



# LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB

## *2012 INTERCLUB DINGHY MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP*

### Sailing Instructions

Saturday, January 28 and Sunday, January 29, 2012

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Technical Regulations for the InterClub Dinghy Class, effective April 20, 1997. N.B. Technical Regulation 2.3.1 stipulates that boats fully equipped for racing (i.e. with centerboard, rudder, boom, mast, lines and all fixed fittings) shall weigh not less than 250 lb. This weight is meant to exclude sail, paddle, anchor, tools and any other personal effects. The race committee reserves the right to weigh boats and/or competitors at the end of the race day.
- 1.2 All competitors shall wear non-inflatable, Coast Guard approved life preservers at all times while on the water, except for brief periods when clothing is being added or removed from under the life preserver. This changes rule 40 and the preamble to the rules of Part 4. Failure to comply with this rule may lead to disqualification.
- 1.3 Rule 30.1 will be in effect for all starts, but Flag I will NOT be flown. This changes rule 30.1.
- 1.4 Bow and sail numbers are required. The bow number does not have to match the sail number; however, each bow and sail number must be unique (i.e. no other registered InterClub boat in the regatta may display the same number on either the bow or sail.  
If two boats have the same number on either the bow or sail, the boat whose actual hull number matches that number shall have priority for that number. The bow number shall be placed within 1 foot of the bow stem, be at least 10 inches in height, and be of contrasting color to the hull.

#### 2 MEASUREMENT

- 2.1 It is the responsibility of every competitor to make sure his or her boat, sail, and equipment conform to the Technical Regulations for the InterClub Dinghy Class, effective April 20, 1997.
- 2.2 The bow tip weight rule will not be enforced.
- 2.3 Sails must be stamped by your fleet measurer.
- 2.4 Skipper and crew (in full sailing gear and with any necessary additional weights must weigh-in before sailing (minimum 315 pounds).
- 2.5 Measurement equipment and personnel will be available on site if required.
- 2.6 The regatta organizers reserve the right to measure any boats at random during the regatta.

#### 3 NOTICES AND CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the front porch of the main clubhouse.
- 3.2 Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted not later than 0900 on the day of the regatta. Copies will be available at the front desk of the Club and posted on the Official Notice Board.

#### 4 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 30 minutes after the "AP" is lowered.

#### 5 SCHEDULE

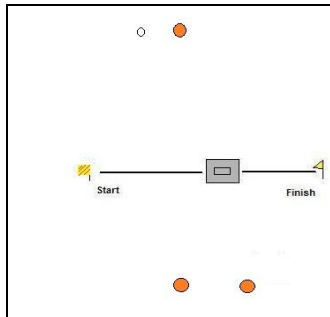
Friday, January 27	1800-2000	Registration – Main Clubhouse
Saturday, January 28	0730-0900	Registration, Breakfast - Veranda

	0900	Competitor Meeting
	1030	Harbor Start
	1100	First Warning
	1830	Event Dinner
Sunday, January 29	0800-0900	Breakfast
	0930	Harbor Start
	1000	First Warning
	1430	No Warning Signal after this time
	1600	Awards.

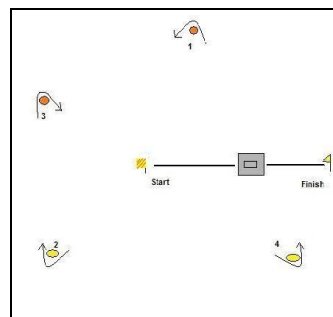
**6 MARKS AND COURSES**

- 6.1 Courses will be announced from the committee boat. See Course diagrams.
- 6.2 **Windward-Leeward Course (Course 1):** A three mark course, windward with an offset mark (leave both to port), leeward gate, finish to windward, leaving the committee boat to port. Prior to the start, the race committee may announce that there will be no offset mark and/or a leeward mark instead of a gate. In the event that there is a leeward mark instead of a gate, the mark shall be rounded to port.
- 6.3 **No-Gybe Course (Course 2):** A four mark course, windward (leave to port), leeward (leave to starboard), windward (leave to starboard), leeward (leave to port), and finish to windward. The race committee may alter the side of the start and/or finish line to the other side of the committee boat. If changed, the race committee will announce its intention prior to the warning signal.
- 6.4 **Windward-Leeward Finish at the Windward Mark Course (Course 3):** A three-mark course, windward with an offset mark (leave both to port), leeward gate, finish to windward between the windward mark and a flag on a race committee boat that is on station, leaving the windward mark to port. (Not depicted in diagram) Prior to the start, the race committee may announce that there will be no offset mark and/or a leeward mark instead of a gate. In the event that there is a leeward mark instead of a gate, the mark shall be rounded to port.
- 6.5 The race committee may set multiple weather and leeward marks on different bearings from the committee boat. Each set of marks will be a different color and be accompanied by its own windward offset mark. Prior to the warning signal, the race committee will select the marks giving the best course, announce the colors of the marks to be used by a loud hailer and display on a staff colored flags, in descending order, representing the colors of the marks to be used. For example, if the staff has a yellow flag on top and a red flag on the bottom, the windward mark for that race will be yellow and the leeward mark will be red. If only one flag is flown, only the marks of that color will be used.

Course 1& 3



Course 2



(schematic not to scale)

**7 STARTING SIGNALS** - Races will be started in accordance with Appendix S, as changed below. A number of short blasts on a horn will be considered as a warning before the 1 1/2 minute preparatory signal.

Preparatory	1 long and 3 short blasts	1 1/2 minutes to go
	1 long blast	1 minute to go
	3 short blasts	30 seconds to go
	2 short blasts	20 seconds to go
	1 short blast	10 seconds to go
	1 blast for each remaining second	5 seconds
	1 long blast	<b>START</b>

## **8 RECALL**

- 8.1 The race committee will endeavor to identify recalled boats by hailing their sail numbers by loud hailer. Boats may be recalled by the committee at either end or both ends of the starting line.
- 8.2 Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification shall not be grounds for redress.
- 8.3 A general recall will be signaled by repeated short horn blasts.

## **9 SCORING**

- 9.1 One race per division constitutes a series.
- 9.2 The Low Point Scoring of Appendix A will apply. Each division will be scored separately and the overall score will be the sum of all races for the two divisions. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores without exclusion.

## **10 CAPSIZING**

- 10.1 It is mandatory that boats in the vicinity of any overturned boat go to the rescue of her crew.
- 10.2 Failure to comply may lead to disqualification from that race.
- 10.3 Boats going to the rescue must report their action to the race committee and will be given credit for that race for finishing in the position at the time of rescue or, if that cannot be determined, by taking their average for the day.

## **11 PROTESTS**

- 11.1 A protesting boat shall hail "Protest" and report her intention to protest to the race committee at the conclusion of the race.
- 11.2 No written protests need be filed with the protest committee. This changes rule 61.2.
- 11.3 Protest hearings will be held within 30 minutes after the race committee arrives at the dock. At the end of the protest time, hearings will begin even if all parties are not present.

## **12 "QUICK JUSTICE"**

- 12.1 After the validity of the protest is established, the protestor and protestee will each have 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 PC Chairman.
- 12.3 The PC may ask the parties for further clarification.
- 12.4 Witnesses for the parties will have three minutes to present testimony and may be questioned briefly by the parties and the PC.
- 12.5 The time allocated to present testimony by the parties and their witnesses will be under the control of the PC Chairman.
- 12.6 Photographic and/or video evidence shall not be permitted during a hearing nor used as the basis for reopening a hearing.

## **13 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the top three skippers and crew in each division and the top three teams with the lowest combined overall score.

## **14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the Larchmont Yacht Club, One Woodbine Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538. Telephone: 914-834-2440 or Fax: 914-468-7751. Website: [www.larchmontyc.org](http://www.larchmontyc.org).

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