

# Larchmont Yacht Club

Larchmont, NY

## Vanguard 15 Fleet 50 2009 Sailing Instructions

### SAILING SCHEDULE

Vanguard 15 racing will be held each day listed below  
Days marked with \*\* do not count toward the season championship

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| Sunday May 17 – First day for scoring   |   |
| Sunday May 24   | <i>Saturday July 25** – V15 Team Race Regatta</i>   |
| <i>Saturday May 30** -<br/>Clinic by 2008 Champ Cardwell Potts,<br/>1300 on front lawn</i>  | <i>Sunday July 26** – V15 Team Race Regatta<br/><b>(fleet racing afterwards starting at 1500<br/>that counts as a regular Sunday)</b></i> |
| Sunday May 31   | Sunday July 26 – last day of spring series  |
| Sunday June 7   | Sunday August 2 – start of summer series  |
| <i>Saturday June 13** – Spring Regatta (1230 Harbor Start)</i>                              | Sunday August 9   |
| <i>Sunday June 14** – Spring Regatta (1000 Harbor Start)</i>                                | Sunday August 16  |
| Sunday June 21  | Sunday August 23  |
| Sunday June 28  | Sunday August 30  |
| Sunday July 5   | Sunday September 6  |
| Sunday July 12 –1200 First Warning. Boats must be moved off dock after racing for Race Week | Sunday September 13   |
| <i>Saturday July 18** – Larchmont Race Week</i>   | Sunday September 20   |
| <i>Sunday July 19** – Larchmont Race Week</i>   | Sunday September 27 – First Warning 1330<br>scoring counts double for those already q   |

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#### RULES

- 1.1 The V15 Racing Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS).
- 1.2 All boats must conform to the Vanguard 15 Class Rules and Specifications.  
All boats must be sailed by a minimum of two people.
- 1.3 RRS 42 – Propulsion – shall be strictly adhered to. A boat that breaks rule 42 will be disqualified from that race and that day's scores shall be included in the boat's series score.
- 1.4 When there is contact between boats racing that results in damage or injury, both boats shall be disqualified unless:
  - a) one of them brings a valid protest, or
  - b) one of them, or a third boat, retires or exonerates herself by accepting a penalty in acknowledgement of the infringement in that incident.
- 1.5 If there are separate sailing instructions for the Spring Regatta, Race Week or

the V15 Team Race, those sailing instructions shall govern the racing.

## **2 ENTRIES**

- 2.1 Eligible boats may enter by checking in with the Race Committee prior to starting a race each Sunday.
- 2.2 All skippers shall volunteer for one day of Race Committee duty. Any skipper who fails to sign up for Race Committee duty prior to June 1 will not be scored for any races until s/he signs up for Race Committee duty.
- 2.3 A boat that leaves the racing area prior to the finish of the last race of the day shall notify the Race Committee prior to leaving the racing area.
- 2.4 Any skipper who sails more than two days will be charged fleet dues.

## **3 TIME OF START**

Races will commence promptly at 1500 each day on which racing is scheduled unless otherwise noted in the schedule listed above.

## **4 NUMBER OF RACES**

The number of races sailed each day will be decided solely by the Race Committee. The Race Committee may choose to run a “Crew Race” (where the crew drives and the skipper crews) at any point during the day. Crew races shall not count toward a skipper’s daily score.

## **5 WEATHER CONDITIONS**

While the final decision as to whether racing should be held will rest with the Race Committee, the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

## **6 LIFE PRESERVERS**

Non-inflatable, Coast Guard approved life preservers must be worn at all times by skipper and crew.

## **7 COURSES AND MARKS**

- 7.1 The Race Committee will announce the course before the start of each race. Courses will be either “W” (windward, leeward, windward finish), “L” (windward, leeward finish) or “H” (windward, reach, starting pin left to starboard, leeward, windward finish)
- 7.2 For courses “L” and “W”, an offset mark may be used at the windward mark and will be set at the discretion of the Race Committee to the port side of said mark(s).
- 7.3 The start and finish line are “open” for all courses and may be disregarded except when maneuvering to start or finish.
- 7.4 For courses “W” and “H”, the Race Committee may set a gate at the leeward mark.

## **8 START AND FINISH**

- 8.1 Races shall be started in accordance with Appendix S. Appendix S is changed such that the starting sequence begins with the two-minute signal.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a port side mark.
- 8.3 The finish line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a starboard side mark unless otherwise indicated by special announcement.
- 8.4 Prior to the first race of the day the Race Committee may choose to run a practice start. Any practice start will be announced as such prior to the preparatory signal.

## **9 RECALLS**

- 9.1 The Race Committee will endeavor to identify recalled boats by hailing their sail number by loud hailer.
- 9.2 Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification shall not be grounds for redress.
- 9.3 A general recall will be signaled by repeated short horn or whistle blasts.
- 9.4 After a general recall, RRS 30.1 will be in effect for all starts for the rest of the day even though Code Flag "I" will not be flown.

## **10 PROTESTS AND "QUICK JUSTICE"**

- 10.1 A protesting boat shall report her intention to protest to the Race Committee at the conclusion of the race.
- 10.2 No written protests need be filed with the protest committee. This changes RRS 61.2.
- 10.3 All protests involving a rule of Part 2 of the RRS or redress requests will first be heard by a panel of three fleet members knowledgeable about the RRS for "Quick Justice." This modifies Part 5, Section B of the RRS.
- 10.4 Open hearings will be held on the front lawn within 30 minutes after the Race Committee arrives at the dock. Guidelines for open hearings and "Quick Justice" appear below.
- 10.5 The Fleet Captain (or in the absence of the Fleet Captain, the acting Fleet Captain for the day or the Principal Race Officer for the day) will select three fleet members who did not witness the incident to serve as a panel for "Quick Justice."
- 10.6 If the panel determines that the protest is valid and that one or more parties may have broken a rule, either party to the protest can either
- (a) withdraw from the race; or
  - (b) accept a 40% scoring penalty for that race (but in no event shall any party be scored worse than DNF).
- If the protest is not resolved after "Quick Justice", the LYC Protest Committee will hear the protest at a time and place convenient to all.
- 10.7 If, after a hearing by the LYC Protest Committee, a boat is disqualified from a race, that boat shall count its score for the day toward its season championship scoring calculation.
- 10.8 A boat not completing all races on a given day as a result of being fouled and disabled will, if her protest is sustained, be granted a sailed day for the season and her score for that day will be the earned points of the preceding races.

Redress requests under section 10.8 will be determined by the Fleet Captain and the Fleet Scorer.

## **11 OPEN HEARINGS**

- 11.1 Fleet members are encouraged to observe all hearings. Observers must not speak during the hearing. However, after the conclusion of the hearing, questions from observers are encouraged if time permits.
- 11.2 Once the hearing begins, observers cannot leave the hearing area until the end of the hearing. If an observer cannot stay until the end of the hearing, s/he must leave before the hearing begins.

## **12 “QUICK JUSTICE”**

- 12.1 The protestor and protestee will each have no more than three minutes to present their case.
- 12.2 The parties may ask each other brief questions to clarify the other's testimony under control of the panel. Members of the panel may ask the parties for further clarification.
- 12.3 Parties are not permitted to call witnesses during the “Quick Justice” hearing.

## **13 DAILY SCORING**

- 13.1 Scoring for a day is based on a high-point system. The winner of a race will receive points equal to the total number of competitors racing that day. Second place receives one point less and so on. The winner of the day will have accumulated the greatest number of points. A boat's daily score will consist of its total points for the day.
- 13.2 Boats scored DSQ, RAF, DNS, OCS and DNF will receive zero points for its race.

## **14 SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING**

- 14.1 Definition of a “sailed day”: a day when racing has been conducted as per the specified days listed on the schedule above.
- 14.2 A half day of credit will be given for a day when weather conditions have prevented racing for all skippers who intend to race that day.
- 14.3 Scoring will be calculated based on who skippered the boat on a sailed day. Each skipper shall be scored separately.
- 14.4 A skipper will be required to participate in six (6) sailed days to qualify for the season championship. If sailing is canceled on a day when racing is scheduled, a skipper will be required to participate in 35% of all sailed days to qualify. No skipper will be permitted to count more than one “half day” of credit toward his total number of days sailed. Race Committee duty does not count toward a skipper's total number of sailed days.
- 14.5 Scoring will be decided on a percentage basis. A skipper's season score will be determined by the scorer by selecting the skipper's best 6 statistical days. Scores other than a skipper's best 6 scores will not be counted toward a skipper's season score.
- 14.6 If a skipper has sailed enough days to qualify for the season championship

prior to September 27, the skipper's score for September 27 (the final day of racing) may count double toward his or her season score (as determined by the scorer).

14.7 Ties will be broken in favor of the skipper with the most sailed days.

## **15 PRIZES**

15.1 First, second and third prizes will be awarded for the season's racing in Divisions A and B as well as first, second and third for the spring and summer series. A number of other prizes may be awarded, such as improvement from the previous year's season, improvement from summer series over spring series, top family teams, sportsmanship, participation, etc.

15.2 Daily prizes will be awarded to the winner of each day in A and B divisions. The winner of each division shall give a "debrief" after that day's racing following the presentation of daily prizes. The winner in A division shall send out a brief summary of the day's racing to the fleet email list prior to the next week's racing.

15.3 At the Fleet Captain's discretion the skipper who finishes first overall for the season in Division B will be moved to Division A for the 2010 season and the skipper who finishes last in Division A will be moved to Division B for the 2010 season.

15.4 End of the season prizes will be awarded at a fleet awards dinner, which is tentatively scheduled for October 30, 2009.

## **16 DINGHY STORAGE**

16.1 A limited amount of storage space is available on the front dock. Spaces shall be awarded at the discretion of the Fleet Captain. All other boats shall be stored in the drysail area.

16.2 All boats stored either on the front dock or the drysail area shall comply with all instructions and regulations set by the Marine Facilities Department and the Fleet Captain.

16.3 All boats stored on the front dock shall remove their boats by the completion of racing on Sunday July 12 to make room for Junior Race Week competitors. Failure to move one's boat shall result in the billing of a boat moving fee.

## **17 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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 racing series 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 wearing life jackets. Patrol boats or other assistance will not likely be available. Assistance, if any, from the Race Committee or other Larchmont Yacht Club vessels, or other patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is entirely at the risk of the participant.

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**FURTHER INFORMATION**

18.1 For further information, please contact Peter Beardsley, Larchmont Yacht Club Vanguard 15 Fleet Captain.

18.2 Website: [http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/LYC\\_V15\\_Fleet](http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/LYC_V15_Fleet)  
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