



# WINDJAMMERS SAILING CLUB

The Distance Invitational ~ Saturday July 1, 2017  
First Warning: 10 AM.

## 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 0800 on the day of the race at the Port Milford Marina Dock Shed; they may 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  the Port Milford dock (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 will 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 may be broadcast on VHF ch 72 at intervals 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 1000 hrs EDT.




### 6. Starting and Finishing

**6.1** Prior to the first warning signal all yachts are encouraged to sail by the RC Vessel and hail the RC or hail the RC on VHF Channel 72. The hail shall consist of the name of the entrant's vessel, its' sail number and the number of souls on board. The entrant is encouraged to continue to hail until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to hail is not grounds for a protest.

**6.15** In a change from previous years, there will not be a staggered start. Boats shall start by class as set on the scratch sheet.

The first warning will be at 1000 hrs.

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.

**6.3** Boats shall keep clear of the Starting Line except when starting.

**6.4** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the Starting Mark [S], a red/white PVC Pole with an orange flag.

**6.5** The finish line shall be between Red "4" Buoy Milford Harbor Entrance Channel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat. **Yachts shall approach the finish line from the course side.**

**6.6** It is required that skippers hail the Race Committee Boat approximately 2 hours prior to crossing the finish line and as they pass either government mark Pond Point [R12] or Charles Island Bell [R16] depending on the course sailed. You must inform the Race Committee that you are approaching the finish mark, and identify both your vessel and sail number. This hail shall be performed via VHF channel 72 and cell phone:203-278-0343 [Fleet Captain William Wolf]. If the Race Committee does not respond or is not present then Race Instruction 6.7 applies.

**6.7** In the event that there is no RC Boat on station at the finish each Yacht shall record their own finish time on GPS clock when the Finish Mark is within 75 feet and bears 270 degrees magnetic. Each Yacht shall announce their Boat Name and Finish Time on VHF 72 upon completing the course. Finish Times shall be reported before 1 PM Sunday July 2 to the Race Committee at 203-278-0343 Any boat that does not finish by 06:00 AM Sunday July 2 shall be scored DNF.

### 7. Courses and Marks

**7.1** The course[s] are defined below and signaled by the Race Committee Boat by posting the division letter followed by the respective course letter upon a white board.

**7.2** Courses "R", "S", and "T" are for Division B Boats only.

**7.3** Marks are to be rounded as indicated by the course definitions. Racers shall be keenly aware of the dangers of passing too closely to Stratford Shoal and Faulkner Island.

**7.4** Except when being rounded as a mark of the course, R"16", Charles Island Nun, R "2" Welch's Point Nun, and R "12" Pond Point Nun shall be passed to seaward.

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#### Course W

##### Start to:

Stratford Shoal Green "3" Can  
Stratford Shoal Red "2" Bell  
Red "10" GI Bell southwest of Falkner Island,

Red/Green KR Bell east of Falkner Island,  
Green "15" Gong North of Falkner Island  
To finish at Red "4" Buoy , Milford Harbor Entrance  
**Leave all Marks to Port Course approx. 52.6 NM**

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#### Course X

**Start to:**

Green "15" Gong North of Falkner Island,  
Red/Green KR Bell east of Falkner Island,  
Red "10" GI Bell southwest of Falkner Island,  
Stratford Shoal Red "2" Bell,  
Stratford Shoal Green "3" Can,  
To finish at Red "4" Buoy, Milford Harbor Entrance Channel  
**Leave all marks to Starboard Course approx. 52.6 NM**

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#### Course Y

**Start To:**

Red/White "NH" at New Haven Harbor outer entrance  
channel,  
Red/White "PJ" whistle at Port Jefferson outer entrance  
channel,  
Red "26" Bell off Westport/Norwalk  
Red "18" Bell [**leave to Port**] off Bridgeport/Stratford  
To finish at Red "4" Buoy, Milford Harbor Entrance Channel  
**Leave all Marks to Starboard except Red "18"**  
**Course approx. 53.5 NM**

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**The following Courses are for Non Spinnaker Division  
B only:**

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#### Course R

**Start to:**

Stratford Shoal Green "3" Can  
Stratford Shoal Red "2" Bell,  
Red/White "NH" whistle at New Haven Harbor outer  
entrance channel  
To finish at Red "4" Buoy, Milford Harbor Entrance Channel  
**Leave all Marks to Port Course approx. 29.3 NM.**

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#### Course S

**Start to:**

Red/White "NH" whistle at New Haven Harbor outer  
entrance channel  
Stratford Shoal Red "2" Bell,  
Stratford Shoal Green "3" Can  
To finish at Red "4" Buoy, Milford Harbor Entrance Channel  
**Leave all Marks to Starboard Course approx. 29.3 NM.**

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#### Course T

**Start to:**

Red/White "NH" whistle at New Haven Harbor outer  
entrance channel  
Stratford Shoal Red "2" Bell,  
Stratford Shoal Green "3" Can  
Green "1" Bell outer entrance to Housatonic River  
To finish at Red "4" Buoy, Milford Harbor Entrance Channel  
**Leave all Marks to Starboard Course approx. 29.9 NM.**

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#### 8. Time Limit

Yachts not finished by 6 AM Sunday, July 2, 2017 will be designated DNF [Did not finish] This modifies RRS Rule 35.

#### 9. Protests

9.1 A yacht shall hail the Race Committee Boat [VHF

Channel 72] at the Finishing Line of it's intent to protest and identify the protested Yacht at the first opportunity after finishing or withdrawing. Additionally, upon finishing, yachts must call the Race Committee at cell phone 203-278-0343



9.2 Written Protests must be given to the Race Committee before 10 AM Sunday, July 2, 2017 at the Port Milford Dock Office

#### 10. Recalls

10.1 In the event of an Individual Recall, Flag "X" will be hoisted with one sound signal.

10.2 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.

10.3 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 Abandonment

The Race Committee will signal an abandonment of the race by displaying code flag N and making an announcement on VHF Channel "72".

#### 12. Withdrawal

A boat that withdraws from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible, via hail, via VHF ch 72, cell phone [203-278-0343] or as a last resort to the dock crew at the Port Milford Marina.

#### 13 Alternative Penalties

A yacht that is determined to be OCS and does not restart, will be assessed a 30 minute penalty. This modifies RRS A4.2.

#### 14 Scoring

**14.1 The Race will be scored and corrected times determined using a PHRF based time on time system..**

14.2 WSC Class Splits will depend on PHRF Ratings and number of entrants.

#### 16. Classes

Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes may be available based on the number of entries. There may be a combined class of Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Boats at the discretion of the Race Committee based on the number of entrants.

#### 17 Awards

Awards will be presented at the annual Windjammers Sailing Club Awards Dinner in December , 2017.



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