



# LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB

## Interclub National Championship

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April 18-19, 2009

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in THE RACING RULES OF SAILING for 2009-2012.
- 1.2 Part 5, Section B of the RRS is changed to provide for arbitration of protests on the rules of Part 2.
- 1.3 Bow numbers at least 10" in height and of contrasting color to the hull are required for each boat. Bow numbers shall match the sail numbers and must be positioned within one foot of the stem.
- 1.4 Appendix P-Special Procedures for Rule 42, P1 through P4 will be in effect throughout the regatta.
- 1.5 No boat shall leave the docks until a harbor start is signaled with one sound signal.
- 1.6 Competitors must wear life jackets at all times.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

### 3. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes before the harbor start. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SKIPPERS MEETING

There will be a skippers meeting at 1100, Saturday April 18th on the front lawn of the club.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole.
- 5.2 Flag AP with two sound signals means "racing is postponed". The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after Flag AP is lowered.

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday, April 18th	Harbor Start	1145	First Warning	1230
Sunday, April 19th	Harbor Start	0915	First Warning	1000

### 7. COURSES

- 7.1 Courses will be windward-leeward.

- 7.2 An offset mark will be used at the windward mark. The leeward mark will be a gate.
- 7.3 Boats shall not pass through the finish line on the run.

## **8. MARKS**

- 8.1 The windward mark and gate marks will be orange balls.
- 8.2 The offset mark will be a white ball.

## **9. THE START**

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with Appendix S-Sound-Signal Starting System.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag on the committee boat and a staff with an orange flag on an anchored inflatable boat.
- 9.3 Boats starting later than 3 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS.
- 9.4 RRS 30.1 will be in effect for all starts even though Flag "I" will not be flown. If Rule 30.2 Z Flag Rule is used, it will be announced by loud hailer and Flag Z will be flown from the committee boat.
- 9.5 The race committee will attempt to hail boats OCS by loud hailer.
- 9.6 A Postponement after a starting sequence has commenced will be signaled by multiple sound signals and announcements by loud hailer.
- 9.7 A General Recall after a starting signal will be signaled by multiple sound signals and announcements by loud hailer.
- 9.8 Abandonment will be signaled by loud hailer announcements.

## **10. THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a staff with a yellow flag on the committee boat and a nearby finish mark with a yellow flag. The finish line will be on the same side of the committee boat as the starting line but will be shorter in length than the starting line.

## **11. PROTESTS**

- 11.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee after finishing of her intent to protest and shall identify the boat or boats being protested.
- 11.2 Written protests shall be delivered to the protest desk at the head of the main staircase in the clubhouse not later than 45 minutes after the race committee comes ashore.
- 11.3 The expiration time for filing protests will be posted on the official notice board.
- 11.4 Hearings will begin as soon as practicable and protests will be heard in the approximate order in which they were received.

## **12. CAPSIZING**

- 12.1 It is mandatory that boats in the area of any overturned boat go to the rescue of her crew.
- 12.2 Boats going to the rescue of an overturned boat must report their action to the race committee and will be scored for the position they were in at the time of the rescue or be given redress.

## **13. SCORING**

- 13.1 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.2 At least three races must be completed to constitute a series.

## **14. ARBITRATION**

- 14.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing will held prior to the protest hearing. After a written protest is filed, one representative from each boat will meet with an arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.
- 14.2 A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing shall receive a penalty of 40% of the number of competing boats (rounded upward) added to her finishing position except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF.
- 14.3 Decisions made at arbitration cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed.
- 14.4 The arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee but may observe the hearing and offer testimony. This changes Rule 63.3(a).

## **15. PRIZES**

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 skippers and crews and the Interclub National Championship will be awarded to the winning boat.
- 15.2 Prizes will also be awarded to the top 3 teams in B fleet and the top 3 Wharf Rat Challenge skippers.

## **16. RESPONSIBILITY**

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 The Larchmont Yacht Club and ACE Recreational Marine Insurance for itself and on behalf of its U.S –based insurance and company affiliates (“ACE”) are 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 or ACE. 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.

## **17 CONTACT INFORMATION**

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