

## NERYC RACING

### INTER FLEET RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS RACE DATE - OCTOBER 22ND 2011

#### 1. RULES

- The NERYC Inter Fleet Race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The 2009 – 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing*, including the prescriptions of the US Sailing RRS except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions, or any amendments to that.
- The Organizing Authority is the Sail Race Committee (SRC) of North East River Yacht Club (NERYC).
- PHRF of the Chesapeake Handicap Ratings will be applicable.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY

Open to all members and non-members. If you do not have a PHRF Certificate a rating will be assigned.

#### 3. SAILS

- The race will be Non-Spinnaker.
- Only one (1) headsail may be used at a time while racing, except for cutter rigs flying headsails in the normal configuration

#### 4. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 and proof of insurance must be filed with the SRC before racing commences. Boats kept on NERYC slips and moorings, who had already filed such proof with the club, will not be required to provide additional proof of insurance.

#### 5. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- A boat that retires from a race shall notify the SRC as soon as possible.
- The skipper/owner is responsible for assuring that their boat is seaworthy and equipped with the safety equipment appropriate for the prevailing, and expected conditions, and ensure that each crew member is familiar with the proper use and location of all such equipment.
- All NERYC competitors must comply with PHRF 5P Safety Regulations.  
Details at <http://www.phrfchesbay.com>

#### 6. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the 2011 PHRF Safety Regulations, class rules, sailing instructions and/or the PHRF configuration defined by the PHRF Certificate issued to the vessel.

## 7. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be announced at the pre-race skipper's briefing, and/or emailed to competitors prior to the event.

## 8. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be announced as prescribed above.

## 9. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flag pole in front of the club house. When flag **AP** is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. When **Y** flag is displayed ashore, rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

## 10. RACING AREAS & MARKS

The race will be in the Northeast River. Rendezvous in the area of Day Marker #14 (Mark B). The course marks will be NERYC race marks and/or channel marks as described on the NERYC racing course plotter.

## 11. THE COURSE

The course will be indicated by letters displayed on the course board on the race committee boat. The course board will be on the side of the committee boat away from the starting line in order to keep this area clear. The letters, reading from left to right, will indicate the order of rounding. The letters so displayed will correspond to the NERYC official racing marks as shown on the course plotter.

- **Twice or three times around** the entire course will be indicated by the number 2 or 3 at the end of the course letters.
- If **'X' is displayed before a number**, you are required to pass through the start/finish line after each completed lap of the course (i.e. each time between the last mark of a lap, and the first mark of the next lap). **If "X" is displayed between course letters**, you are required to pass through the start/finish line once you have rounded the preceding letter and before you continue to the following letter.
- **GREEN** letters signify leaving the corresponding mark to **STARBOARD**, and **RED** letters signify leaving the corresponding mark to **PORT**.
- The race committee will display the course no later than the race warning signal.

## 12. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

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

- No boats shall pass between Day Marker #10 and Hance Point.
- No boats shall enter the moorings fields of NERYC and Hance Point Yacht Club as delineated.

## 13. TIME OF RACE

**Skipper's briefing – Noon**

**Race start – 1pm**

## 14. THE START

The race will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

- All boats will start together.
- The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark.

- A boat starting later than 30 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start). This changes rule A4.

- **Postponements**



In case of postponement the **AP** flag will be flown with 2 horn blasts and announcement on VHF channel 71.

- **Recalls**



**Individual Recall (X flag 1 sound)**



- Individuals must restart. The committee will announce the vessels over early on VHF channel 71. Failure to hear the hail is no excuse as the burden is on the racer, not the race committee to assure that they have legitimately started.
- 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.



**General Recall (1st substitute flag with 2 sounds)**

- All boats in the recalled fleet must restart. The committee will announce the general recall of the fleet over early on VHF channel 71. Failure to hear the hail is no excuse as the burden is on the racer, not the race committee to assure that they have started legitimately.
- The fleet that has been recalled will start last and have their new 5 minute sequence begin after the last scheduled start.

## 15. THE FINISH

- The finishing line will be between a staff displaying the orange flag on the Committee Boat and the finish mark as indicated on the course board.
- A race may be **shortened to finish** at any mark of the course and the orange flag on the committee boat that is displaying the **S flag** 
- If “X” is included in the course, the race may be shortened at the original start line mark and the staff displaying the orange flag on the Committee Boat displaying the **S flag** 

## 16. TIME LIMITS

- If no boat has passed the first mark of the course within 75 minutes after start, the race will be abandoned.
- Boats failing to finish within 4 hours of their start will be scored DNF. The race committee will be on station to take times up to 3 hours after the last start, thereafter competitors will be required to take their own times, sighting a line between Mark B and the NERYC South roof apex. At the discretion of the chief race officer, the race committee may elect to remain on station until the last boat finishes. This changes rules 35 and A4.

## 17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests shall be announced to the race committee boat at the end of the race. Protest forms must be delivered to the Protest Committee within the protest time limit.

- For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. Protest forms are available from the SRC.

(The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.)

- Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held within 30 minutes.

#### **18. PRIZES**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The winner will be also be awarded the Charlestown Cup. All awards will be awarded at the annual Sail Awards Banquet on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.














#### **19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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.



#### **20. SOCIAL**

The race will be followed by an **'End of Season'** Chilli social. The RC will supply the beverages and competitors are asked to **bring and share** the food.

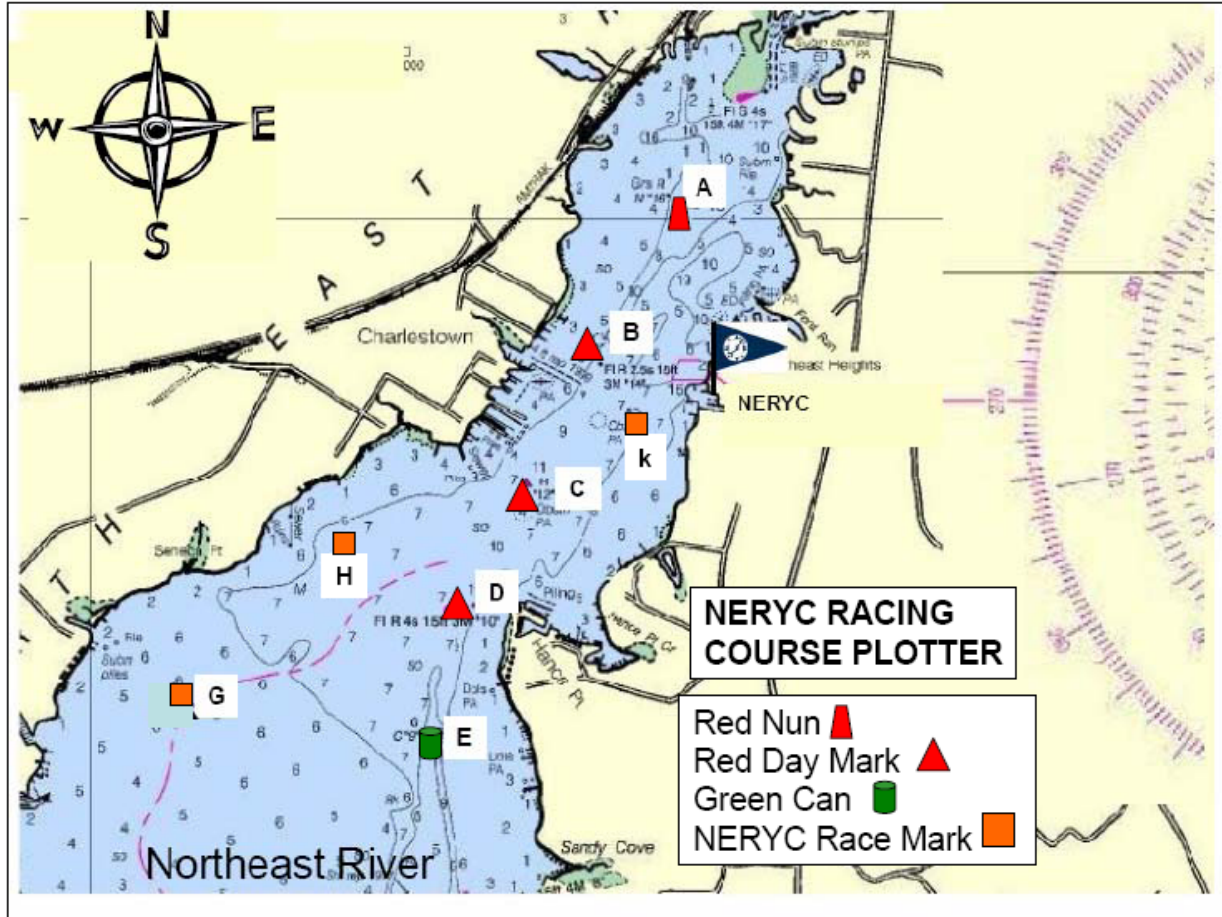
**NERYC RACING SIGNAL FLAGS**

Flag	Name	Sound	Definition
	Start mark Committee Boat End	None	Raised before racing commences
<p>Spinnaker      Non-Spin      Cruising</p>  <p>A      B      A      B</p>	Class	1 Sound	Fleet 5 minute warning
	P	1 sound	Preparatory 4 minute warning
	X	1 when raised	Individual recall
	1st Substitute	2 when raised 1 when lowered	General recall
	AP	2 when raised 1 when lowered	Postponement
	L	1 when raised	Come within hail
	S	2 when raised	Shorten course
	C	Repetitive	Change of course
	N	3 when raised 1 when lowered	Abandonment and re-sail
 	N over H	3 when raised	Abandonment and return to shore
	Y	1 when raised	Wear life jackets

**NERYC START SEQUENCE FLAGS**

Signal	Flag	Sound	Minutes to Start
Warning	<p>Class flag up</p> 	1 sound	5
Preparatory	 Preparatory Flag up	1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag down	1 sound	1
Start	<p>Class flag down New class flag up - Repeat of sequence</p>	1 sound	0

## NERYC OFFICIAL COURSE 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