



WINDJAMMERS SAILING CLUB

Pierce Invitational

Sailing Instructions

Sunday May 30th, 2010

1. Rules

The race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012; the prescriptions of US Sailing (USS); the current PHRF regulations as administered by PHRF-ECSA; and the rules of the classes racing (except as any of those that are altered by these sailing instructions).


2. Safety & Disclaimer

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, any race course assistants, and volunteers) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, including fatal, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

3. Notices to Competitors & changes to Sailing Instructions

Notices to Competitors and/or Sailing Instruction changes, if any, may be distributed by the Race Committee but will be broadcast via VHF channel 72 within approximately 30 minutes prior to first warning and will be accompanied by




the display of the "L" flag (come within hail) . Scratch sheets and Sailing Instructions may be available at the WSC website on or before the day of the race and will be available at the WSC bulletin board (*official notice board*) located at the dock shed of Port Milford Marina and from the Race Committee prior to the first warning.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat located at Port Milford Marina and will be broadcast on VHF channel 72 at frequent intervals well in advance of the first warning signal.






4.2 Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant , with two sound signals, along with appropriate VHF radio announcements, indicates "the race is postponed" and the first warning signal will be made no less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

5. Schedule of Race

First Warning at 1200 hrs EDT.

6. Class Flags

Class flags will be :

Class **A**code flag **A** 
Class **B**..... code flag **B** 
Class **C** code flag **C** 
Etc

7. Starting Area & check in

Starting area will be in the general vicinity of Charles Island or, if conditions warrant, 1 to 2 miles south of Milford Harbor entrance. Yachts shall pass in close proximity to the Race Committee boat with mainsail raised while hailing to check in approximately 30 minutes prior to the first warning.

8. Courses and Marks

8.1 The course(s) used will be signaled by the Race Committee boat prior to the starting sequence for each class and consist of the Class designation followed, in order of rounding, any of the mark letter designations listed in this section.

8.2 The Race Committee may designate a different course for one or more classes by posting the class(s) designation followed by the respective course.

8.3 Marks are to be rounded as indicated by the course definitions unless overridden by the appropriate flag as signaled by the Race Committee to indicate which hand all marks are to be rounded.

8.4 Except when being rounded as a mark of the course, R"16" Charles Island Bell, R"2" Welch's Point nun, and R"12" Pond Point nun shall be passed to seaward.

8.5 Yachts NOT involved in a starting sequence shall keep clear of the starting area and those preparing to start.

S - Starting Mark

X - C "1" Middle Ground

G - Middle Ground Light

R - R"18" Point No Point

D - R"16" Charles Island Bell

E - C1 Charles Island

Y - New Haven Harbor outer entrance channel Red-white whistle "NH"

H - Gong "1" Housatonic River

T - R"10A" Townshend Ledge Gong

P - nun "12" Pond Point

N - buoy "4" Milford Harbor entrance channel

W - nun "2" Welches Point

Z - West Breakwater - New Haven

A - Special Mark (inflatable orange or yellow buoy) The Race Committee will display numbers to signal the approximate compass bearing and distance to "A" from the starting mark when "A" is used as a mark on the first windward leg.

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Use of a number following one or more course letters will indicate the number of times that course is to be sailed.

9. Starting and Finishing

9.1 Starting signals will be made in accordance with RRS Rule 26, with classes starting in alphabetical order (ex.. A,B,C....). Please note: The starting sequences **MAY** or **MAY NOT** be a rolling sequence. It is up to the individual boats to watch for their Class Flag, which will designate the Warning Signal for that class.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange or red flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark (S).


9.3 The finish line shall be the same as the start except if conditions warrant, the finish can be moved to a mark of the course.

9.4 The "mark" at the opposite end of the start and finish line from the pin end will be the Race Committee Boat and may have a standoff buoy attached to its stern by a line. The standoff buoy and its attachment line are parts of the "mark". Competitors are urged to review RRS 18.1 (a) as this will affect the rights of a barging and/or overlapped windward boat.

10. Time Limit


Yachts not finishing within six (6) hours after the start of its class will be designated DNF (Did Not Finish). This modifies RRS Rule 35.

11. Recalls

11.1 In the event of an Individual Recall (code flag X )

the sail numbers of boats OCS and still in breach of RRS 29.1 or 30.1(if it applies), *may* be announced on VHF channel 72. Sail numbers will not be announced until they have been verified by the race committee and the broadcast may not be immediate, if at all. The existence or otherwise and the conduct of such a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress and nothing in these Sailing Instructions shall reduce the responsibility of a boat to comply with RRS 29.1, 29.2, and 30.1(if it applies).

11.2 When a general recall has been signaled (code flag

first substitute)  the start(s) for the succeeding class(s) will be postponed accordingly. Warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.

12. Withdrawal

A yacht which retires from the race is asked to notify the Race Committee ASAP or as a last resort, the dock crew at the Port Milford Marina or Milford Yacht Club.

13. Scoring

13.1 Corrected finish times will be computed using the Time on Time Method with a middle handicap and appropriate conditions factor.

14. Post Race Party

Free snacks and drink specials will be provided at Milford Yacht Club following the race. The MYC club menu will be available to competitors.

15. Awards

Awards will be presented at the annual Windjammers Sailing Club Awards Dinner December 3rd 2010.

