

# OSWEGO YACHT CLUB

## 2006 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. OYC PHRF Racing is governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the current rules of PHRF-LO. When there is a conflict between a class rule and the rules of PHRF LO, the rules of PHRF LO will take precedence. All Divisions will be scored using the PHRF-LO handicapping system and the PHRF LO Time on Time scoring method using the QuickScore, QS04, Version 4.2.22 computer scoring program. Any class having their own start will be scored at their ODR rating or their PHRF LO rating, whichever is lower.

### 2. NOTICES

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official bulletin board located at the OYC Clubhouse.

### 3. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the official bulletin board at the OYC Clubhouse at least 90 minutes before they are to take effect or, if it affects the race schedule, they will be posted at least 24 hours before the first affected race.

### 4. RACE POSTPONEMENT

- 4.1. Before the starting signal, the race committee may postpone or abandon the race per RRS 27.3 except, when Race Signals are displayed ashore they shall be displayed 1 hour before the scheduled time of the 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal. When the AP flag is displayed ashore, the 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal will be made, not less than 60 minutes, after the lowering of the AP flag ashore. This alters the Race Signals.

### 5. RACE CANCELLATION

- 5.1. A race will be cancelled if consistent winds over the Series limits are measured by the Fleet Captain or his representative one hour prior to the scheduled starting sequence. Spring Series – 25 knots Summer and Fall Series – 30 knots.

### 6. THE COURSE AND MARKS

- 6.1. Specifics of the days race course shall be determined by the Race Committee.
- 6.2. The Race Committee will advise the competitors of the course to be sailed after it arrives on station at the intended start line.
- 6.3. The diagrams in Appendix 1, pages 1 and 2, show the possible courses and the order in which the marks are to be rounded.

## 7. THE START

- 7.1. The Starting Line will be between an orange flag displayed aboard the committee boat and a mark of the course.
- 7.2. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The warning signal for each succeeding division shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding division, per NOR 4.3.

## 8. RECALLS

- 8.1. The Race Committee will hail the boat names or boat sail numbers of OCS boats using the committee boat VHF radio on channel 6. A secondary hail may be made using the committee boat's loud hailer. This alters RRS 29.1.
- 8.2. An individual Recall will be in accordance with RRS 29.1. The race committee shall not advise any boat when they have fully returned to the pre-start side of the starting line. Doing so, can result in the boat being disqualified for a breach of RRS 41.
- 8.3. If a division receives a general recall, for any reason, that division's new 5 minute warning signal will be at the start signal of the last division in the start sequence. If the division receiving the General Recall is the last division in the start sequence, that division's new five-minute warning signal will be its preceding five-minute start signal. This alters RRS 29.2.
- 8.4. The general recall flag (the 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute) is lowered, without a sound signal, when all boats have returned to the pre-start side of the starting line, or its extensions, but no later than 4 minutes after the start signal. This changes RRS 29.2 and the Race Signals.

## 9. CHANGE OF COURSE and SHORTENING of COURSE.

- 9.1. The Race Committee may announce on VHF channel 6 information relative to changes of course, shortening of course, and abandonment of the race. This alters RRS 32 and 33

## 10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. The finish line will be between an orange flag displayed aboard the Race Committee Boat and a mark of the course. Except, when the course is shortened, the finish line and the flag signal shall be as described in RRS 32.2. When on station at the finish line the Race Committee shall display a plain blue flag.
- 10.2. The Race Committee shall make one sound signal when a boat finishes and record each boats finish time in the order of its finish.
- 10.3. In the event the Race Committee is not on station at the scheduled finish line, all yachts shall finish between the far north end of the H. Lee White Museum pier and the green can #1 buoy on the east side of the harbor. All boats shall take their own finish times if the Race Committee is not on station to record the finish times.

- 10.4. Boats retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee by hail or VHF channel 6 when they leave the race area.

## **11. TIME LIMIT**

- 11.1. The time limit for any evening race shall be three hours from the start time of the first division to start. If a yacht does not finish within the time limit it will be scored DNF. If no yacht finishes within the time limit, the race will be abandoned. This alters RRS 35 and A4.
- 11.2. If no yacht rounds the first mark of the course within 60 minutes of the first start signal, the race will be abandoned. This alters RRS 35, A4 and 89.3(a).

## **12. PROTESTS**

- 12.1. The Race Committee shall be notified, while on station at the finish line, of any yachts intention to file a protest, except when the yacht intending to protest is unable to complete the race. The Race Committee shall notify the Fleet Captain and the scorer that a protest will be filed. This alters RRS 61.1.
- 12.2. Protests shall be filed in writing with the Protest Committee Chair or Fleet Captain within 90 minutes of the last yacht in the Fleet to finish. This alters RRS 61.3.

## **13. RADIO COMMUNICATION VHF CHANNEL 6**

- 13.1. Race committee "Hails" and announcements may be made on VHF channel 6.
- 13.2. The Race Committee will hail the boat names or sail numbers of OCS by VHF radio channel 6. This changes RRS 29.1.
- 13.3. The Race Committee may make announcements relative to changes of course, shortening of course, and race abandonment on VHF channel 6. This alters RRS 32 and RRS 33.
- 13.4. Hails and broadcasts by the Race Committee do not replace the flag and sound signals required by the RRS. When there is a conflict between the RRS flag and sound signals and the hails and broadcasts of the Race Committee, the flag and sound signals and the RRS shall take precedence.
- 13.5. Errors or omissions of broadcasts and announcements, or failure of the Race Committee to hail, a boat to hear her hail, or the order and timing of such hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). Hails, broadcasts, and announcements on VHF radio or the committee boat loud hailer will not constitute outside help. This changes RRS 41.
- 13.6. VHF communication by competitors on VHF CH 6 that is deemed unnecessary or interferes with the safe and efficient functioning of the Race Committee will be grounds for disqualification from the race.