



46th Oscar Kerman Series
August 15, 2009
Sailing Instructions

1.0 RULES

1.1 The Race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) – and the Prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, by the PHRF-LIS Time Allowance System (using the time-on-time method), by these Sailing Instructions, and by the Scratch Sheet.

1.2 US SAILING sail numbers of Rule 77 and Appendix G are not required.

1.3 Spinnaker or bloopers are not permitted. Whisker poles may be used. Trapezes may not be used.

2.0 COAST GUARD REGULATIONS – Coast Guard regulations state that commercial traffic has the right of way in a restricted channel. Failure of a racing boat to keep clear as required (whether intentional or not) may result in disqualification.

3.0 ENTRIES

3.1 Boats of at least 17 feet overall are eligible for the Oscar Kerman Series. Entrants must be Thames Yacht Club members. Entries will be rejected or accepted and assigned to classes at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3.2 Ratings will be based on the PHRF-LIS system. A boat without an established PHRF Rating shall obtain one from the TYC Measurer or one will be assigned at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3.3 PHRF ratings may be adjusted to account for roller furling headsails, number of family members on board, skipper/crew experience, dinghy towing, etc. For boats with “official” PHRF ratings, the non-spinnaker rating will be used.

4.0 SKIPPERS' MEETING -- Skippers or a representative of each boat shall meet at the Clubhouse at 0900, August 15, 2009. The Scratch Sheet and final Sailing Instructions will be made available at this meeting. Note that official changes to these Sailing Instructions, if any, will be posted immediately following this meeting.

5.0 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.***

6.0 THE START

6.1 The race will be started in accordance with Rule 26, starting in order posted on the course board. Boats will have **ten minutes** from the starting signal to cross the starting line. ***All boats will have their elapsed time calculated from the time they cross the starting line to the time they cross the finishing line, this changes RRS Rule A.1.6.*** PHRF time allowances are given in the Scratch Sheet.

Race One

<i>Time</i>	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Shape</i>
1030	Warning	Numeral Flag 1 Displayed
1031	Preparatory	P Flag Displayed
1034	One Minute	P Flag Removed
1035	Starting	Numeral 1 Flag Removed

Race Two

<i>Time</i>	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Shape</i>
1400 (tentative)	Warning	Numeral Flag 1 Displayed
1401	Preparatory	P Flag Displayed
1404	One Minute	P Flag Removed
1405	Starting	Numeral 1 Flag Removed

6.2 The starting line will be between an Orange Flag on the Queen Merry and the starting mark in the vicinity of the Queen Merry.

7.0 RECALLS

7.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2 and Race Signals (display of Code Flag "X" accompanied by one sound signal). A racing boat starting 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 29.3 and Race Signals (display of Code Flag "First Substitute" accompanied by two sound signals).

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 race is 2 hours after the starting signal.

10.0 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS - Communications with the RC will be carried on VHF 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." Written protests shall be delivered to a Club Official at the Clubhouse prior to one hour after the time the RC comes ashore.

11.2 Notices of protest will be posted on the Racing Information bulletin board on the main floor of the Clubhouse next to the fireplace. 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.

12.0 SCORING

12.1 Time-on-Time handicapping will be used.

12.2 The boat with the lowest corrected time shall be the winner of each race. ***The boat with the lowest total combined corrected time shall be the winner of the series.*** Two races are scheduled of which one shall be completed to constitute a series.

13.0 PRIZES -- Race results will be announced at the Clubhouse after the races. Prizes will be awarded at Skippers' Night, Saturday, November 7, 2009. The name of the winning boat and skipper will be engraved on the Oscar Kerman Trophy.