



# Tri Club Yacht Racing Association

## 2018 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



### 1. RULES

The races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) and the rules of the class associations, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions (SIs).

### 2. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 2.1 The racing schedule is available in the Notice of Race from [www.centerport-yc.org](http://www.centerport-yc.org), [www.northportyachtclub.com](http://www.northportyachtclub.com), and the Race Committee (RC).
- 2.2 The time of the first warning signal each day shall be 9:30 AM, with exception of the dates noted in Notice of Race. Any changes in starting times will be posted in amended Sailing Instructions and posted on the Race Committee bulletin board on the Centerport Yacht Club porch.
- 2.3 The order of starting the first race of the day shall be Class I (Stars) provided at least two boats are in the starting area, Class II (Ensigns), Class III (Ideal 18's), followed by Classes IV, V etc. (any other classes, by prior arrangement with the RC, provided three or more boats race.)

### 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Centerport Yacht Club's flagpole and communicated to the other club(s).

### 4. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags for Class I and Class II will show the class insignia. Class III and higher will be that numeral pennant.

### 5. RACING AREAS AND MARKS

The racing area and description of marks will be as shown in Illustration A below.

### 6. THE COURSES

- 6.1 Courses will be signaled by displaying letters indicating the turning marks as set forth in the list of marks. Marks indicated by letters on a green background shall be left to starboard, and those indicated by letters on a red background shall be left to port. Course signals will be displayed under the respective division numbers and should be read from top to bottom. A numeral under the course letters posted designates the number of times to round the preceding marks of the course.
- 6.2 Government marks may be disregarded unless used as a mark of the course, except Bell #8 (Huntington Bay Mark O), which must be passed to the eastward side unless used as a mark of the course.
- 6.3 When the RC changes a course designation following the initial course display, flag L [black and yellow squares] shall be raised (with one horn blast) and displayed until the start of the affected class(es). This changes RRS Rule 27.1
- 6.4 A sanctioned race for the Stars shall include two weather legs unless the course traverses both Huntington and Northport bays.

### 7. THE START

- 7.1 Races will be started using RRS Rule 26. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the nearby starting mark. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area; failure to comply may result in disqualification.
- 7.2 The RC shall attempt to hail the sail numbers of On Course Side (OCS) boats after the starting signal; this changes RRS Rule 41. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the order of hail or lack of timely hail shall not be grounds for granting redress; this changes RRS Rule 62.1

### 8. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat and the nearby mark or pin.

### 9. TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 The time limit is two hours.
- 9.2 Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat in that class that sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS Rule 35.

### 10. PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT: *(This section has been modeled after Section A of US Sailing Prescription Appendix T.)*

- 10.1 The first sentence of RRS Rule 44.1 is changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing.

**11. PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE** *(This section has been modeled after Section B of US Sailing Prescription Appendix T)*

- 11.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing, and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
- 11.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be:
  - (a) 20% if taken before the protest time limit, or
  - (b) 30% if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

**12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 12.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the Race Committee of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
- 12.2 Boats protesting or requesting redress shall file written protests and requests for redress on forms prescribed by U.S. Sailing via email as designated in the Notice of Race. Protest forms and requests for redress shall be either hand delivered or delivered by first class mail.
- 12.3 The protest time limit shall be 5:00 PM on the day following the incident. Any protest form or request for redress emailed as designated in the Notice of Race by 5:00 PM on the day following the incident and having an electronic time and date stamp not later than 5:00pm on the day following the incident shall be deemed timely filed.
- 12.4 Protest hearings shall be scheduled for a weeknight at 8:00 PM as soon as practicable at Centerport Yacht Club.

**13. PROTEST ARBITRATION** *(This section has been modeled after Section D of US Sailing Prescription Appendix T)*

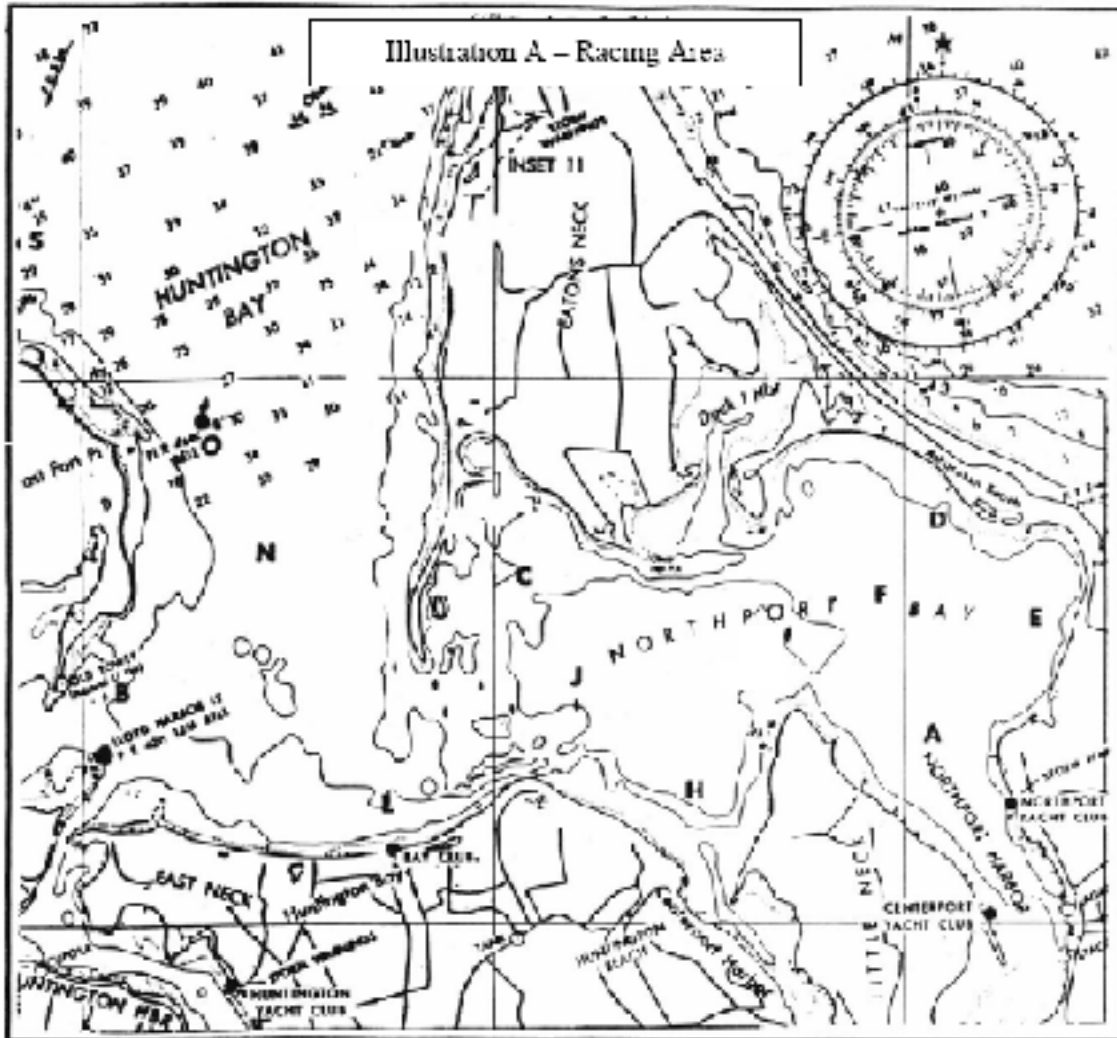
- 13.1 An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, and may be held prior to the protest time limit, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.
- 13.2 Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:
  - a. the protest is invalid,
  - b. no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or
  - c. one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.
- 13.3 A boat that may have broken a rule may take a Post-Race Penalty as provided in Section 11.2 of these Sailing Instructions. However, the penalty in Section 11.2(a) of these Sailing Instructions is available only until the protest time limit or until the beginning of the arbitration meeting, whichever is earlier. During a meeting, a boat may take a penalty by acknowledging her acceptance of the penalty in writing.
- 13.4 If a boat asks to withdraw her protest, the arbitrator may act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to accept the withdrawal.

**14. SCORING**

- 14.1 Regattas - The Low Point Scoring System will be used. Three boats must start in any one race to qualify as a regatta.
- 14.2 Sunday Series - Each fleet will determine the scoring system to be used, the number of races to qualify and the number of races to be excluded. Depending on the scoring method selected, this could change RRS Appendix A. Three boats must start in any one race for the race to count in a series.
- 14.3 Race, Regatta and Series ties will be resolved per RRS Appendix A.
- 14.4 Participation by a boat owner as PRO, whose boat does not sail if a race is scored, shall receive a scoring qualifier credit of the number of races sailed, but shall not receive points.

**15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 15.1 Radio communication to and from the RC shall be as permitted by class rules and shall be on VHF Channel 72. Competitor transmissions shall be limited to matters of safety and to inform the RC of a boat's withdrawal from a race.
- 15.2 The RC may announce individual recalls and make other announcements by radio broadcast, where permitted by class rules.
- 15.3 The failure of competitors to hear oral or radio broadcast announcements from the RC shall not be grounds for redress.
- 15.4 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions other than on Channel 72 while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.



**Huntington Bay**

- B. Nun #2 off Lloyd Harbor.
- L. Movable club mark off Bay Club Beach
- N. Movable club mark in Huntington Bay
- O. Flasher #8 off Target Rock
- S. Nun #6 off Lloyd Neck

**Northport Bay**

- A. Movable club mark off Northport Harbor
- C. Movable club mark off Price's Bend
- D. Fixed club mark off Asharoken Beach
- E. Fixed club mark off Asharoken Town Beach
- F. Movable club mark in Northport Bay
- H. Moveable club mark in Centerport Harbor
- J. Flasher #6 entrance Centerport Harbor