



2016 GSBYRA INVITATIONAL
Hosted by Westhampton Yacht Squadron
Remsenburg, NY 11960



Saturday, August 6, 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(revised April 17, 2016)

1. **RULES** - The races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 including US Sailing Prescriptions (RRS), except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Westhampton Yacht Squadron (WYS) notice board located north of the flag pole.
3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by noon on the day it will take effect. Oral instructions may be given on the water, as necessary, with a loud hailer from the Race Committee boat or by an Official support boat. RRS 90.2(c) refers.
4. **SIGNALS** - Signals made ashore will be displayed from the WYS flag pole.
 - **Code Flag L** with one horn blast means “come within hail”. On the water, it means check in with the Race Committee Boat.
 - **Code Flag AP** (red and white stripes) with two horn blasts means the race is postponed. A single horn blast accompanies the lowering of the flag.
5. **SAFETY** - Competitors ages 18 and under and all competitors racing single-handedly **must** wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type III or Type V Personal Flotation Device (PFD) at all times on the water. **All** competitors **must** wear an approved PFD at all times on the water when **Code Flag Y** (yellow and orange diagonal stripes) is flown on the Race Committee Boat.

6. **SCHEDULE**

Registration	0800
Skippers' Meeting	1000
Warning Signal, 1 st Race	1030
Awards	1430 (approx)
No races will start after 14:00.	

Termination of the regatta due to wind, weather, or other conditions shall be determined by the Race Committee. The results will be based on races completed.

7. **RACING AREAS and CLASSES OF BOATS** – There are 2 race courses and the classes of boats for each race course are as follows:
 - **Race Course 1** - Narrasketuck, Flying Scot, 420 and Handicap Classes. Racing will be held on Moriches Bay west of WYS in the vicinity of Seatuck Cove.
 - **Race Course 2** - Sunfish, Laser, JY 15 and Optimists. Racing will be held on Moriches Bay in front of or just west of WYS.

8. **CHECK-IN and ORDER OF STARTS** - Check in with Race Committee on the water prior to the first race of the day. The order of starts for the first race will be as follows
- Race Course 1 - Narrasketuck, Flying Scot, and 420 Class. The Race Committee will assign the handicap boats to start with one of the other classes.
 - Race Course 2 - Sunfish, Laser and JY 15, and Optimist.
- After the first race, the order of starts will be taken from the Class Flag.

9. **CLASS FLAGS** - The following class flags will be used:
- Race Course 1 - Narrasketuck - Red Indian Head on white field
 Flying Scot - Blue FS insignia on white field
 420 Class - Green flag
 - Race Course 2 Sunfish - Red sunfish insignia on white field
 Laser and JY15 - Flag F, red diamond on white field
 Optimist - Optimist insignia on white field

10. **THE COURSES** - The diagrams in “Illustration A” at the end of these Sailing Instructions show the courses. Course Diagrams will also be available at the Registration desk. Note that there are four (4) primary courses, which may be modified to add a windward offset mark and leeward gate. Prior to each race, the course number will be displayed on a white board from the Race Committee boat designating the course to be sailed in that race.

After completing the first leg of the course a boat shall not cross the starting line (“S”). A boat that breaks this rule shall be exonerated if she takes a two-turn penalty (see RRS Sec. 44.2) after getting clear of the other boats as soon after the incident occurs.

On a leg of the course from windward (“W”) to leeward (“L”) of form L to W, boats may leave the line between S and F wither to port or starboard. For reasons of safety, on legs of the course from W to L or from L to W, the starting and finishing lines, including the signal boat or pin boat, if any, and the buoys that form the S and F are, taken together, one obstruction, and therefore rules 19 and 20 apply.

11. **MARKS** – Racing marks are as follows:
- Race Course 1 - Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be orange inflatable pyramids. The start-finish line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the small orange ball in the water (the pin) or an anchored pin boat with a staff.
 - Race Course 2 - Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be round orange balls. The start-finish line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the small orange ball in the water (the pin) or an anchored pin boat with a staff.

12. **THE START** - The races will be started by using a modified Rule 26. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded. A siren will be sounded as an “Alert” approximately one minute before the warning signal but is not part of the 5-minute sequence which is as follows:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag and Sound</u>	<u>Minutes before Start</u>
Warning	Class flag UP, 1 horn	3
Preparatory	Flag P UP, 1 horn	2
One Minute	Flag P DOWN, 1 <u>long</u> horn	1
Start	Class flag DOWN, 1 horn	0

If RRS 30.1 is invoked, the “I” Flag (black ball on a yellow field) will be hoisted instead of the Preparatory Flag P four minutes before the start and lowered at one minute before the start.

13. RECALLS

- **Code Flag X** (blue cross on a white field) and 1 horn blast signals an individual recall. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers for boats that are OCS (on the course side). This modifies RRS 41. Boats shall not be entitled to redress for the following: the failure of a boat to hear or receive a recall hail; the order of recall numbers hailed; the promptness of the hail. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).
- **Code Flag First Substitute** (blue pennant with yellow triangle) and 2 horn blasts signals a general recall. A single horn blast accompanies the lowering of the flag. The warning signal will be made one minute after removal.

14. SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START

- **Code Flag S** (white flag with blue square) and 2 horn blasts signals a shortened course, the finishing line shall be at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying flag S. This modifies RRS 32.2.
- **Code Flag N** (blue and white checks) and 3 horn blasts signal abandon race; return to start area. A single horn blast accompanies the lowering of the flag. The warning signal will be made one minute after removal.
- **Code Flag N over Code Flag H** (blue and white checks over white and red vertical stripe) and 3 horn blasts signal abandon race, return to shore.

15. RETIREMENT - A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

16. TIME LIMIT - Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF (did not finish). This changes RRS 35.

17. PROTESTS - The Race Committee will post the docking time at the end of racing each day on the official notice board. Protest forms are available at the club and completed protest forms shall be delivered to the Protest Committee no later than one hour after the docking. The same time applies to protests by the Race Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

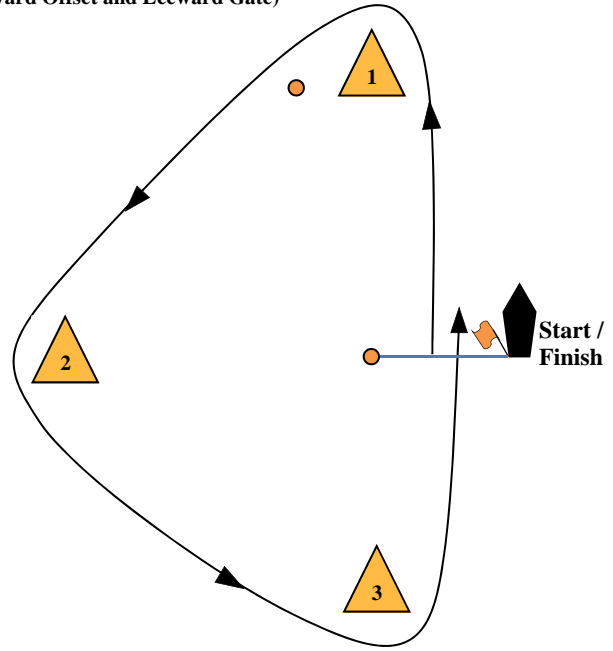
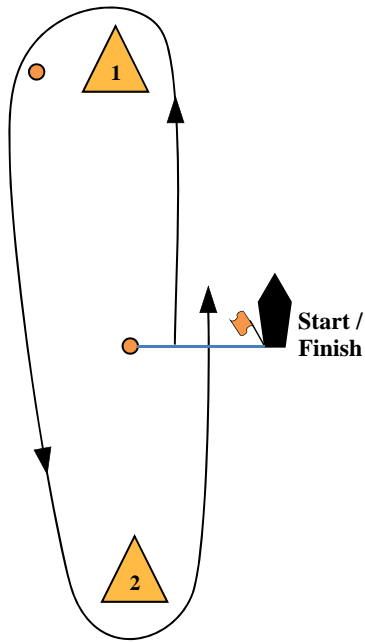
18. SCORING - The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. One race constitutes a series. More races are planned. All races count. This modifies Appendix A2.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Competitors in this Invitational are participating entirely at their own risk and are bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 Including US Sailing Prescriptions* and all other rules that govern this event, and assume full responsibility for starting or continuing to race – Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, host club and/or personnel conducting this event will not accept any liability for material damages or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.



SCHEDULE "A" Course Diagrams

(shown with optional Windward Offset and Leeward Gate)

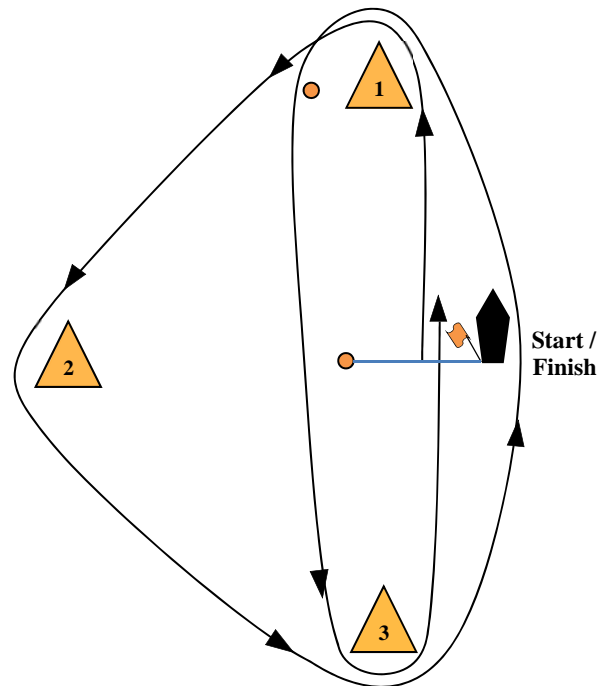
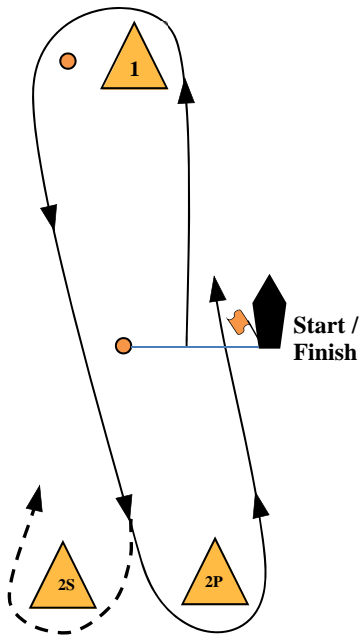


Course 2 – Windward Leeward Once Around
2 marks to be rounded
SF - 1 - 2 - SF

Course 4 – Windward Leeward Twice Around
4 marks to be rounded
SF - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - SF

Course 3 – Triangle Once Around
3 marks to be rounded
SF - 1 - 2 - 3 - SF

Course 6 – Triangle Twice Around
6 marks to be rounded
SF - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - SF



Course 2 or 4 with Leeward Gate

Boats may round either leeward gate mark, but must pass through the gate in a direction away from the windward mark.

Course 5 – Modified Olympic – Triangle WLW
5 marks to be rounded
SF - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - SF