preparatory signal is Flag ' P ' or a Starting Penalty Flag – Flag ' I ' (Rule 30.1), Flag ' Z ' (Rule 30.2), Flag ' I ' and ' Z ', or a Black Flag (Rule 30.3).

Succeeding classes will be started at five minute intervals by displaying the warning and preparatory signals at the starting signal for the preceding class

Note that under this system the Race Committee may delay a start by not flying the warning signal for a class and that no additional signals will be required for the delay. Subsequently the warning signal may be made at any time by displaying the class flag for the next start and this commences the five minute sequence.

- 4.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Queen Merry and the starting mark East of the Queen Merry. **First Warning. 1030.**
- 4.5 Boats whose warning signal (5 minutes) has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 4.6 A boat which is subject to Rule 30.1 (*I Flag rule*) may be notified before her start signal.

- 5.0 SKIPPERS' MEETING** - The skipper, or a representative of each entry, shall meet at the clubhouse at 0900, Saturday, July 4, 2009. The scratch sheet, Course Symbols and Marks handout, and sailing instructions will be made available at this meeting.
- 6.0 THE COURSE**- The course will be posted on the Queen Merry. Marks will be identified on the Course Symbols and Marks handout. The course designation procedures, as given on its reverse side, will be followed. Note the requirement to cross the starting line to begin the second round when the symbol "2" is used. **SPECIAL MARKS:** The race committee may set as many as 2 special marks (orange inflatable buoys) identified and positioned as follows: **SPECIAL MARK "M"** may be set southerly of the Queen Merry on the west side of the channel. **SPECIAL MARK "B"** may be set northerly of the Queen Merry on the west side of the channel.
- 7.0 RECALLS**
- 7.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1 and Race Signals. The RC will attempt to hail each boat over early via voice or VHF/FM Channel 72. A racing boat crossing the line early and failing to return to make a proper start will be penalized 30 minutes. Rule 29.1 is changed accordingly.
- 7.2 General Recall signals and procedures will be as specified in Rule 29.2 and Race Signals. The class recalled will be the next class to start. Normal starting sequence shall then resume.
- 8.0 THE FINISH** - The Finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Queen Merry and the finish mark.
- 8.1 Boats unable to finish are instructed to notify the RC before retiring from the race course.
- 9.0 TIME LIMIT** - The time limit for each class to finish is 1530.
- 10.0 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:** Communications with the RC will be carried out on VHF/FM Channel 72.
- 11.0 PROTESTS**
- 11.1 A boat intending to protest shall comply with rule 61.1, which requires, among other things, a hail using the word "Protest." A written protest shall be delivered to a club official at the clubhouse prior to one hour after the RC comes ashore.
- 11.2 Notices of protest hearings will be posted on the Racing Information bulletin board. It is intended that any protest be heard as soon as feasible after the day's racing. Failure of either party to appear may result in a judgment against the absentee.
- 12.0 SCORING** - For handicapped boats, overall positions will be determined by best to worse corrected times. For one-design classes, overall positions will be determined by best to worse boat for boat finishes.
- 13.0 PRIZES**
- 13.1 Race results will be announced at the clubhouse after racing. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd boat in each class with at least five entries at Skippers' Night, Saturday, November 7th.