



Bristol Yacht Club
2010 Sid Clark – Overnight Race
June 26 - 27, 2010

Sailing Instructions

- 1. Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Application Form and other items listed in the Notice of Race.
- 2. Eligibility and Entry:** See the Notice Of Race, item #4
- 3. Notices:** Notices to competitors and amendments to the sailing instructions may be posted at <http://www.bristolyc.com/racing/overnight.php> until noon on the day before the event, and will be posted by then on the Regatta Notice Board in the Clubhouse. Subsequently, the Race Committee (RC) Boat will display the Lima flag and hand out and/or announce any changes on the water. If conditions dictate that the race date be postponed, the Race Committee will attempt to contact each registered boat by phone or email by 2200 the evening before the race.
- 4. Classes:** Classes and starting times will be assigned after receipt of entries
 - 4.1. Classes will be spinnaker, cruising and double-handed, and have a letter designation.
 - 4.2. Class flags will be alphabetic International Code Flags.
- 5. Signals:**
 - 5.1. The Race Committee will communicate on VHF Channel 72. The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast announcements on the radio concerning starting sequences, premature starters (OCS), course changes, abandonment, protests filed or any other topic. Failure of the Race Committee to make such announcements, or the timing, sequence or frequency of such announcements shall not be grounds for redress
 - 5.2. Signals made ashore will be made from the Club's flagpole. Code flag "N" over "A" means that the race is abandoned.
- 6. Courses and Marks:**
 - 6.1. The Race Committee will display the course number for each class on a course board and may announce them over VHF.
 - 6.2. Sail only through the center span of all bridges.
 - 6.3. **Course 1:** Approximately 91 miles.
Leave RW MO (A) whistle buoy (MP) off Montauk Point to starboard.
 - 6.4. **Course 2:** Approximately 45 miles.
"2" QR Whistle off Brenton Reef to port (N41° 26.0' W71° 21.8')
"SR" RW MO (A) whistle buoy off Sakonnet Pt. to starboard (N41° 25.7' W71° 13.1')
"NB" RW FL 4 sec MO(A) horn to starboard (N41° 22.8' W71° 13.1')
- 7. Starting and Finishing:**
 - 7.1. The warning signal for Class A will be at 1300. Classes will start in alphabetical order. The RC will attempt to broadcast a synchronizing GPS time check at 1245.
 - 7.2. The start/finish line will be between an orange, inflatable buoy and a staff displaying an orange or white flag on the race committee signal boat. The RC will be moored at about N41° 40.0' W71° 17.0'.
 - 7.3. A yacht starting more than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS

7.4. An attempt will be made to man the committee boat for the finish. However, should the committee boat be unmanned at the time of finish, you will be expected to record your own finish time. Because of this you must synchronize your time on board with the time broadcast through the GPS system. Should you finish at a time when the committee boat is unmanned and you record your own finish time, you must log in your time of finish at the dock house of the Bristol Yacht Club or call your time into the Bristol Yacht Club (401) 253-2922, prompt 3.

8. Recalls:

8.1. Recalls will be made in accordance with Racing Rule 29. The Race Committee may identify premature starters (OCS) on the radio. Lack of such announcements shall not be grounds for redress.

8.2. Sailors are reminded that, in accordance with Racing Rule 29, after a general recall the sequence will resume with the warning signal and the appropriate class flag for the class recalled. The warning signal for the new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is lowered, and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

9. Time limits and scoring:

9.1. The time limit for all racers will be 1800 on Sunday, June 27, 2010

9.2. If one boat finishes within the time limit, the race will be valid for that class. The RC will attempt to broadcast this information on VHF 72.

9.3. Time-on-Time scoring will be used to determine the order of finish within all classes. Corrected times will be calculated using the elapsed time multiplied by a time correction factor. The time correction factor is based on each yacht's PHRF of Narragansett Bay, spinnaker or non-spinnaker rating as applicable.

10. Protests:

10.1. Protests shall be filed at the BYC Clubhouse within one hour of a yacht's finish time.

10.2. Protest hearings will be at 1900 hours on the Monday after the race or at another mutually agreed upon time.

11. Alternative Penalties: As provided for by the Racing Rules, 44.1 and 44.2.

12. Safety:

12.1. Any yacht that withdraws from the race shall notify the Race Committee via VHF 72 or by leaving a phone message at the Club (401) 253-2922, prompt 3.

12.2. Commercial traffic traveling within the navigational channels in Narragansett Bay is considered restricted in their ability to maneuver. Sailors must comply with the International COLREGS or applicable state laws when in such proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic. Yachts who obstruct the safe passage of commercial traffic are subject to protest under The Racing Rules of Sailing. A violation under this instruction shall be considered a violation of the Racing Rules of Sailing, Rule 2. The Race Committee or Protest Committee, upon the report of information or observation of an incident *shall* protest a yacht. This is in addition to the requirements of rule 60.2 (a) and the preamble to Part 2.

12.3. A Security Zone exists from the Navy Base to the War College and is marked by a line of white buoys. Boats shall not sail to the east of these buoys.

13. Awards: Awards will be distributed at a BYC Friday TGIF. All competitors will be notified as to the time of the awards.