



Larchmont Yacht Club

*Women's Invitational Regatta
For the
Commodore Mendez Trophy
Saturday, June 20, 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 AND CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the front porch of the main clubhouse.
- 2.2 Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted not later than 0930 on the day of the regatta. Copies will be available at the front desk of the Club and posted on the Official Notice Board.

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 45 minutes after the "I" over "AP" is lowered.

4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 Saturday, June 20

- 1100 Skippers' Meeting at the flag pole on the Club front lawn
- 1130 Harbor Start
- 1215 First Warning
- No warning signal will be made after this time (1700 goes ahead of this)

- 4.2 The regatta committee intends to run multiple races. The number of races conducted is at the sole discretion of the regatta committee. 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.

5 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the waters off Larchmont Harbor as described at the skippers' meeting

6 COURSES AND MARKS

- 6.1 Course will be windward-leeward using either configuration "L" or "W"
For course:

- L2 Consisting of a weather mark– windward, finishing to leeward leaving the race committee boat to port.
- W3 Consisting of two (2) marks – windward, leeward, finishing to windward leaving the race committee boat to starboard.
- L4 Consisting of two (2) marks – windward, leeward, windward, finishing to leeward leaving the race committee boat to port.

W5 Consisting of two (2) marks – windward, leeward, windward, leeward, finishing to windward leaving the race committee boat to starboard.

- 6.2 The leeward mark will be to leeward of the starting line.
- 6.3 Courses will be announced before each race from the committee boat.
- 6.4 Course lengths are at the discretion of the committee.
- 6.5 Marks will be yellow or orange hippity-hops and shall be rounded to port.

7 THE START AND FINISH LINE

- 7.1 Races will be started in accordance with Sound-Signal Starting System Appendix S.
- 7.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a floating staff displaying an orange flag on the port end.

8 RECALLS

- 8.1 The race committee will endeavor to identify recalled boats by sail number using a loud hailer.
- 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.
- 8.3 If flag “I” is displayed prior to the starting sequence of the race, rule 30.1, Round-an-End Rule, will be in effect for that start.

9 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 1 hour. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat will be scored “Time Limit Expired” (TLE). This changes rule 35.

10 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.

11 PROTESTS

- 11.1 A boat intending to protest is requested to notify the race committee promptly after finishing that race.
- 11.2
 - (a) Protest forms are available at the front desk.
 - (b) Written protests shall be delivered to the protest committee desk located at the top of the main staircase of the clubhouse no later than 1 hour after the race committee comes ashore.
 - (c) The expiration time for filing written protests will be posted on the official notice board.
 - (d) A list of protests in the approximate order in which they will be heard will be posted on the official notice board.
 - (e) Hearings will begin as soon as practicable after written protests are filed. Witnesses must be available when called. If they do not appear when called, they may not be heard.

12 ARBITRATION

- 12.1 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*.
- 12.2 After a written protest is filed, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 The arbitrator is neither the race nor protest committee; therefore, decisions made during arbitration cannot be grounds for redress and cannot be appealed.
- 12.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest but may be permitted to observe testimony presented and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).

13 SCORING

- 13.1 If fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score subject to rule 90.3(b).
- 13.2 One race constitutes a series.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded after sailing, on the front lawn of the Larchmont Yacht Club
First place for three or more competitors.
Second place for four or more competitors.
Third place for five or more competitors.

15 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 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.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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