



## Sailing Instructions

### SailFest 2024

PHRF-Mid Atlantic Saturday,

September 7, 2024

Toms River Yacht Club

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 These sailing instructions can be verbally changed on the water

#### 2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible boats must enter this regatta by completing online registration using <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26965>
- 2.2 The minimum hull length for a boat shall be 18 feet.

#### 3 RATINGS

All PHRF class entrants shall have a valid PHRF-MA Rating certificate or will be assigned a PHRF rating by the Race Committee. Assigned ratings shall not be grounds for protest.

#### 4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Clubhouse Patio.
- 4.2 Beginning at 1000 of race day, competitors are encouraged to monitor fleet channel VHF 68 for race announcements.
- 4.3 Any changes in the SI will be posted before 1000 on the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2200 hours on the day before it will take effect.

#### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at TRYC.
- 5.2 When the flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the AP postponement race signal.

#### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled for a single day, September 7, 2024.
- 6.2 One race is scheduled for all classes.
- 6.3 The skippers' meeting is scheduled for 0930 at the Clubhouse Patio.
- 6.4 The warning signal for the first class is scheduled for 1100 hours.
- 6.5 If no warning has been signaled by 1500 hours for one or all the classes, the racing for that that or all classes will be abandoned.
- 6.6 Awards will be distributed at TRYC. The approximate time of the awards ceremony will be NO earlier than 1600 hours.

## 7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the waters of Toms River and Barnegat Bay.

## 8 BOAT CHECK-IN

Before the warning signal of the first start, each boat shall pass the Race Committee by the main dock flagstaff and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the committee. A boat shall not check-in by radio.

## 9 DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

The Race Committee will divide the fleet into Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes.

**Multiple classes may start together.**

Classes:

Non-Spinnaker class designator Numeral Pennant #1

Spinnaker class designator Numeral Pennant #2

Non-Spinnaker and Spinnaker combined start class designator Numeral Pennant #3

## 10 COURSES AND MARKS

- 10.1 All turning and passing marks will be government marks or drop marks. Drop marks may be red, orange, or yellow.
- 10.2 The starting and finishing marks will be orange or yellow inflatables and an orange flag from the TRYC dock regatta flagstaff.
- 10.3 The **LONG COURSE (14.60 NM)** designated with a whiteboard "W" shall be a distance race with **FL G 4S "G1"** left to starboard, **FL R 3M "36"** left to starboard, **B "37"** left to port (within 75 yards) **Drop mark (red or orange) will be east of the old location for Q R 17 ft 4M "38"** left to port (within 75 yards) and a turning mark **FL R 3M "40"** to be rounded to port. Returning: **FL G "39"** left to starboard (within 75 yards) **Drop mark (red or orange) will be east of the old location for Q R 17 ft 4 M "38"** left to starboard (within 75 yards) **FL R 3M "36"** left to port, **FL G 4S "G1"** shall be left to port.
- 10.4 The **SHORT COURSE (10.06) NM** designated with a whiteboard "T" shall be a distance race with **FL G 4S "G1"** left to starboard, **FL R 3M "36"** left to starboard, **G "37"** left to port (within 75 yards), **Drop mark (red or orange) will be east of the old location for Q R 17ft 4M "38"** left to port (within 75 yards) and a turning mark at **FL G 4M "39"** rounded to port. Returning: **Drop mark (red or orange) will be east of the old location for Q R 17ft 4M "38"** left to starboard (within 75 yards), **FL R 3M "36"** left to port, **FL G 4S "G1"** shall be left to port.

**10.5** Long Point **FL R "10"** (marker for Long Point, this may have a different designation) will always be considered a passing mark and shall be always passed on the channel side.

**10.6** If a mark of the course is not on station, it will be incumbent on each boat to round the established position of that mark. The skipper/owner shall report the missing mark to the Race Committee within 15 minutes of finishing. Time of rounding and boats within sight shall be noted.

## **11 THE START**

**11.1** Races will be started using RRS26.

**11.2** The starting line will be between the TRYC regatta flagstaff, from which an orange flag is displayed on the end of the TRYC pier, and the starboard end starting mark (Start heading out the river towards Island Heights.)

**11.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

## **12 INDIVIDUAL RECALL**

The Race Committee may attempt to notify boats that are OCS by announcing the boat's sail number over VHF radio, Channel 68. Such announcements are made as a courtesy and, as such, the following will not be grounds for redress: Failure of the Race Committee to broadcast sail numbers, failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast, a boat's position in the sequence of broadcasted numbers or the promptness of the broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

## **13 COURSE CHANGE AND SHORTENED COURSE AFTER THE START**

After the start, the course shall not be changed, but may be shortened at any passing or turning mark. This changes rule 32.2.

## **14 THE FINISH LINE**

**14.1** The finishing line will be between the regatta flagstaff from which an orange flag is displayed on the TRYC pier and the port end of the finishing mark.

**14.2** Boats approaching the finish shall hail the Race Committee on VHF channel 68 after passing Long Point **FL R "10"**.

## **15 WITHDRAWAL**

A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a race shall promptly inform the Race Committee by hail or on the fleet radio channel 68 prior to leaving the racing area.

## **16 RACE TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for all boats is 4.0 hours (non-corrected) and all boats must finish within 60 minutes of the first boat in her division. If a boat does not finish within the time limit, she shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

**17 PENALTY SYSTEM** Appendix V will be in effect.

## **18 PROTESTS AND REDRESS REQUESTS**

- 18.1** A boat intending to protest an incident that occurred in the race area shall notify the Race Committee at her finish, of her intention to protest, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes RRS 61
- 18.2** Protests shall be in writing. Forms are available at the Notice Board and shall be delivered to the Protest Committee or the Principal Race Officer within 30 minutes after the finish of the last boat in her class.
- 18.3** Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, as soon as possible.
- 18.4** Protest notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing. This posting shall constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2 and RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.5** RRS 66 is changed by this sentence: "A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 15 minutes after being informed of the decision."

## **19 SAFETY**

- 19.1** In accordance with RRS 3, the responsibility for a boat's decision to race or to continue to race is hers alone. The responsibility for the safety of the boat and each competitor lies solely with each individual and not with the Organizing Authority or Race Committee.
- 19.2** Competitors should be aware that the Barnegat Bay has areas that are shallow and hazardous which could cause grounding of a vessel without vigilant attention to navigation and water depth. The Race Committee and Organizing Authority will not be responsible for providing any services, salvage, or relief to a grounded vessel.

## **20 SCORING**

PHRF races will be scored on time distance.

## **21 AWARDS**

Trophies will be awarded in each class based on the number of participants in that class. Sub-class trophies may be awarded.

## **22 COURTESY BROADCASTS**

Courtesy broadcasts will be made to the fleet on VHF 68. The Race Committee may attempt to broadcast on VHF information such as when the Race Committee is on station, its intentions, course, sail number of boats OCS, etc

