



# North East River Yacht Club

A US Sailing/CBYRA Affiliate



## THURSDAY NIGHT SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2011

The NERYC Thursday Night Series is open to all sailboats – big or small, all sailors-experienced or inexperienced, members and non-members. Thursday night racing has a goal of entertainment, education and introduction to around the buoys racing, as well as providing earnest competition for all. These races are meant to provide a special opportunity for all levels of sailors to further their skills. The motivating force that defines the sport of sailing is the satisfaction of finding your own level of ability, participating and having fun.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The NERYC Thursday Night Series is scheduled for 11 races that will be governed by the rules as defined in The 2009 – 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, including the prescriptions of US Sailing except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions, or any amendments to that.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the Sail Race Committee (SRC) of North East River Yacht Club (NERYC).
- 1.3 The PHRF of the Chesapeake Handicap Ratings will apply for handicap scoring.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be provided at a brief skipper's meeting at 6:15pm. Notices will be repeated on Marine VHF Radio Channel 71 immediately following the skipper's meeting, as well as a radio roll-call for competitors who did not attend the skipper's meeting ashore.

### 3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 Race Schedule:  
6/16, 6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25

### 4. CLASS DIVISIONS

- 4.1 NERYC Thursday Night Series will have 2 classes:
  - 4.1.1 **PHRF Non-Spin Fleet**
  - 4.1.2 **Lasers, Sunfish, Daysailers & Optimist Dinghys** (*small boats*)

### 5. RACING AREAS & MARKS

- 5.1 Each race will be in the Northeast River, beginning in the area just North of the NERYC mooring field. The course marks will be NERYC race marks and/or Government channel marks as described on the NERYC racing course plotter.

### 6. THE COURSE

- 6.1 The course will be announced at the skippers meeting and on VHF Marine Radio channel 71 at approximately 6:15pm each Thursday evening.

## 7. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions and are out of bounds:

9.1.1 No boats shall pass between Day Marker #10 and Hances Point.

9.1.2 No boats shall enter the moorings fields of NERYC and Hances Point Yacht Club as delineated.

## 8. THE START

8.1 For the **PHRF Non-Spin fleet**, races will follow a "5, 4, 1, 0" starting sequence of horn blasts which will originate from the North end of the NERYC marina. The initial warning signal will be given at approximately 6:40pm, with the official start 5 minutes later.

Horn Sequence:

6:40pm	Horn Blast	5 Minutes to Start
6:41pm	Horn Blast	4 Minutes to Start
6:44pm	Horn Blast	1 Minute to Start
6:45pm	Horn Blast	START

8.2 For the **Small Boat fleet**, races will begin exactly 5 minutes after the PHRF Non-Spin fleet and also follow a "5, 4, 1, 0" starting sequence of horn blasts which will originate from the North end of the NERYC marina. The initial warning signal for Small Boat fleet will be same horn blast indicating the start fo the PHRF Non-Spin fleet given at approximately 6:45pm, with the official start 5 minutes later.

Horn Sequence:

6:45pm	Horn Blast	5 Minutes to Start
6:46pm	Horn Blast	4 Minutes to Start
6:49pm	Horn Blast	1 Minute to Start
6:50pm	Horn Blast	START

8.3 The starting line will be between two Red and White "barber pole" marks adjacent to the North end of the NERYC mooring field.

8.4 The starting line will also serve as the finish line unless the race must be shortened at a rounding mark (see section 11).

8.5 Based on participation and other factors, the Race Committee will be flexible to the needs of the Small Boat fleet and may occasionally opt to start that group well before the PHRF Non-Spin fleet. Any changes will be announced during the roll call at 6:15pm so the PHRF Non-Spin fleet is aware of what the Small Boat fleet doing.

## 9. RECALLS

9.1 If a vessel crosses the starting line early they shall completely return behind the starting line and restart. A boat that is restarting has no rights over other boats that have or will be starting.

## 10. CHANGES TO THE COURSE

10.1 The Race Committee may choose to shorten the course by announcing changes on Marine Radio VHF channel 71. A shortened course may consist of eliminating marks from the course given at the skippers meeting, or finishing as boats round a mark in the original course (when boat is at a 90° angle to the last leg). A roll-call of competitors will be made to ensure everyone is aware of a change.

## 11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the two Red and White "barber pole" marks adjacent to the North end of the NERYC mooring field used for the start of the race.
- 11.2 In a race that has not been shortened, the finish line shall be crossed from the direction of the last mark prior to the finish line, regardless of the position of the Race Committee boat on station at the finish line.
- 11.3 Competitors will record their own finish time, using a GPS as the official time, and hail the Race Committee on Channel 71 with their time, or provide it to the Race Committee ashore.

## 12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point Scoring System will apply. Six races are required to be completed to be eligible for a Thursday Night series trophy. A boat's series score will be the total of her 6 best races.

## 13. PRIZES

- 13.1 Trophies will be awarded at the annual Sail Awards Banquet.

## 14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 Competitors participate in the race series entirely at their own risk. See 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 series.

## 15. ENTRY FEE

- 15.1 NERYC Member: \$50 for the series, or \$5 per race
- 15.2 Non-Members: \$75 for the series, or \$10 per race
- 15.3 Juniors & Small Boat Fleet: Free

## 16. MARKS

Letter	Description	Light	Latitude	Longitude
A	Red Nun 16	None	N39 34.99	W075 57.38
B	Day Mark 14	F1 R 2.5secs	N39 34.50	W075 57.75
C	Day Mark 12	None	N39 34.10	W075 58.04
D	Day Mark 10	F1 R 4s	N39 33.68	W075 58.32
E	Green Can 9	None	N39 33.18	W075 58.49
F	Day Mark 8	F1 R 2.5s	N39 32.59	W075 58.37
G	Orange Mark	None	N39 33.425	W075 59.15
H	Orange Flag/Drop Mark	None	N39 33.89	W075 58.925
K	Orange Flag/Drop Mark	None	N39 34.33	W075 57.54

