



BLACK ROCK HARBOR CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

June 14, 2009 – September 13, 2009

Revised July 10, 2009

**Organized by Black Rock Y.C. and Fayerweather Y.C.
Black Rock, Connecticut**

1 Rules

1.1 The races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*(RRS) 2009-2012, and the current PHRF Regulations as adopted and amended by the YRA of LIS.

1.2 PHRF ratings issued by the YRA of LIS will be modified by applying standard rating adjustments based on the ECSA non-spinnaker adjustment for the JAM (Jib and Main) divisions.

2 Check-in and Retirement

2.1 A boat **intending to start** a race shall approach the race committee signal boat with their main up and on starboard tack and hail her division and sail number before the warning signal for her division.

2.2 A boat **retiring** from a race must inform the race committee as soon as possible. The race committee monitors VHF channel 68.

3 Notices to Competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors and scratch sheets will be posted on the official notice boards located in the main hall of Fayerweather YC and on the Black Rock YC notice board located on the deck.

3.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made from a race committee boat, either on a mooring in Black Rock Harbor, or docked at FYC, will be considered as signals made ashore

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replace with “not less than 60 minutes” in the race signal AP.

5 Schedule

5.1 The Series is scheduled for two races daily on;
Sunday, June 14, 2009
Sunday, July 19, 2009
Sunday, August 2, 2009
Sunday, August 23, 2009
Sunday, September 13, 2009

5.2 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours each day, except for July 19, 2009. The first signal for July 19, 2009 is scheduled for 1200.

6 Divisions

6.1 **Division 1** – All spinnaker boats
Division 2 – JAM (Jib and Main) boats

Division assignments may be altered at the discretion of the organizing authority.

6.2 Please indicate the division that your boat intends to sail in on your entry form. Boats may also switch between spinnaker or JAM divisions by informing the race committee upon check-in.

6.3 There is a three boat minimum to start a Division. If there are not three boats starting in a division the race for that division will be abandoned with no further signals.

6.4 Class flags will be the numeral pennant corresponding to the division number.

7 Courses and Signals

7.1 **Courses**, The marks to be used are shown on the attached page titled “Black Rock Harbor Race Course Marks” Further footnoted with v09 on the bottom of the page. The course to be sailed will be signaled by

posting the letters that correspond to the marks that are to be rounded. They will be posted on the course board in the order in which they are to be rounded, and shall include the finish mark. Letters that correspond to marks that are to be left to starboard shall be circled on the course board. Letters that correspond to marks that are to be left to port shall not be circled.

A number following the list of marks to be rounded may be used to indicate the number of times around the course.

7.2 The course for JAM boats shall include windward and reaching legs whenever possible. Courses for spinnaker division boats shall be windward-leeward courses without reaching legs whenever possible.

7.3 Downwind starts are permitted.

7.4 Aids to navigation not used as turning marks may be disregarded with the following exceptions:

No yacht shall pass:

Between 100ft west of LC and Penfield Light,

Between Penfield Light and Lantern point,

Between Flasher 2A and Fayerweather Light

(abandoned).

8 The Start

8.1 The **Starting Line** will be between a flag on the race committee boat and the starting mark.

8.2 Races will be started using rule 26, with no changes:

Signal	Flag	Sound	Min
Warning	Class flag displayed	1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black	1 sound	4
One-Minute	Preparatory flag removed	1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed	1 sound	0

8.3 A series of short sound signals or hails may be made before the starting sequence begins in order to attract attention. Neither failure to make this signal nor failure of a boat to hear it will be grounds for redress.

8.4 **Starts will normally be rolling.** At the start signal the Division Pennant will be removed and replaced by the next division's Pennant, which will be their warning signal.

8.5 **Divisions will start in following order,** Division 1 will start first, followed by division 2, in a rolling sequence.

8.6 **Individual Recalls** will be signaled by displaying the code flag "X" and one sound. An "over early" boat will be hailed to restart by her name or sail number and an attempt may be made to notify her over VHF Channel 68. Neither failure to hail nor failure of a boat to hear their hail will be grounds for redress.

8.7 **General Recalls** will be signaled with code flag "First Substitute" (FS) and two sounds. A new warning signal for the recalled division will be made one minute after lowering "FS" and one sound. Succeeding divisions shall follow the order of the new start.

9 Change of Course After the Start

A change of course will be signaled by a race committee boat making sound signals, displaying flag "C", and displaying the remaining marks to be passed, including the finishing mark. This changes rule 33.

10 The Finish

The **Finish Line** is between a flag on a race committee boat and the finish mark and shall be crossed in the direction of the course from the last mark.

11 Starting Area

The starting area is between 2A and the Bridgeport channel.

12 Penalty System

A boat breaking a rule described in RRS Part 2 ("When Boats Meet") may take a penalty by promptly making **one turn** including one tack and one gybe. This modifies the "two turns rule" (formerly the 720 rule).

13 Scoring

13.1 The Low-Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A will apply. Except that Rule A2 is changed to exclude the worst scores for each boat for all races she sails in excess of 50% of the total number of races completed in the series. Additionally, Rule A9 of the RRS is changed to provide that a boat that does not start, will not be scored.

At least one race must be completed to constitute the Series.

13.2 A modified YRA of LIS, PHRF "time on time" scoring procedure will be used. $TCF=650/(550+PHRF)$

13.3 Boats must sail at least 50% of the total number of races sailed in order to qualify for the Series.

13.4 For the purpose of calculating 50% of the total number of races sailed will be multiplied by .5 and rounded upward.

13.5 A boat serving as Race Committee will be scored as having competed in that race, and will be assigned a score equal to her average for **all** races sailed in the series. Rounded to the nearest, whole number (.5to be rounded upward)

14 Protests

14.1 In addition to the requirements of rule 61, the protestor must also inform the race committee, as soon as possible after finishing or retiring, of the intent to protest, and the protest must be delivered on a US Sailing protest form within 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. Protest not fully in compliance with rule 61 and the sailing instructions will not be accepted.

14.2 The Principal Race Officer for that day shall select a three member Protest Committee as soon as possible. This modifies rule 88.2(b). One member shall be appointed Protest Committee Chairman. The three member Protest Committee must be comprised only of owners or co-owners of boats which are properly entered in the Series. Non-owners who are US Sailing Certified Race Officers and/or US Sailing Certified Judges may also be selected to serve on the three member Protest Committee and shall be given preference in selection. The Protest Committee Chairman will schedule the date to hear the protest.

15 Liability

Competitors participate in the racing at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the racing.

16 Time Limit

16.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is two hours.

16.2 Boats still racing but not finishing before the time limit shall be scored TLE and will receive a score of boats finished within the time limit + 2. This changes rule 35.

17 Radio Communication

17.1 The race committee may monitor and utilize VHF Channel 68 while going to and coming from the race area and once “on station.”

17.2 All race committee communications over the radio are a courtesy only, and do not override any flags, signals, or rules.

18 Trophies

18.1 The first, second, and third (if 5 or more yachts qualify) place winners of the Series in each Division will be awarded overall “Black Rock Harbor Championship Series” trophies at the awards night held at Fayerweather Yacht Club on November 7, 2009.

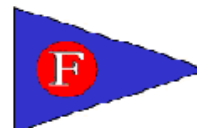
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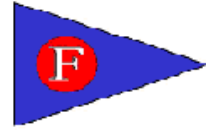
Race Course Marks

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- A – Special Starting Mark – either orange ball or orange tetrahedron
- B – Bridgeport Outer Channel Buoy RW “BH” WHIS
- C – Green Can “3” Bridgeport Entrance Channel
- D – Green Can “5” Bridgeport Entrance Channel
- E – Green Can “7” Bridgeport Entrance Channel
- F – Green Can “9” Bridgeport Entrance Channel
- G – Green Can “11” Bridgeport Entrance Channel
- H – Special mark (orange tetrahedron) approximately 1 nautical mile to windward
- J – Special mark (orange tetrahedron) approximately 1 ½ nautical miles to windward
- K – Special mark (orange tetrahedron) approximately 2 nautical miles to windward
- L – Special mark (orange tetrahedron) approximately 1 nautical mile to leeward
- M – Special mark (orange tetrahedron) approximately 1 ½ nautical miles to leeward
- N – Special mark (orange tetrahedron) approximately 2 nautical miles to leeward
- P – FL R Bell “20” 1 nautical mile South of Point no Point – Stratford
- R – FL R Bell “18” 2 nautical miles South of Point no Point – Stratford
- S – FL R Bell “22” ¾ nautical mile South of S. Pine Creek Point – Southport
- T – FL G “LC” off Penfield Reef
- V – FL Red Bell “2” at Middleground
- W – FL Green “1” at Stony Brook
- X – Special Reaching Mark (orange ball)
- Y – G “11A” Gong 1.5 nm NNW Port Jefferson Entrance
- Z – RW “PJ” MO(A) Whis 1.5 nm N Port Jefferson Entrance



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Entry Form

June 14, 2009 – September 13, 2009

**Organized by Black Rock Y.C. and Fayerweather Y.C.
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Skipper Name (Last, First)

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Email Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Yacht Club affiliation

Home Port

Name of Vessel

Make

Type

LOA

Sail #

Hull Color

Intended Division

I

II

Entry Fee \$25

Please make check payable to "Andrew Wolf"

Please enclose 2009 YRA of LIS PHRF Certificate

Please send forms and fees to:

Andrew Wolf
150 Hillside Road
Fairfield, CT 06824

For official use:

Rating Spin _____ JAM _____ Notes _____

Division _____

Dates: Paid _____ Entered _____ PHRF Submitted _____