

Thames Yacht Club
2009 Chowder Series
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 Long Island Sound (PHRF-LIS) Handicapping System, Thames Yacht Club (TYC) Course Symbols and Marks handout, the 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, may result in disqualification.
- 1.3 The Time-On-Time handicapping system will be utilized for handicapped boats.
- 1.4 This is a non-spinnaker event.
- 1.4 US Sailing sail numbers of Rule 77 and Appendix H are not required.
- 1.5 ***For the Ensign Class the minimum crew requirement is reduced to 2, the skipper and 1 other person.***

2.0 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Entries will be accepted or rejected and assigned to classes at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC).
- 2.2 Class assignment and ratings will be based on PHRF-LIS system. At the discretion of the RC a PHRF Rating will be assigned to a boat without an established rating. The RC reserves the right to adjust any rating based on performance.
- 3.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the TYC Racing Information bulletin board not later than one hour prior to the First Warning on the day they take effect. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the TYC Racing Information bulletin board.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES & THE START

- 4.1 Dates: Sunday, September 21, 28, October 5, 12, and 19 and 26.
- 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>
Class A	Numeral Pennant 1
Class B	Numeral Pennant 2
Ensigns	Ensign Pennant

- 4.3 The starting line will be between an Orange Flag on the Queen Merry and the starting mark.
- 4.4 **First Warning: 1310. First Start: 1315**
- 4.5 Boats whose Preparatory Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose Preparatory 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 SKIPPER'S MEETING:** The skipper, or a representative of each entry, shall meet at the TYC Clubhouse at 1130, Sunday, September 21. The Scratch Sheet, TYC 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 TYC 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 two special marks (orange inflatable bouys) 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. (display of Code Flag "X" accompanied by one sound signal). 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 (display of Code Flag "First Substitute" accompanied by two sound 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 the Orange Flag on the Queen Merry and the finish mark East of the Queen Merry.

8.1 Boats unable to finish the race are instructed to notify the RC before retiring from the race course.

9.0 TIME LIMIT - The Time Limit for each class is 1700 hours regardless of its starting time.

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 TYC Club Official at the Clubhouse prior to one hour after the Race Committee comes ashore.

11.2 Notices of protests 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

12.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, Rule A2 of the RRS will apply. Completion of any 2 of the 6 scheduled races shall constitute a series. A boat must start 4 races in the series to qualify. Boats with more than 4 races in the series will use their best 4 scores.

12.2 **If only one boat from an established class starts a race, that boat will be scored an average of their other series points for that race.**

13.0 PRIZES

13.1 Race results shall be announced at the Clubhouse after each day's racing. Beer can trophies will be awarded weekly. Series trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd boat in each class with at least five entries after the last race, Sunday, October 26, at the TYC Clubhouse.

13.2 For TYC entries the Chili Series will be combined with the Chowder Series for perpetual awards.

13.3 The LITTLE BROWN JUG will be awarded to the Thames Yacht Club boat with the lowest series score. Ties will be resolved in accordance with rule Appendix A.

14.0 Each boat entered in the Series will volunteer to staff the Race Committee (RC) for one race during either the Wednesday Night or Chowder Series. The skipper of the boat and at least one regular crew member, preferably two, will report not later than 1715 (Wed. Night Series) or 1200 (Chowder Series) to the Rear Commodore or his representative for RC duty. The boat assigned to RC will not participate in that race, but will be scored an average of their other series points for that race. Boats failing to meet these requirements will be disqualified and the penalty score will not be excluded from the series totals.