



# Sailing Instructions

## 2010 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 two 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, except that each club's team may have no more than three non-members on any given night. Non-members shall not skipper.
  - 3.5 Each skipper shall be shall be a member of US SAILING.
  - 3.6 All skippers in the Semi-Finals and Finals must have competed in at least two 2010 Harbor Challenge evening prior to the Semi-Finals. The non-member exception in SI 3.4 does not apply at the Semi-Finals or Finals – all participants shall be members, spouses, or dependants of members of the club they represent in the Semi-Finals and Finals.
- ### 4. SCHEDULE OF RACES
- 4.1 Racing for all teams is scheduled for seven Thursday evenings, beginning June 17<sup>th</sup> and ending with the Semi-Finals & Finals on August 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be no racing on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 4.2 The warning signal for the first race shall be at 1815 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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> will not be scored.
- 5.2 No races with or against unofficial teams will be scored.
- 5.3 The team with the greatest number of wins at the conclusion of scored racing on August 19<sup>th</sup> will advance to the Finals on August 26th.
- 5.4 Ties for the automatic Finals berth 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. The team with the most wins in the single round robin will advance to the Finals
  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. If the sail-off cannot be completed, methods 3-5, above, shall be used to break the tie.
- 5.5 The remaining two teams will sail a best-of-three Semi Finals. The winner will advance to the Finals.
- 5.5 The intended format for the Finals is a best-of-three 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](http://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 A Mark may be substituted for the finish boat – the finish may be between marks.
- 7.4 Marks will be orange balls except that the starboard finishing mark when the finish line is between two marks will be an inflatable green tetrahedron.

## **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**

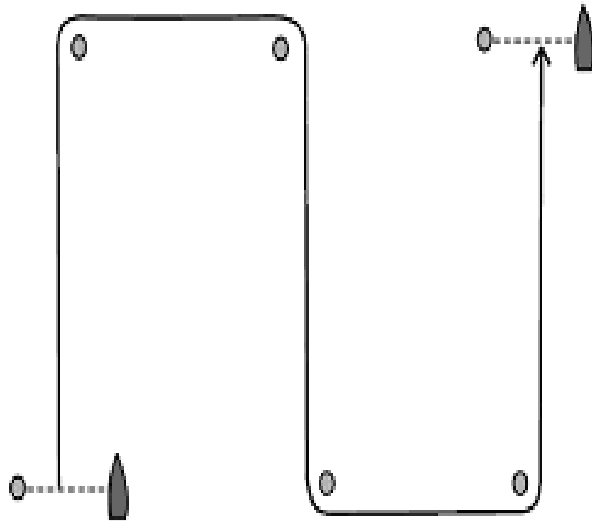
- 12.1 Intent to protest must be reported upon finishing.
- 12.2 Protests will be heard as soon after racing as possible by one member of the RC and two sailors from a team not involved in the protest. The two sailors shall be chosen, one each, by the parties to the protest.
- 12.3 An expedited protest 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 jury will be given 1 minute to question either party.
  - The parties are excused. The "jury" will determine the facts and make their decision.
  - The jury 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

N COURSE



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COURSE 2

