

Halloween Race

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



October 31, 2009

Organized by Fayerweather Y.C. and Black Rock Yacht Club
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 at both Fayerweather YC and Black Rock YC.

3.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day of the race.

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 first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours October 31, 2009.

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 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 v09.01 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. 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 white flag on the race committee boat and the starting mark “A”.

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 **Divisions will start in following order**, Division 2 will start first, followed by Division 1, in a rolling sequence. If additional divisions are assigned the starts will be in descending order from the highest number.

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 white flag on the 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 Scoring

12.1 The Low-Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A will apply.

12.2 A modified YRA of LIS, PHRF “time on time” scoring procedure will be used. .
TCF=650/(550+PHRF)

13 Protests

13.1 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.

13.2 The Organizing Authority shall select a three member Protest Committee as soon as possible. This modifies rule 89.2(b). One member shall be appointed Protest Committee Chairman. US Sailing Certified Race Officers and/or US Sailing Certified Judges may 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.

14 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.

15 Time Limit

15.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is Three hours.

15.2 Boats still racing but not finishing within one hour of the first finishing boat will be scored TLE and will receive a score of boats finished within the time limit + 2. This changes rule 35.

16 Radio Communication

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

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

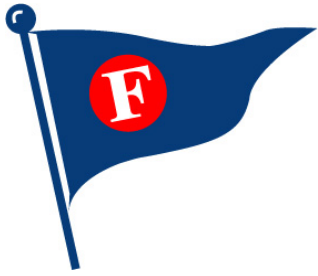
17 Trophies

17.1 The first place finishers of the Race in each Division will be presented an award **following the race at Black Rock Yacht Club**. Awards may also be presented for best decorated boat and best crew costume.

18 Contacts

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BLACK ROCK HARBOR

Race Course Marks



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- A – Starting Mark – either orange pin with orange flag 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**