



# *Larchmont Yacht Club*

## **One Hundred Eleventh Race Week**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **OPTIMIST OPEN**

**THURSDAY JULY 16, 2009**

#### **1 RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012(RRS)*, and the current rules of the *JSA of LIS*.

- 1.2 Each skipper must wear a non-inflatable U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket at all times while on the water.
- 1.3 Each boat must carry the safety equipment specified by the JSA and the USODA class association.
- 1.4 Part 5, section B is changed to provide for arbitration of protests of Part 2 rules.

#### **2 ENTRIES**

- 2.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the Larchmont Yacht Club as set forth in the Notice of Regatta.
- 2.2 Eligibility requirements for boats and competitors are set forth in the notice of regatta.
- 2.3 All competitors must have their boat inspected prior to registration. Any competitor's boat failing to meet the specified safety requirements will not be allowed to register.
- 2.4 Each competitor shall register at the registration desk Thursday, July 16 from 0930 to 1045

#### **3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Pandemonium.

#### **4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the official bulletin board by 0930 and announced at the skippers' meeting.

#### **5 HARBOR SIGNALS**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole of the Yacht Club.
- 5.2 A harbor start will be signaled at 1130.
- 5.3 Flag "AP" with two sounds (one sound when lowered) means "the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag "AP" is lowered". This changes race signal "AP".

#### **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 The regatta will consist of no more than eight races, with one race constituting a series.
- 6.2 Harbor Start 1130
- 6.3 First warning 1215

#### **7 DIVISION FLAGS**

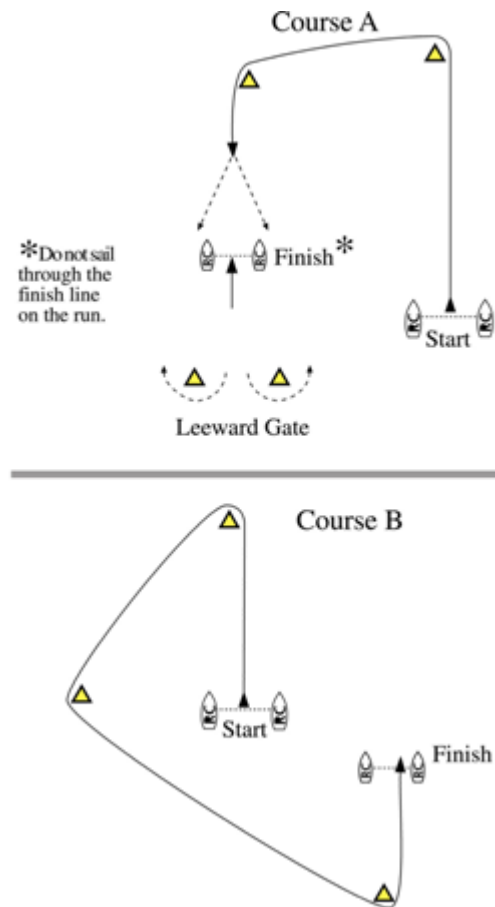
Division streamers will be distributed at registration and must be flown from the top of the mast.

#### **8 RACING AREA**

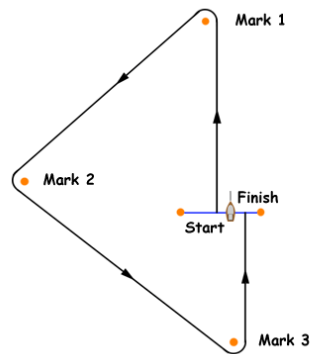
- 8.1 The racing area for the red and blue divisions will be just east of the Larchmont Breakwater.
- 8.2 The racing area for the white division is in the vicinity of Bell #1 off Larchmont Harbor.

**9 THE COURSE**

- 9.1 The Race committee will announce the course which will be either A, B or T
- 9.2 If course A is used, boats must not sail through the finish line on the run
- 9.3 Course Diagrams "A" & "B" (schematic and not to scale)



**9.4 Course Diagram "T" (schematic and not to scale)**



**10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks for the white division will be orange inflatables.
- 10.2 Marks for the red and blue divisions will be yellow inflatables.
- 10.3 Marks shall be rounded to port except the leeward gates marks in course "A"

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with Appendix S (three-minute Sound Signal Starting System).
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the regatta committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag at the port end of the line. The staff at the port end may be on a pin boat.

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying a yellow flag on each of the finish line.

## **13 RECALLS**

- 13.1 The race committee will endeavor to identify recalled boats by sail number.
- 13.2 Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification and the order and timing of such hail shall not be grounds for redress.
- 13.3 If Flag "T" is displayed prior to the starting sequence of the race, rule 30.1, Round-an-End Rule will be in effect for that race. This changes Preparatory Signals.
- 13.4 A General Recall will be signaled by repeated short blasts of a horn and announced by the race committee by loud hailer. This changes rule 29.2

## **14 ALTERNATIVE PENALTY**

A One-Turn Penalty, replacing a Two-Turns Penalty in rule 44.2, will be in effect for all divisions. This changes rule 44.2.

## **15 PROTESTS AND ARBITRATION**

- 15.1 Rule 61.1 (a) is changed as follows:
  - a) A boat that is directly involved in an incident and intends to protest shall promptly hail the word "protest" and, if possible, the identity of the boat or person being protested.
  - b) A boat's intent to protest shall be reported to the race committee promptly upon finishing that race by sailing up to the port side of the race committee boat and reporting the sail number of the boat being protested.
- 15.2 Protests will be heard on the Founders Porch beginning 30 minutes after the regatta committee comes ashore, or sooner if practicable using the JSA Arbitration Procedure. A list of protests reported to the race committee will be posted on the official notice board not later than 15 minutes after the regatta committee comes ashore.
- 15.3 Competitors involved in protests shall report to the jury desk on the Founders Porch not later than 30 minutes after the race committee comes ashore. The deadline for reporting to the jury desk will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.4 A protesting boat does not need to complete a written protest. This changes rule 61.2.
- 15.5 Competitors involved in protests shall not consult with coaches, parents or other support personnel before hearings are held.
- 15.6 The JSA Arbitration Procedure (as described in Appendix C of the 2005 Rules for JSA Events) shall be used for hearing protests.

## **16 TIME LIMIT**

- 16.1 The time limit for the first boat in each division to sail the course and finish shall be 45 minutes in each race.
- 16.2 Those boats that do not finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish in their division will be scored "TLE." This changes rule 35.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 A boat that does not start will receive a score equal to the number of competitors registered in its division. This changes rule A4.2.
- 17.2 Boats scored OCS, DNF will receive one point more than the number of starters in that race. This changes rule A4.2
- 17.3 A boat that is scored "TLE" will receive two points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit in that division but her score will not be worse than DNF.
- 17.4 If five or more races are completed, a boat's worst score will be discarded subject to rule 90.3(b).

## **18 NO COACHING**

During a race, there shall be no coaching of any competitor by a coach, parent, instructor, or other person. Breaking this rule will result in the race committee initiating action under rule 60.2

**19 PRIZES**

- 19.1 Division prizes will be awarded in all divisions in accordance with the following criteria:
  - A. Two or more boats – First Place prize.
  - B. Five or more boats – First and Second prizes
  - C. Ten or more boats – First, Second and Third prizes
  - D. An additional place prize for every additional ten starters
- 19.2 The William G. LeBoutillier Trophy will be awarded for the best overall performance as judged by the regatta committee.

**20 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY**

- 20.1 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.
- 20.2 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. Patrol boats or other assistance may not 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.

**21 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 21.1 For further information please contact the Larchmont Yacht Club, One Woodbine Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538. Tel: 914-834-2440, Fax: 914-834-7238, Website: [www.larchmontyc.org](http://www.larchmontyc.org)

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