

**HUDSON RIVER YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION  
RACE COMMITTEE COUNCIL**



**HRYRA CRUISING FLEETS  
2008 COMMON SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **RULES:** Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing and any modifications or additions to these Common Sailing Instructions issued by the sponsoring organization.
2. **ELIGIBILITY TO RACE:** The race committee reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any boat and the right to inspect any boat before or after a race. The owner of the entrant boat must possess a valid PHRF certificate. In the event an authority other than Hudson River Yacht Racing Association ("HRYRA") issues the PHRF certificate, the PHRF rating assigned by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound, Inc. shall be used.
3. **VHF RADIOS:** Each boat shall monitor the VHF channel selected by the sponsoring club for race committee notifications. A boat retiring shall notify the race committee on the same channel. No general inquiries will be entertained
4. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** As provided by the sponsoring organization and listed on a separate sheet. No race will be started if its warning signal is delayed from its originally scheduled time by more than two hours, unless the class has more than one race scheduled for the same day. In that case, the warning signal will not be delayed by more than one hour. The race committee will attempt to notify the fleet on the selected VHF Channel when the time limit has expired
5. **DIVISION IDENTIFICATION:** For HRYRA classes, each boat shall carry a colored streamer to indicate her Division of entry. This streamer, as described below, shall be affixed to the backstay approximately 6' above the deck.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>PHRF</u>
A	Orange	150 and below, with spinnakers
B	Blue	153 and above, with spinnakers
C	White	All PHRF's, non-spinnaker

6. **COURSES:** Course designations are listed on a separate sheet of Race Courses provided by the sponsoring organization. The Race Committee will signal the course for a class's race no later than the warning signal for that race.
7. **CLASS FLAGS:** For HRYRA classes: Div. A: Orange, Div. B: Blue, Div. C: White or Yellow. Shapes of the same colors may be substituted for flags. For other divisions, as specified by the sponsoring organization. If more than one division is to start simultaneously, a combined signal will be used.

**8. START AND FINISH LINES:** The start and finish lines will be as described in the Race Courses sheets.

- a. After a class's warning signal, boats not in that class must keep clear of the starting area until after the class's start. The starting area is defined as the rectangular area with sides one-half the length of the starting line to windward of, to leeward of, and from each end of the starting line. Violation may result in disqualification.
- b. Before the first warning signal, each boat must report her sail number to the race committee.
- c. After rounding the first mark of the course, a boat may not cross a start or finish line except to finish, and except when one end of the line is a mark of the course that begins or ends a leg she is on..
- d. A mark (sometimes called anti-barging or offset) positioned close to one end of the starting line must be honoured and boats passing between it and that end of the line will be scored DSQ.
- e. If the race committee is not stationed at the finish line, a boat shall record her own finishing time. If there is no longer an established finish line, it shall be a line extending from the required side of the finish mark perpendicular to the course from the last mark and of the shortest practicable length.

**9. STARTING SIGNALS:** In accordance with Rule 26.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and Sound</i>	<i>Minutes before Starting Signal</i>
Warning	Class flag or shape, <b>1 sound</b>	5
Preparatory	P flag, or blue-white-blue shape, <b>1 sound</b>	4
One-minute	Prep.flag removed, <b>1 long sound</b>	1
Starting	Class flag removed, <b>1 sound</b>	0

**Times** shall be taken from the visual starting signals, and a failure of or mistiming of a gun or other sound signal calling attention to the starting signals shall be disregarded.

**Order of start::** *For divisions A, B, C.* The fleets will start in that order and each fleet will have its own separate start sequence, including any recalls. *For other divisions,* as indicated by the sponsoring authority. Boats in all other divisions must keep clear as provided in Section 8.a during a division's start.

- 10. POSTPONEMENT:** Is signaled by hoisting the Answering Pennant (red and white vertical bars) and making two sound signals. Upon lowering the Answering Pennant there will be a sound signal. If racing is to resume, the warning signal for any Division not yet started will be made one minute after the pennant is lowered.
- 11. INDIVIDUAL RECALL:** The race committee will signal with one sound signal and will *attempt* to hail and/or notify on the selected VHF channel each boat recalled by calling the sail number. It is, however, the responsibility of each boat to make a proper start. The "X" Flag (blue cross on white field) may, but need not, be shown.
- 12. GENERAL RECALL:** Signaled by hoisting the code flag "First Substitute" (triangular pennant, yellow field with dark blue border) and making two sound signals after the *start* signal. The *warning* signal for the re-start will be made 1 minute after removal, which is accompanied by 1 sound signal.
- 13. SHORTENING COURSE:** If the course is shortened, the finish line will be between a flag on the committee boat (or auxiliary boat) and a mark of the course. The race committee will attempt to notify the fleet on the selected VHF Channel. Note well that shortening a "twice around" course to once around shall be consistent with Rule 33 and Rule 32.
- 14. TIME LIMIT:** For a race to be scored, at least one boat must finish within three hours (2-1/2 hours for a night race) of her start signal. Any other boat in that division not finishing within 1-1/2 hours of the finish of the first boat will be scored DNF.

- 15. ABANDONMENT:** *Before* the starting signal, the race committee may for any reason abandon the race (display flag N over H, or N over A with 3 sound signals). *After* the starting signal, the race committee may abandon the race (display flag N, N over H, or N over A with 3 sound signals).
- 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:** These shall be delivered to a member of the Race Committee within the protest time limit, which is 1 hour after the last finisher unless otherwise specified by the sponsoring authority.
- 17. PENALTIES:** For infringement of a rule of Part 2, the Scoring Penalty of 20% in accordance with Rule 44.3 will apply, *except* that a yellow flag need not be flown and the decision to accept such penalty need not be made while racing. But the decision *must* be made before the convening of a protest hearing. Penalties for protests resolved by Protest Committee hearings will be DSQ in accordance with Rule 64.1.
- 18. REGATTA SCORING:** The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the Racing Rules, counting all races, will apply, modified as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Score</u>
DNS,DNC,OCS	Number of Registrants + 1
DNF	Number of Registrants + 1
RAF	Number of Registrants + 1
DSQ,BFD	Number of Registrants + 1
DNE,DGM	Number of Registrants + 1
SCP,ZFP	20% scoring penalty (Instr. 17, rule 44.3, using Number of Registrants)
RDG	Redress given

- 19. SEASON SCORING:** The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the Racing Rules will apply, modified as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Score</u>
DNS,DNC,OCS	Number of Regatta Registrants + 1
DNF	Number of Regatta Registrants + 1
RAF	Number of Regatta Registrants + 1
DSQ,BFD	Number of Regatta Registrants + 1
DNE,DGM	Number of Regatta Registrants + 1 (not excludable)
SCP,ZFP	20% scoring penalty (Instr.17, rule 44.3, using Number of Regatta Registrants)
RDG	Redress given

The following throw-outs will be scored as indicated: Modify Rule A2:

<u>Races Completed</u>	<u>Throw-outs</u>
0-4	0
5-7	1
8-10	2
11-13	3
14 or more	4

- 20. MEDIATION:** For protests involving an infringement of a Rule of Part 2, a mediation hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. After the protest forms are lodged pursuant to the sailing instructions, one designated representative from each boat will testify before a mediator. No witnesses shall be allowed. Unresolved mediation will be referred to the Protest Committee.