



2012 Saugatuck Harbor YC Evening Race

Saturday August 4, 2012

Hosted by

Saugatuck Harbor Yacht Club

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The race will be governed by the International Yacht Racing Rules as adopted by the United States Sailing Association for 2009-2012, except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions.

2. Eligibility

This race is sponsored by the Saugatuck Harbor Yacht Club and is a Norwalk Island Sailing Fleet (NISF) event. The race is open to all Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) yachts, after submitting an application (page 4) and a current YRA PHRF certificate. Boats not having current YRA PHRF ratings will be assigned ratings by the Race Committee. All members of the Norwalk Islands Sailing Fleet having paid for the Evening Race or the full program are already eligible.

3. Important Notice

No group or individual involved directly or indirectly in organizing and/or conducting this race is responsible in any way for the safety of any vessel participating in the race or for the safety of any person aboard said vessel, whether said vessel is traveling to or from the race area, maneuvering in the vicinity of the start or finish lines, or sailing the designated race course. It is the responsibility of the skipper and the crew of each vessel to be aware at all times of all the circumstances and conditions affecting such vessel and based thereon, to determine whether to participate, or to continue to participate, in the race. The safety requirements of the YRALIS have been adopted for this race.

4. Divisions

4.1 There will be four divisions:

- Division 1 Spinnaker (PHRF 134 and lower)
- Division 2 Spinnaker (PHRF 135 and above).
- Division 3 Non-spinnaker (PHRF 134 and below)
- Division 4 Non-spinnaker (PHRF 135 and above)

4.2 Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4 will be PHRF rated.

4.3 NISF yachts must notify the race committee 24 hours prior to the scheduled start of the race if they desire to switch divisions from that which they are registered in for the season.

5. Schedule of Race

Start Saturday 4 August 1700 first gun - warning signal

6. Racing Area

6.1 The start will be at navigational aid R-26, south of Peck Ledge. Courses will use government marks in Western Long Island Sound. See section 17

7. The Course

7.1 The courses to be used will be chosen by the Race Committee from the Courses and Government Marks Listed in Section 17.2

- 7.2 The identifying number of the course (or Gov't marks to be sailed) will be displayed from the Race Committee boat before the warning signal.

8. The Start:

- 8.1 The start will be in accordance with racing rule 26, modified as follows, with classes starting in the following order:

Visual Signal	Audible Signal	Time	Meaning
Number 3&4 Flag raised	One gun or horn	1700	Warning, Div. 3 and 4
"P" Flag raised	One gun or horn	1701	Preparatory, Div. 3&4
"P" Flag lowered	One long horn	1704	
Number 3&4 Flag lowered	One gun or horn	1705	Start, Div. 3&4
Number 1&2 Flag raised	One gun or horn	1705+	Warning, Div. 1 * see 8.2
"P" Flag raised	One gun or horn	1706+	Preparatory, Div. I
"P" Flag lowered	One long horn	1709+	
Number 1&2 Lowered	One gun or horn	1710+	Start, Div. I

- 8.2 The Warning Signal time for Division 1&2 will be soon after all the boats in Division 3&4 have cleared the starting line. 17 05+ means a 5 minute sequence starting sometime after Division 3&4 have cleared the starting line.
- 8.3 Division 1&2 yachts must stay clear of the starting line until after Division 3&4 has successfully started.
- 8.4 The starting line will be between a flag on the Race Committee boat at one end and navigation aid R-26 at the other end.
- 8.5 **Postponement** Answering pennant + two sound signals (red & white vertical bars). Flag will be lowered one minute before new Warning Signal (5 minute sequence).

9. Recalls

- 9.1 **Individual Recall** Will be in accordance with racing rule 29.1. Code Flag X + one sound signal (blue cross on white background). The Race Committee will endeavor to hail sail numbers and/or yacht names of premature starters via VHF channel 78, but it is the responsibility of each boat to make a proper start.
- 9.2 **General Recall** will be in accordance with racing rule 29.2. First Substitute + two sound signals (yellow triangle on blue background). The first substitute will be lowered (with sound signal) one minute before the new Warning signal (5 minute sequence).
- 9.3 **Abandonment and Cancellation:** The race committee will not be present after the start. It will be the decision of each captain whether to continue or abandon the race for any reason at any time.

10. The Finish

The finishing line will within 2 boat lengths of R-26 and will be perpendicular to a line drawn from the last mark and R-26, leaving R26 to Port. No Committee Boat will be on station. When finishing all boats must sound their horn and shine a lite on their sail numbers so boats preceding and following may verify your time. All boats must take their own finish time from their GPS and report their finish time corrected to EDST, to Mike Brown at reddog_captain@yahoo.com

11. Time Limit

The time limit for all Yachts will be 12 hours after their Division Start.

12. Shortened Course

Courses will not be shortened since the committee boat is only available at the start.

13. Protests

- 13.1 All protests shall be in writing and must be delivered or Emailed or mailed and postmarked to the Race Committee chairman within 48 hours of the finish of the race.

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61 Friendly Road
Brewster, New York 10509

- 13.2 Hearings will be held as described in Appendix P except as modified herein. All protests will be heard by a Protest Committee, which will ordinarily consist of the chairman of the SHYC Race Committee and at least two members

of the sailing group, appointed by the chairman, except that no member may sit on the Protest Committee to consider a protest lodged by or against such member. Whenever feasible, Protest Hearing will be held following the race on the same day. When this is not possible, the Protest Committee will, after receiving the written protest, schedule a hearing to be held within 9 days of the incident. If either or both of the parties fail to attend the hearing, the Protest Committee may rule on the protest based on the evidence in hand.

14 **Scoring**

The Divisions will be scored using the designated handicap system. Race results will be available on the Internet at <http://www.norwalksailing.com/>

15 **Prizes**

Trophies will be given out at the NISF Annual Awards Party at Shore & Country Yacht Club at the end of the season, scheduled for November 3, 2012. Trophies to be awarded will be the traveling trophy (awarded by the committee to the Yacht with the best performance) and keeper trophies for the yachts finishing first, second and third in each Division.

16 **Special Rules safety equipment and information**

16.1 This is a **Category B Race**; please refer to the YRALIS website <http://www.yralis.org> or the YRALIS 2010 Racing Program for the definition of what safety equipment is required - like harnesses and personal flotation.

16.2 VHF Channel 78 will be used by the race committee.

16.3 An informal party may be held at Saugatuck Harbor YC after the race. BYOB, and snacks, beer, provided.

17. **NISF 2011 Evening Race Courses**

17.1 **MARKS:**

R26	FL R 4s Bell, South of Peck Ledge
RWBH	MO (A) Bridgeport mid Channel
RWPJ	MO (A) Port Jefferson Entrance
R2	FL R 4s Bell @ Middle Ground Stratford Shoal
11B	FL G 4s Gong North of Eaton's Neck
R28C	FL R 4s Bell Cable & Anchor South of Sheffield
G15	FL G 4s Gong North of Lloyd's Point
R22	FL R 4s Bell Near Penfield Reef

17.2 **COURSES:** **S** = Div. 1 & 2 (Spinnaker) **N** = Div. 3&4 (Non Spinnaker)
COMMITTEE BOAT WILL DESIGNATE COURSE CHOSEN

1.	S&N	R26 - G15 (P) - R22 (P) - R26 (P)	26.87 NM
2.	S&N	R26 - 11B (P) - R2 (P) - RWBH (P) - R26 (P)	30.71 NM
3.	S&N	R26 - R22 (S) - G15 (S) - R26 (P)	26.87 NM
4.	S&N	R26 - RWBH (S) - R2 (S) - 11B (S) - R26 (P)	30.71 NM
5.	S&N	R26 – R28C (P) – R22 (P) – R26 (P)	18.6 NM
6.	S&N	R26 – R22 (S) – R28C (S) – R26 (P)	18.6 NM
7.	S&N	R26 – R28C (P) – 11B (P) – R26 (P)	12.40NM
8.	S&N	R26 – BWBH (P) – R22 (P) – R26 (P)	16.68 NM
9	S&N	Committee will select the course using marks identified in section 17.1 (Start and Finish will be at R26)	

Courses 1 thru 8 will require the committee to post one number.

Course 9 will require the committee to post 9 and each of the marks to be rounded and to what side, on a course board.

**SAUGATUCK Harbor Yacht Club
And
NORWALK ISLANDS SAILING FLEET
2012 Evening Race APPLICATION**

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email: _____ Yacht Club/Marina: _____

Boat Name: _____ Type _____ Sail # _____
(i.e. J24)

Spinnaker _____ Non-Spinnaker _____

US Sailing Member: Yes _____ No _____ Member Number _____

PHRF Rating (enclosed certificate): _____ Fee Enclosed: _____

Note: Fees are detailed in the NISF 2012 Program and Application information

**Please make checks payable to Norwalk Islands Sailing Fleet
(SHYC members may pay through their club account and send this application to
the SHYC Race Committee Chairman)**

**Mail application, fee and PHRF certificate to:
Bob Counihan, 61 Friendly Rd, Brewster, NY 10509**

Waiver of Claims:

The undersigned, skipper of the sailing yacht _____ acknowledges that, in connection with any yacht race forming part of the Norwalk Islands Sailing Fleet / Norwalk Yacht Club / Noroton Yacht Club/ Minuteman Yacht Club / Shore & Country Club/ Sprite Island Yacht Club, Saugatuck Harbor Yacht Club and the Wilson Cove Marina Race Programs for 2012, neither the race committee or any other party participating in the organization and/or sponsoring of any such race has any duty or obligation whatsoever to provide for the safety of the undersigned or their crew or yacht.

As a qualifying condition for participating in any such race, the undersigned hereby waives any and all claims against the race committee and/or any other party in the organization or sponsorship of such race, relating in any way to the participation of their yacht or crew in such race.

(signature)