

New York Yacht Club  
Team Racing

## New York Yacht Club Vanguard 15 Team Race August 26-27, 2006

Organizing Authority: New York Yacht Club (NYYC)

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including Appendix D. The Vanguard 15 class rules apply.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 Appendix Q of the RRS will apply, as changed below. See SI 10.2, 10.3 and 11.
- 1.4 USCG-approved Type III PFDs shall be worn at all times while on the water except while actively adding or removing clothing. Competitors shall supply their own PFDs. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing.
- 1.5 No boat shall discharge trash of any kind into the water. The penalty, if any, for a breach of this Sailing Instruction, is at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 1.6 Boats are prohibited from protesting under SI 1.4 and 1.5. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Carriage House of New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court.

#### **3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Changes to the Sailing Instructions made ashore will be posted soon after the Participants' Meeting on the day it will take effect. Written or oral changes to the Sailing Instructions, including the format, may be made afloat after the display of the Flag Third Substitute.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 When Flag AP (Postponement) is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals "AP".

#### **5. SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 Participants' Meetings will be held in the Carriage House at 0930 on Saturday, and at 0900 on Sunday. The time of the warning signal for the first race on that date will be announced at the meeting. Competitors should be prepared to go sailing immediately after the meeting.
- 5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday.

#### **6. REGATTA FORMAT**

The planned format is multiple round robins (which may consist of round robins amongst sub-groups of competitors). The regatta format and number of races will be determined by the Race Committee, based on the number of teams and the weather conditions. The regatta format may be changed on the water; see SI 3. If time, wind, weather or other contingencies make the completion of a current or an additional scheduled round robin or series impractical, the regatta may be terminated and the results based on the standings at the completion of the immediate prior round robin(s) or series. Alternatively, the Organizing Authority may terminate or alter the format in progress, or make such other arrangements as may be necessary to conclude the event.

**7. RACING AREA**

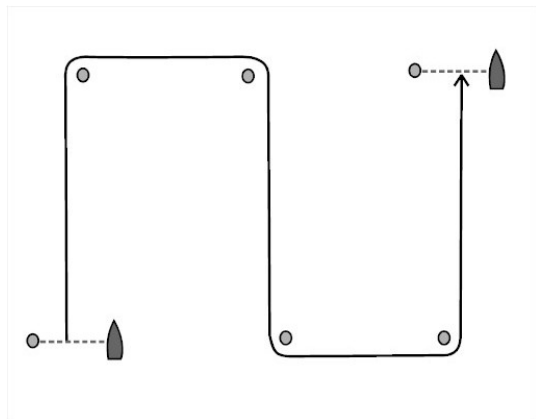
The racing area will be announced at the Participants' Meeting.

**8. COURSE**

8.1 The course will be a "digital N" as shown in SI 8.3.

8.2 The Race Committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark by changing the position of the next mark or the finishing line, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates. Subsequent legs may be changed to maintain the course configuration. There will be no visual or audible signals for a course change. This changes RRS 33.

**8.3 Digital N Course**



8.4 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32 and Race Signals "S".

**9. SCORING**

Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix D.

**10. START AND FINISH**

10.1 The start and finish lines will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the nearby mark. The signal boat may deploy a "keep off" buoy from her stern. This buoy and the line attaching it to the signal boat shall be considered an integral part of the signal boat.

10.2 The starting sequence in RRS Q3 is changed as follows:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Time before start</u>
Warning	2 long	2 minutes
Preparatory	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	1 short each	5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1 seconds
Starting	1 long	0

10.3 The starting signal for one race will be the warning signal for the next race, unless there is a postponement, abandonment or a general recall.

10.4 A boat starting more than two minutes after her starting signal will be scored "DNS" without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and D3.1.

**11. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS**

If flag “X” is displayed, it will remain displayed until all OCS boats are completely on the pre-course side of the starting line or its extensions, or for one minute, whichever occurs first.

**12. TIME LIMIT**

There will be no time limit for any race.

**13. PROTESTS**

13.1 RRS D2.4(b) applies for all races.

13.2 The Race Committee may require protests to be heard on the water directly after the parties involved have finished the race. The “three-minute justice” system will be used, which changes RRS 63.2 regarding time for preparation for the hearing, and RRS 63.6 regarding the calling of witnesses. The Protest Committee will consist of competitors on teams that are not involved in the protest, per customary application of the “three-minute justice” system, unless the Race Committee determines that it is more efficient to have members of the Race Committee constitute the Protest Committee.

**14. NOTES**

14.1 Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have the right of way over a vessel under power that may be restricted in its ability to maneuver. Boats that infringe the Preamble of Part 2 of the rules may be protested only by the Race Committee. This changes rule 60.1(a).

14.2 All times herein are Eastern Daylight Time.

14.3 Tides:

	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Saturday	1008	1542
Sunday	1045	1619

**15. SAFETY**

In accordance with RRS 4, the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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, the New York Yacht Club, US SAILING’s Team Racing Committee or any of their respective representatives.

**16. PRIZES**

16.1 Prizes will be awarded for the top three teams.

**17. OTHER**

17.1 Government buoys have no required side except for safe navigation.

17.2 The legal drinking age in the State of Rhode Island is 21. Violations of this law will not be tolerated and will be communicated to the appropriate authorities.

## **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

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## **RACE COMMITTEE**

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