



Sailing Instructions

2009 HARBOR CHALLENGE TEAM RACING SERIES

**Boston Yacht Club
Corinthian Yacht Club
Eastern Yacht Club**

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix D, the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.

2. BOATS

Sonars (without spinnakers) – Each club shall supply their own boats.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 BYC, CYC, and EYC may enter one Official Team each evening and an additional unofficial team.
- 3.2 Each club shall designate their Official Team prior to the first race of each evening.
- 3.3 A Team shall consist of three boats, with a minimum of three people per boat. Substitutions of boats and/or personnel onto a team are permitted, except that any club sailing two teams may not make skipper substitutions on its Official Team except in an emergency.
- 3.4 Participants must be members, spouses, or dependants of members of the club that they represent and the helmsman shall be a member of US SAILING.
- 3.5 All skippers in the Finals must have competed in at least one 2009 Harbor Challenge evening prior to the Finals.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Racing for all teams is scheduled for seven Thursday evenings, beginning July 2nd and ending August 20th. There will be no racing on July 23rd.
- 4.2 The warning signal for the first race shall be at 1800 hours.
- 4.3 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the EYC Bulletin Board and www.easternyc.org/page/sailing/racing/harbor_challenge by 1700 on the Wednesday prior to the day the change will take effect.

5. FORMAT & SCORING

- 5.1 The series will consist of continuous round-robin racing where each team races each other team once in each round. If a round is not completed on an evening, it will be completed on the next scheduled evening. Races from incomplete rounds at the conclusion of racing on August 13th will not be scored.

- 5.2 No races with or against unofficial teams will be scored.
- 5.3 The two teams with the greatest number of wins at the conclusion of scored racing on August 13th will advance to the Finals.
- 5.4 Ties for Finals berths shall be broken as follows (changes RRS D4.2):
Tie between two teams:
1. A best-of-three-races sail-off at a mutually agreed upon time
 2. If no time can be agreed upon, a single race sail-off
 3. If sail-off(s) cannot be completed, the team with the most wins when the tied teams met shall advance to the Finals.
 4. If the tie remains, the team with the fewest total points when the tied teams met shall advance to the Finals.
 5. If the tie remains, the winner of the last race when the tied teams met shall advance to the Finals.
- Tie between three teams:
1. A single round robin sail-off at a mutually agreed upon time.
 2. If the sail-off cannot be completed or all three teams remain tied, method 4, above, shall be used.
 3. If after the single round robin sail-off, a tie remains between two teams for one berth in the Finals, a single race sail-off shall determine the Finalist, followed by methods 3-5, above.
- 5.5 The intended format for the Finals is a best-of-five series. If the intended format cannot be completed, the PRO will announce the new format.

6. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS/CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Official notices to competitors and/or changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at www.easternyc.org/page/sailing/racing/harbor_challenge 1700 hours of the day preceding the race.

7. COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1 The attached diagram (Attachment A) shows the courses to be sailed.
- 7.2 Courses will be announced orally before the start.
- 7.3 Marks will be orange balls except that the starboard finishing mark when the finish line is between two marks may be an inflatable mark.

8. CHANGE OF COURSE

To maintain a course configuration or change course length, marks may be moved as necessary, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates. A leg of the course may not be deleted. (Changes RRS 32.2 and 33)

9. START AND FINISH

- 9.1 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the water's edge (course side) of the nearby mark.
- 9.2 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the water's edge (course side) of the nearby mark OR the finish line will be between two marks (course side)

10. RECALLS

- 10.1 When, at a boat's starting signal, any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with RRS 30.1, the race committee shall promptly display flag X (or a designated flag or device). The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with RRS 30.1, if it applies, but not later than two minutes after the starting signal, whichever is earlier. The Race Committee may also attempt to notify individual boats by hailing their sail or bow numbers (Changes RRS 29.1 and S6).
- 10.2 A general recall will be signaled by multiple whistles and the hail of "general recall" and a new starting sequence will be started promptly (changes RRS 29.2).

11. TIME LIMIT

There will be no time limit.

12. PROTESTS

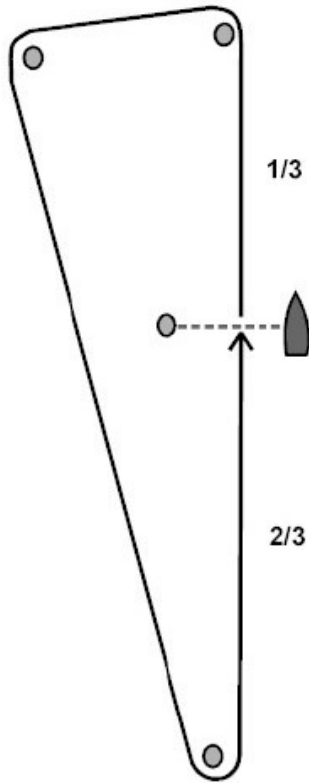
- 12.1 Intent to protest must be reported upon finishing.
- 12.2 Protests will be heard as soon after racing as possible by the RC and may be heard on the water, in the RC boat.
- 12.3 An expedited protest hearing procedure will be used as follows:
- The hearing will begin as soon as all parties are assembled.
 - If no one raises an objection the protest will be determined to be valid.
 - Each party will be given about 1 minute to state their case.
 - The may question the parties and/or call witnesses.
 - Each party will be given about 1 minute to question the other party.
 - The parties are excused. The RC will determine the facts and make their decision.
 - The RC informs the parties of the decision orally.
- 12.4 A competitor may not reopen expedited protest hearings after a decision has been made. (Changes RRS 66)
- 12.5 Expedited hearings may be used to consider requests for redress involving breakdowns. Competitors are urged to use this procedure in lieu of written requests. The requesting competitor must notify the Race Committee of the intention to use this procedure immediately after finishing or as soon as reasonably possible if unable to finish.

13. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES/DEBRIEF

At the conclusion of each evening's races, all participants are cordially invited for refreshments and a race debrief at the Eastern Yacht Club.

ATTACHMENT A

COURSE 1



COURSE 2

