



WINDJAMMERS SAILING CLUB

Pierce Invitational Regatta ~ Sunday May 28, 2017

First Warning: 1200 hrs.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020; the prescriptions of US Sailing (USS); the current PHRF regulations as administered by PHRF-ECSA; and the rules of any class boats racing, except as any of those are altered by these sailing instructions.

2. Safety & Disclaimer

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely on their own responsibility. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the Organizing Authority (W.S.C.), Race Committee, Protest Committee, race course assistants, and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, including fatality, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions, Scratch Sheets & Notices to Competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors and changes in the NOR or Sailing Instructions, if any, will be posted by 1000 on the day of the race at the Port Milford Marina Dock Shed; they will also be broadcast via VHF ch 72 prior to the first warning, accompanied by the display afloat of Flag "L" (come within hail), or ashore on the Race Committee boat at Port Milford (indicating that a change has been posted). Oral changes may be made on the water by hail and VHF ch 72.

3.2 Boats should monitor VHF ch 72 for announcements made by the Race Committee. Scratch sheets and Sailing Instructions may be available in advance at the W.S.C. website, and may be available from the Race Committee boat while docked at Port Milford and from the Race Committee boat afloat before the first warning.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore, including Flag "L," will be displayed on the Race Committee boat located at Port Milford and will be broadcast on VHF ch 72 at frequent intervals well in advance of the first warning signal.

4.2 When Pennant "AP" (the Answer Pennant) is displayed ashore with two sound signals, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP, meaning that the race is postponed, and the first warning will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered with a sound signal.

5. Schedule of Races

The first warning will be at 1200 hrs EDT. Up to two races may be sailed. If the Race Committee intends to start a second race, it will display a Second Substitute pennant while boats are finishing the first race.

6. Class Flags

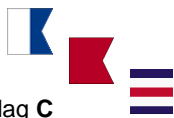
6.1 Class flags will be:

Class A Flag A

Class B Flag B

Class C Flag C

etc Class D, Flag D, etc.



6.2 If announced prior to the first warning, class starts may be combined, by hoisting together the class flags of those classes that are combined.

7. Starting Area & Check In

The starting area will be in the general vicinity of Charles Island. Boats should check in by passing in close proximity to the Race Committee boat after it has anchored, with mainsails raised, and hail their sail numbers until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

8. Courses and Marks

8.1 Courses will be signaled by the Race Committee boat before the starting sequence for each class using a white-board, and will consist of the class designation followed, in order of rounding, by any of the mark letters described in section 8.2. The number 2 or 3 following the mark letters means the course is to be sailed 2 or 3 times around.

8.2 All marks shall be rounded or left to port, except that if a mark letter is **circled** on the course board, that mark shall be rounded or left to starboard.

S - Starting Mark & Finishing Mark

A - Special Mark (inflatable orange or yellow buoy)

D - Charles Island Lighted Bell Buoy "16" FI R 4s (LL Nr 21225)

E - Charles Island Can "1" (LL Nr 24300)

G - Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light FI W 5s (LL Nr 21260)

H - Housatonic River Entrance Channel Lighted Bell Buoy "1" FI G 2.5s (LL Nr 24355)

K - Racing mark located about 1150 yards due east of Charles Island, about 41° 11.41' N - 073° 02.425' W

N - Milford Harbor Channel Lighted Buoy "4" FI R 4s (LL Nr 24305)

P - Pond Point Shoal Nun "12" (LL Nr 21220)

R - Stratford Point Lighted Bell Buoy "18" FI R 4s (south of Point No Point) (LL Nr 21245)

T - Townshend Ledge Lighted Bell Buoy "10A" FI R 4s (LL Nr 21190)

W - Welchs Point Nun "2" (LL Nr 24295)

X - Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Can "1" (LL Nr 21250)

Y - New Haven Harbor Lighted Whistle Buoy "NH" Mo(A) W (red & white stripes) (LL Nr 21205)

Z - New Haven West Breakwater - breakwater west end marker is: Light "2" FI R 6s (LL Nr 24080); east end marker is: New Haven Light FI W 4s (LL Nr 24075)

8.3 When the first windward leg is to mark “A,” the approximate compass bearing and distance from the start to mark “A” will be displayed on the course whiteboard.

8.4 Except when being rounded as a mark of the course, Charles Island Lighted Bell Buoy “16,” Welchs Point Nun “2,” and Pond Point Shoal Nun “12” shall be passed to seaward.

9. Starting and Finishing


9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

9.2 Classes may be started in any order.

9.3 The starting sequence may or may not be a rolling sequence. Each boat should watch for its’ class flag which will designate the warning signal for that class. In the case of an announced combined class start, the class flags of the combined classes will be hoisted together.

9.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark “S” (the pin end). Boats not involved in a starting sequence shall keep clear of the starting area and of those boats preparing to start.


9.5 The finish will be in the immediate vicinity of the start. The finish line is the course side of the line between the mark “S” (starting pin) and the staff on the RC boat displaying the orange flag. When conditions warrant, a course may be shortened with the finish moved to a mark of the course, where Flag “S” will be displayed from a race committee boat with two sound signals

9.6 The Race Committee boat on the  start and finish line is a “mark” and may have a standoff buoy attached to its stern. A standoff buoy and its attachment line are a part of the “mark.”

10. Time Limit

The time limit for each class will be 3.5 hours for the first boat to finish. For each class, boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.


11. Recalls

11.1 In the event of an Individual Recall, Flag “X” will  be hoisted with one sound signal.

11.2 The sail numbers of boats that are OCS, or still in breach of RRS 29.1 or 30.1, if applicable, **may** be announced by the Race Committee, by hail or on VHF ch 72. This adds to RRS 29.1.

11.3 Sail numbers of OCS boats will not be announced until they have been verified by the Race Committee, and the broadcast or hail may not be immediate, if at all. The existence (or otherwise) and the conduct of such a hail or

broadcast including the order of hails shall not be grounds for redress, and nothing in these Sailing Instructions shall reduce the responsibility of a boat to comply with all applicable rules.

11.4 In the event of a General Recall, the First Substitute pennant will be hoisted with two sound signals.  A new warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal of First Substitute with one sound signal. The starts for succeeding classes will be postponed accordingly.

12. Withdrawal

A boat that withdraws from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible, via hail, via VHF ch 72, or as a last resort to the dock crew at the Port Milford Marina or Milford Yacht Club.

13. Protests

13.1 At its’ first opportunity after finishing or withdrawing, a boat shall notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest another boat, and provide the sail number of the boat to be protested, and receive confirmation verbally or via VHF ch 72 of its intention to file a protest. This adds to RRS 61.

13.2 Protests shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Race Committee at Port Milford within 30 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks. The docking time and protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Port Milford Dock Office.

13.3 Notices will be posted as soon as possible before or after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted within the time limit to inform boats of protests under RRS 61.1(b).

13.4 Requests for redress and requests to reopen a hearing must be delivered to a Race Committee member within 30 minutes after hearing results or regatta scoring results have been posted. This modifies RRS 62.2 & 66.

14. Scoring

Races will be scored and corrected times determined using a PHRF-based “time-on-time” system. If a class has 2 races, Low Point Scoring RRS A4 will determine places for the class, and both races shall count. In compliance with ECSA Guidelines for distribution of race results to all competitors, regatta results may be announced during the post-race get-together, and will be posted on-line on the W.S.C. website as soon as possible after the race.

15. Post-Race Get-Together

There will be a post-race get-together at Port Milford Marina, Milford CT All competitors are invited. Results may be announced.

16. Awards

Awards will be presented at the annual Windjammers Sailing Club Awards Dinner on Friday, December 1, 2017