



# Larchmont Yacht Club

## NEW ENGLAND STAR MASTERS

Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9, 2009

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* (RRS).
- 1.2 Part 5 Section B is changed to provide for arbitration of protests of Part 2 rules.

#### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the front porch of the main clubhouse.

#### **3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the front lawn. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the first warning signal will be made not less than 1 hour after the "AP" is lowered.

#### **4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Sat. August 8

0800 – 0945 Registration – coffee & donuts  
0945 Skippers' Meeting  
1100 First Warning  
1830 Event Dinner – Junior Clubhouse

Sun. August 9

1100 First Warning  
1430 No warning signal after this time  
Awards Ceremony following the completion of racing on the front lawn.

#### **5 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in the waters off the breakwater of Larchmont Harbor.

#### **6 COURSES AND MARKS**

- 6.1 Course "O" (triangle, windward, leeward, windward finish) or "1" (triangle, windward, leeward finish), or "2" (triangle, windward, leeward, triangle, windward finish) or "3" (windward, offset, leeward, windward, offset, leeward, windward finish) or "4" (windward, offset, leeward, windward, offset, leeward finish) will be signaled by the starting vessel. The approximate compass bearing and distance from the starting line to Mark #1 will be displayed on the starting vessel. See attached course diagrams.
- 6.2 The leeward mark will be approximately 100 yards to windward of the starting line.
- 6.3 All marks, including the offset if used, shall be rounded to port.
- 6.3 Rounding marks will be yellow inflatables. The offset mark will be a white hippity hop.

## **7 THE START**

- 7.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 7.2 The starting line will be between a yellow flag on the committee boat and a staff displaying a yellow flag on the port end.

## **8 RECALLS**

- 8.1 The race committee will endeavor to recall boats.
- 8.2 Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification and the order and timing of such hail shall not be grounds for redress.

## **9 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

- 9.1 The change may be signaled before the new mark is in position.
- 9.2 The new mark will be an orange mark. When a subsequent change of course is signaled, the orange mark will be replaced with the original mark.

## **10 THE FINISH**

- 10.1 The finish line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and:  
a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby buoy.
- 10.2 If a subsequent race will be run, the race committee will signal its intention by flying code flag "R" at the finish of the previous race.

## **11 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish shall be 3 1/2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE). This changes rule 35.

## **12 WITHDRAWAL**

A boat that withdraws from the race or that does not intend to start a scheduled race shall notify the race committee at the first opportunity.

## **13 PROTESTS**

- 13.1 A boat intending to protest shall report this to the race committee promptly after finishing that race.
- 13.2 Protest forms are available at the front desk of the club.
- 13.3 Completed protest forms shall be delivered to the jury desk on the second floor of the clubhouse within the protest time limit, which will be one hour after the race committee arrives ashore.
- 13.4 The protest time limit and a list of all protests filed at the jury desk will be posted on the notice board.
- 13.5 Hearings will begin as soon as practicable.

## **14 ARBITRATION**

- 14.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule in Part 2 – When Boats Meet, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5 Section B of the *RRS*.
- 14.2 After a written protest is filed, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.
- 14.3 A boat that accepts fault at the arbitration hearing shall receive a penalty of 40% of the number of entries (rounded upward 0.5) added to her finish position, except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF.
- 14.4 The arbitrator is neither the race nor protest committee; therefore, decisions made during arbitration cannot be grounds for redress and cannot be appealed.
- 14.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe testimony presented and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).

## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores without discard
- 15.2 A maximum of three races is scheduled
- 15.3 One race constitutes a series
- 15.4 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) and will be given two (2) points more than the number of finishers, except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF. This changes rule 35

## **16 PRIZES**

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, Aug. 9 on the front lawn of the club.
- 16.2 The Allen R. Burtis Masters Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner. Series prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third place finishers.
- 16.3 Prizes will also be awarded for the top Grand Master (60-69), top Exalted Grand Master (70-79), top Venerable Exalted Grand Master (80-89) and top DND (90+) not finishing in the top three places.

## **17 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY**

- 17.1 The skipper/owner shall be responsible for all actions of his or her crew or guests. In the event of a breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member or agent of the Larchmont Yacht Club, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her boat shall be subject to protest and disqualification.
- 17.2 The Larchmont Yacht Club is not responsible and will not accept any liability for bodily injury, death or property damage suffered from any cause. Each participant, including skipper and crew, participates in the regatta entirely at his/her own risk and waives any and all claims, including those arising from negligence or lack of due care, which he/she may have against the Larchmont Yacht Club, its regatta committee, and its officers, trustees, committee members, members, agents, or employees. Responsibility for evaluating the wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each participant as does responsibility for the safe condition of the boat, including safety equipment and rigging and for deciding when to wear life jackets. Patrol boats or other assistance will not likely be available. Assistance, if any, from the regatta committee or other Larchmont Yacht Club vessels, or other patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is entirely at the risk of the participant.

## **18 FURTHER INFORMATION**

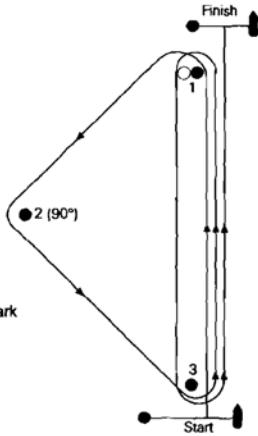
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Jed Kelly– Regatta Committee Chairman  
Cynthia Parthemos– Event Principal Race Officer  
Mary M. Savage – Protest Committee Chairman

**Course "0"**

- Start  
 1  
 2  
 3  
 1  
 3 (or gate 3A - 3B)  
 Finish (upwind)

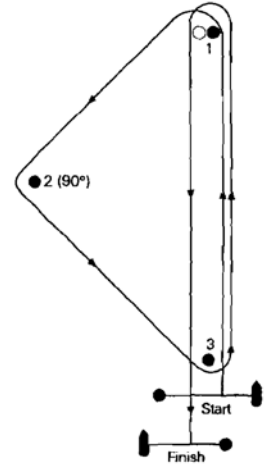
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**Course "1"**

- Start  
 1  
 2  
 3  
 1  
 (or 1 + offset mark)  
 Finish (downwind)

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**Course "2"**

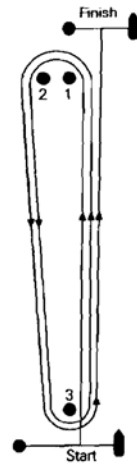
- Start  
 1  
 2  
 3  
 1  
 (or 1 + offset mark)  
 3 (or gate 3A - 3B)  
 1  
 2  
 3  
 Finish (upwind)

The same Course as Course "0" but one triangle in addition.

Course 2 may not be used at AA events, and may only be used at A events with approval of the continental committee. (STCR 34.3.1).

**Course "3"**

- Start  
 1  
 2  
 3 (or gate 3A-3B)  
 1  
 2  
 3 (or gate 3A-3B)  
 Finish (upwind)



**Course "4"**

- Start  
 1  
 2  
 3 (or gate 3A - 3B)  
 1  
 2  
 Finish (downwind)

