



QDNYC/AHBA Allen Harbor Racing – 2018

Summer Series SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES:**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.

1.2 The current Offshore Racing Council "Special Regulations governing minimum equipment and accommodation standards" Race Category 4 will apply excepting flares. For flares, legal Coast Guard mandated flares will be acceptable.

1.3 Cruising canvas rules:

Spinnakers, Mizzen Spinnakers, and mizzen staysails are allowed.

Only one sail at a time may be used forward of the mainmast except where a staysail may be used on a standard double-headed cutter rig. This does NOT prohibit a transient condition during sail changes

2. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS OR PERSONS IN CHARGE:** It is the sole responsibility of each Owner or Person in Charge to decide whether to start or continue to race and to make certain that their yacht, equipment and crew are seaworthy for the conditions which may be encountered

3. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:** will be available from the committee boat.

4. **SCHEDULE OF RACE:** Monday, June 4, 2018 thru Monday, August 27, 2018. The warning signal will be at 1800 hours based on GPS time. There will be three classes. Finishes will be announced following the race at the QDNYC clubhouse

5. **THE START:**

a. Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26. The starting line will be between the race committee boat or a yellow buoy and the starting mark R14 south of Allen Harbor. Direction of start is designated by the course selection

Race committee shall set-up east of R14 such to approximate a windward start (outside the marked channel)

b. Competitors shall check in with the race committee by radio or visual acknowledgement announcing vessel name and sail # by passing astern of the committee boat prior to the warning horn

c. Competitors not in the starting sequence shall stay clear of the starting area.

6. **STARTING SEQUENCE:**

(This sequence is provided as a guide. Times may change in the event of a postponement.)

TIME	EVENT	SIGNAL
1800	Class II Warning	Horn and Class II flag up
1801	Class II Prep	Horn/whistle and Prep flag up
1804	Class II 1 minute	Horn/whistle and Prep flag down
1805	Class II Start, Class I & Spin Warning	Horn and Class II flag down, Class I flag up

1806	Class I Prep	Horn/whistle and Prep flag up
1809	Class I 1 minute	Horn/whistle and Prep flag up
1810	Class I Start	Horn and Class I flag down

Note: flags will be used only when a committee boat is present

Class I: Cruising 1 & Spinnaker RED FLAG
Class II: Cruising 2 WHITE FLAG

7. **RACING AREA:** Racing will be held in Narragansett Bay.
8. **THE COURSES:** Courses will be announced on Channel 72 before 1800 hours.
 - 8.1. **Turning Marks** will be government buoys.
Starting Mark is identified on the course document between R14 and yellow buoy start/finish mark or the committee boat
Finish Mark is identified on the course document.
 - 8.2. Competitors are advised that Narragansett Bay is regarded as a narrow channel.
 - 8.3. The Race Committee reserves the right to shorten the course at any mark.
9. **RECALLS:** Individual recalls are in accordance with Rule 29.2.
10. **THE FINISH:** The finish line will be between the race committee boat or yellow buoy and the nearby finish mark. If a committee boat is not on station when the first racing yacht arrives, the boats shall take its own time.
11. **TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for all classes will be Sun's setting at Boston EDST. Boats failing to finish within 40 minutes of the Sun's Setting will be scored Did Not Finish ("DNF"). This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.
12. **PROTESTS:** Yachts intending to protest must notify the race committee immediately upon crossing the finish line. Protest shall be written on forms available from the committee boat and lodged within one hour after the protesting boat finishes. Hearing times will be announced after the last yacht finishes.
13. **SCORING:** PHRF Time allowances as expressed in seconds per mile will be applied to the course distance for the purpose of scoring. The low point scoring system, Appendix A of the racing rules will apply.
14. **ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES:** The 720° turns penalty, Rule 44.1, 44.2 will apply.
15. **DROPS:** Scoring for the season is subject to 20% drops. In other words 20% of your worst finishes are automatically dropped from the season scoring. It works like this:

1 to 4 races 0 drops

5 to 9 races 1 drop

10 to 14 races 2 drops

Dropped scores are denoted with an asterisk next to them in the published results.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Competitors may contact the race committee on Channel 72 and are expected to monitor this channel.