HUDSON RIVER YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION
RACE COMMITTEE COUNCIL

HRYRA CRUISING FLEETS
2009 COMMON SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES**
   1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012.* (See definition of "rule", ibid. p.153, which includes Race Signals, and these Sailing Instructions).
   1.2. Additional instructions and modifications to these instructions issued by the race committee for a specific regatta will apply.

2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & VHF RADIOS:**
   2.1. Notices will be posted ashore as described in instruction 1.2 above.
   2.2. In accordance with rule 90.2(c), oral instructions may be given on the water by direct hail and/or by VHF radio using the channel(s) defined in instruction 1.2 above.
   2.3. A boat retiring shall notify the race committee on the same channel. No general inquiries will be entertained

3. **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.

4. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:**
   4.1. As described in instruction 1.2 above.
   4.2. For the first race of any day, classes 1 or A, 2 or B, and 3 or C will start in that order.
   4.3. No race will be started if its warning signal is postponed from its originally scheduled time, or, if abandoned, from its rescheduled time, by more than two hours, unless the class has more than one race scheduled for the same day. In that case, the time limit is **one hour.** The race committee will announce on the selected VHF Channel when the time limit has expired**.**
   4.4. Before the first warning signal, each boat shall report her sail number to the race committee.

5. **CLASS FLAGS AND YACHT CLASS OF ENTRY:**
   5.1. For HRYRA classes, the class flags are shown in the table below.
   5.2. Combined class signals will be used if more than one class is to start at the same time.
   5.3. Each YACHT shall carry a colored streamer to indicate the class in which she is racing. This streamer, as described below, shall be affixed to the backstay approximately 6' above the deck.

Class	PHRF	Class Flag or Shape	Streamer Color
1 or A	150 and below, with spinnakers	Orange	Orange
2 or B	153 and above, with spinnakers	Blue	Blue
3 or C	All PHRF's, non-spinnaker	White or Yellow	White
For other classes, instruction 1.2 above will define the class flag and streamer color.			

6. COURSES:

6.1. Course designations are described in instruction 1.2 (above). The course will be signalled as prescribed therein.

6.2. After rounding the first mark of the course, a boat may not cross a start or finish line except to finish or if one end of the line is a mark of the course that begins or ends a leg she is on. This modifies rule 28.

7. MARKS:

7.1. Marks are described in instruction 1.2 above.

7.2. If the race committee is not stationed at the finish line, a yacht shall note her finish time and report it in accordance with US Sailing prescription to rule 34.

8. THE START:

8.1. In accordance with rule 26, except that a mistiming of a sound signal, as well as its absence, shall be disregarded. This changes rule 26.

8.2. Instead of flags, signal shapes of similar colors may be used for class and preparatory signals. This modifies rule 26.

8.3. The start and finish lines will be as described in instruction 1.2 above.

8.4. If a small white buoy (sometimes called an anti-barging or offset mark) is positioned near one end of the starting line, boats may not sail between it and the end of the line.

8.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. 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 is grounds for protest.

9. POSTPONEMENT: (See rule 27.3 and Race Signals "AP".)

10. ABANDONMENT: (See rules 27.3, 32.1 and Race Signals "N".)

11. INDIVIDUAL RECALL: (See rule 29.1 and Race Signals "X".)

12. GENERAL RECALL: (See rule 29.2 and Race Signals "First Substitute".)

13. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG: (See rule 33 and Race Signals "C".)

13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may lay a new mark and remove the old mark as soon as practical, or move the original mark, or move the finish line.

14. SHORTENING COURSE: (See rule 32.2 and Race Signals "S". Note well that shortening a "twice around" course to once around shall be consistent with rules 33 and 32.)

15. THE FINISH:

15.1. The finish line will be as defined in instruction 1.2 above.

15.2. If the race committee intends to start another (unscheduled) race on the same day, it will so announce on the selected VHF channel. "Second Substitute" may, but need not be displayed. This modifies a US Sailing prescription.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM:

16.1. For infringement of a rule of Part 2, the Scoring Penalty in accordance with Rule 44.3(c) will apply.

16.2. 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 in accordance with Rule 64.1 (DSQ). This modifies rule 44.3.

17. TIME LIMITS

17.1. If no boat sails the course and finishes within three hours (2-1/2 hours for a night race) of her start signal, the race will be abandoned.

17.2. Boats failing to finish within 1-1/2 hours after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

18.1. 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 in instruction 1.2 above.

18.2. Breaches of instructions 4.4, 2.3, and 5.3 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

18.3. Penalties for breaches of instructions 6.2 and 8.4 shall be disqualification.

19. 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.

20. SCORING:

20.1. The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the Racing Rules will apply, modified as shown in the table. This changes rule A4.2.

Score	Points
DNC	Number of Regatta Registrants + 1
DNS	Number of Regatta Registrants + 1
OCS	Number of Regatta Registrants + 1
ZFP	20% penalty under rule 30.2
BFD	Disqualification points under rule 30.3
SCP	20% penalty under rule 44.3(c)
DNF	Number of Regatta Registrants + 1
RAF	Number of Regatta Registrants + 1
DSQ	Number of Regatta Registrants + 1
DNE	Disqualification points, not excludable
DGM	Disqualification points, not excludable
RDG	Determined by Protest Committee
DPI	Determined by Protest Committee

20.2. For **Regatta** scoring, all completed races are counted. This changes rule A2.

20.3. For **Season** scoring, a yacht's poorest excludable race results are excluded based on the total number of races completed as shown in the following table. This changes rule A2

Races Completed for the class	Excludable number of scores excluded
0-4	0
5-7	1
8-10	2
11-13	3
14 or more	4

20.4. Ties will be broken in accordance with rule A8