



HYC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Issued September 11, 2019

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except where amended by these Sailing Instructions.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1. Boats will qualify as defined in the "**Club Championship Qualification**" posted on the official notice board found at www.hudsonyachtclub.com.

3. BOATS, CREWS & EQUIPMENT

- 3.1. Racing will be in Niagara 26s supplied and prepared for racing by the club. The rig tension may not be adjusted by competitors.
- 3.2. Each boat will be equipped with a genoa/jib, a spinnaker and a mainsail.
- 3.3. The spinnaker may be flown unless the code flag W is displayed in which case competitors shall restrict themselves to white sail.
- 3.4. There will be a maximum of 5 crew for each boat, including the skipper. No substitutions are permitted unless approved by the organizing authority.
- 3.5. Boats shall be limited to one non-HYC member.
- 3.6. No race shall be started where the wind speed is averaging more than 18 knots – as determined solely by the RC.

4. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1. The official Notice Board will be located on the HYC website www.hudsonyachtclub.com. Copies of documents may, or may not, be placed on the HYC Clubhouse Notice Board located on the terrace. However, amendments, addendums or other notices issued just before a race will be posted on the HYC Clubhouse Notice Board. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check both notice boards for any amendments, addendums or other notices.

5. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 09:00 on the day they will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast at the Web Pier.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. The **Wild Card** race is scheduled for Saturday 14 September. The warning signal will be at 09:15.
- 7.2. The **Club Championship series**
 - 7.2.1. The series will commence as soon as possible following the completion of the Wild Card race. The target time for the first warning signal is 10:30.
 - 7.2.2. A maximum of five races are scheduled. A minimum of 3 races are required to constitute a series (see 16.2)
 - 7.2.3. If fewer than five races are completed and a definitive winner has not emerged, racing will continue on Sunday 15 September. The warning signal for the first race will be at 09:30.

8. CLASS FLAG

- 8.1. The class flag will be numerical pennant 1.

9. THE COURSE

- 9.1. The course shall be indicated on the race course board on the Race Committee boat. Each red or green placard represents a mark of the course. W=Windward, L=Leeward.
 - 9.1.1. Letters on a green background color indicates the mark is to be left to starboard.
 - 9.1.2. Letters on a red background color indicates the mark is to be left to port.
 - 9.1.3. A placard with an X followed by a number indicates the course will be sailed again. Example; W G S X2 indicates the course will be sailed twice; X3 the course will be sailed three times, etc.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Course marks shall be orange inflatable tetrahedrons and new marks, as provided in 12.1, will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The start line will be between the mast on the Race Committee Boat, displaying an orange flag, and an inflatable buoy at the other end of the line.
- 11.2. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule RRS A4 and A5

12. CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2. The course will not be shortened to less than 2 legs.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finish line will be between the mast of the Race Committee Boat displaying an orange flag, and an inflatable buoy at the other end of the line.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Boats intending to lodge a protest shall inform the Race Committee Boat upon finishing and provide the name and sail number of the protested boat.
- 15.2. Protests shall be written on forms available at the HYC office and lodged with the Race Officer or Bosun within 20 minutes of the Race Committee Boat's return to the harbor.
- 15.3. Protests for the Wild Card race will be heard immediately after the Wild card race
- 15.4. Protests for the Club Championships will be heard as soon as possible after completion of racing for the day.

16. SCORING FOR THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

- 16.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute the series and declare a Club Champion.
- 16.3. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4. When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 17.1. The Race Committee and HYC will monitor VHF channel 68.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. The prize for the Club Championship shall be presented at the HYC Sailors Awards Dinner.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. Competitors participate in the racing 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 racing.