



# COMMODORE'S CUP

Drake H. Sparkman III Memorial Trophy



**Saturday, September 11, 2021**

Organizing Authority (OA):  
Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS)  
Hosted by Larchmont Yacht Club

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[DP] The notation '[DP]' in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The current PHRF Regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS) will apply, except as any of these are changed by the notice of race or the sailing instructions.
- 1.3 Boats shall observe the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for nearshore races, which can be found on the US Sailing website: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>
- 1.4 Rule V, Alternative Penalties, will apply

### 2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0900, Sat. Sept. 11, 2021
- 2.2 Oral changes may be made on the water via VHF radio and acknowledged by each participant.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the veranda of the main clubhouse.
- 3.2 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channel 78A
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the front lawn.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in Race Signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept 11, 2021: 1155 First Warning Signal  
1500 No warning signal after this time  
Reception and awards on the front lawn following the completion of racing

### 6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag is a white flag with the YRALIS logo.

### 7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the waters off Larchmont breakwater.

### 8 COURSES AND MARKS

- 8.1 Courses will be windward-leeward with the leeward mark to weather of the starting line.
- 8.2 The signal vessel will display a course number on the course board no later than the warning signal.

Course:           Description:

- 2       Start - windward mark - finishing to leeward leaving the race committee boat to port.
- 3       Start – windward mark - leeward mark - finishing to windward leaving the race committee boat to starboard
- 4       Start – windward mark - leeward mark - windward mark - finishing to leeward leaving the race committee boat to port.
- 5       Start – windward mark - leeward mark - windward mark - leeward mark - finishing to windward leaving the race committee boat to starboard

- 8.3 Course lengths are at the discretion of the race committee.

**9       MARKS**

- 9.1 Original rounding marks will be orange tetrahedrons
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in SI # 11, will be yellow tetrahedrons

**10      THE START AND FINISH**

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with Appendix U – Audible Signal Racing System as modified below  
A series of short signals may be made before the sequence in order to attract attention.

Signal	Sound	Time to Start
Warning	1 blast	5 minutes
Preparatory	1 blast	4 minutes
	1 long blast	1 minute
Start	1 blast	0

- 10.2 The starting and finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end. This changes Race Signals.
- 10.3 If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number via the official vhf channel. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

**11      CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When a subsequent new mark is replaced, it will be the replaced by an original mark.

**12      TIME LIMITS**

- 12.1 The time limit for the first boat in each division to start, sail the course and finish is 2 ½ hours.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in that division has started, sailed the course and finished will be scored “TLE”. This changes rule 35.

**13      HEARING REQUESTS**

- 13.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC finish vessel personnel come ashore. All protest time limits will be posted on the official notice board.
- 13.2 Rule 61.1(a) is changed, add: Immediately after finishing, a protesting boat shall notify the race committee of her intent to lodge a protest and the identity of the boat she intends to protest.
- 13.3 Written hearing requests such as protests and requests for redress may be filed in person and delivered to the protest committee desk located at the top of the main staircase of the clubhouse. All such requests shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit. Protest forms are available at the front desk.
- 13.4 The official notice board will be located on the veranda of the main clubhouse. Notice of hearings will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after the protest time limit has expired.

13.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

13.6 Hearings will be conducted at Larchmont Yacht Club, 2nd Floor.

#### **14 SCORING**

14.1 One race will constitute a series.

14.2 A boat series score is the total of her race scores.

14.3 PHRF W/L time allowances will be computed using Time on Time.

14.4 Boats scored "TLE" will receive 2 points more than the number of finishers in that race but will not be scored worse than DNF.

#### **15 PRIZES**

The winning club will be awarded the Drake H. Sparkman III Memorial Trophy and the YRA LIS Annual Meeting on Dec 5, 2021

#### **16 GUEST MOORINGS AND PRIVILEGES**

16.1 Guest moorings are offered free of charge for the nights of Sept 10, and Sept 11, 2021. Please contact Marine Facilities at the Larchmont Yacht Club at 914-468-7742.

16.2 Privileges of the Club will be offered to skippers and crews of boats participating in the Commodore's Cup.

#### **17 COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

Skippers and crews shall comply with the Club's current Covid-19 protocols, as posted on the Club's website. A breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

#### **18 RISK STATEMENT**

By registering for this event, the person-in-charge of each boat agrees with the following:

1) My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) associated with it. We have read RRS 3, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.

2) I acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority, host club nor the race committee, nor their members will be responsible for: a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or b) any injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) to my crew or me, including death, sustained as a result of our participation in this event.

3) I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, host club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) or property damage suffered by my crew or me as a result of our participation in this event, whether on the water or on shore, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.

4) I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that my crew and I and my entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including carrying and using appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law, racing rules and that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

**I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event.**

**I will inform all crewmembers of the conditions stated herein for their participation in such racing.**

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

The Larchmont Yacht Club, One Woodbine Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538

Telephone: 914-834-2440 or email: [racecommittee@larchmontyc.org](mailto:racecommittee@larchmontyc.org). Website: [www.larchmontyc.org](http://www.larchmontyc.org).

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