

FISHERS ISLAND YACHT CLUB
54th ANNUAL 'ROUND ISLAND RACE
Saturday, September 4, 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules/Entry—Races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of US SAILING, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions, and for the International One Design, Ensign and Watch Hill 15, their class rules except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. PHRF handicaps will be used for handicap classes for which the PHRF rules will be the class rules. Entry is limited to those boats whose skippers have signed and submitted the official Fishers Island Yacht Club Race Entry Form or an ECSA Entry Form including the Waiver and Release of Liability by the entry date. The 'Round Island Race is a qualifying race for the Island Cup and is a scheduled race for accumulation of points on the ECSA Offshore Circuit The Organizing Authority is Fishers Island Yacht Club.

2. Radio Communications

Race Committee—Radio communications are for safety, convenience and courtesy only. Misunderstandings, errors, or omissions that may result from such communications are not grounds for protest or redress. *This changes Rule 62.1 (a)*. Race Committee/Fleet communications will be on VHF Channel 74

3. Sailing Instructions—The Sailing Instructions will available on the FIYC website [www.FIYC.net] and at FIYC after 1800 on Friday, September 3, 2010, and on the water from a Race Committee launch in the starting area after 1000 on the day of the race. In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the latter will govern.

4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions—Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the notice board at Fishers Island Yacht Club before 0800 on the day of the race.

5. Schedule—The First Warning signal is scheduled at 1100 hours on Saturday September 4, 2010.

6. Check In—All starters must hail the Race Committee and be acknowledged prior to starting.

7. Classes—The assignment of yachts to classes, class flags, and order of start will be on the scratch sheet. Scratch sheets will be available on the FIYC website, at FIYC after 1800 on Friday, September 3, and from a race committee launch in the starting area after 1000 on race day.

8. Start/Finish Line—The Start/Finish line will be immediately north of West Harbor between an orange flag displayed on the Committee Boat and a set mark. Boats shall keep clear of the starting area until after the start of the preceding class. If the RC boat is not on the line at the finish, boats should finish according to the U.S. Prescription to Rule 34; GPS time is preferred.

9. Courses—The course for each class shall be signaled with numeral pennant 1, 2, 3, or 4 prior to each class warning signal as follows:

"1" Around Fishers Island to Port; leave the following buoys to Port: North Hill Bell (R-2), Race Point Nun (N-2), Lords Passage (L), Wicopesset Rock Cans (C-7, C-9, C-11), Seal Rocks Can (C-15), Youngs Rock Can (C-17), Chocomount Can (C-1W), and Clay Point Can (C-5), Finish.

"2" Around Fishers Island to Starboard: reverse course "1" leaving all marks to Starboard.

"3" Sound course: North Hill Bell (R-2), to Port, Silver Eel Bell (R-2) to Starboard, Vixen Ledge Nun (N-28) to Starboard, Eel Grass Ground Nun (N-16) to Starboard, Middle Clump Nun (N-2W) to Starboard, Clay Point Can (C-5) to Port, Finish.

"4" Sound course, reversed: Clay Point Can (C-5) to Starboard, Middle Clump Nun (N-2W) to Port, Eel Grass Ground Nun (N-16) to Port, Vixen Ledge Nun (N-28) to Port, Silver Eel Bell (R-2) to Port, North Hill Bell (R-2) to Starboard, Finish.

10. Course Changes—Course changes for a class, other than shortening the course at a Mark, will not be made after the Warning Signal for the class. Attention will be called to course changes before a Warning Signal by the hoisting of code flag “L” for at least two minutes and the signaling of the new course.

11. The Start —The race will be started using Rule 26 with guns for the Warning and Start sound signals and horns for the Preparatory and One-minute sound signals. Per the Rules visual signals govern. The First Warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours. It is intended that the Warning for each Class shall be signaled five minutes after the Starting signal of the previous Class. However, the Race Committee may alter the timing of successive Warning signals at its discretion.

The classes, class flags and order of start will be on the Scratch Sheet. No boat shall start later than 30 minutes after the starting signal for her class. *This changes Rule 26.*

12. Recalls—Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1. The Race Committee will attempt to announce the sail number or name of each OCS boat by loud hailer, and on VHF channel 74. Failure to announce any or all OCS boats or the sequence and timing of such announcements are not grounds for redress. *This changes Rule 62.1 (a).*

13. Shortening the Course—The Race Committee may shorten the course for any or all classes at the following Marks for Course 1 or 2: North Hill Bell (R-2), Race Point Nun (N-2), Lords Passage (L), and Wicopesset Rock Cans (C-7, C-9, C-11), or at any mark in course 3 or 4; Code Flag “S” displayed by the Committee Boat or a race committee launch at a Mark will indicate that the race is to be finished between such boat and the adjacent mark. If class flag(s) are also displayed the signal applies only to the class(es) designated, otherwise it applies to all classes. *Rule 32.2 and Race Signals are changed.*

14. Time Limit—The time limit by class will be six hours from the start of each class. Boats failing to finish within one hour after the first boat in their class finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored "Did Not Finish." *This changes Rule 35.* Approximately five minutes after the time limit has expired for a class, the Race Committee may announce on VHF channel 74 whether any boat has finished in that class.

15. Scoring—Results for one-design classes will be based on the order of finish. Results for handicap classes will be based on corrected time using PHRF handicaps and the Time on Time scoring method.

16. Protests—Protests shall be written on forms available at the Fishers Island Yacht Club and submitted there within one hour of the finish time of the protesting boat. The jury will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

17. Prizes—Prizes will be awarded for first through third in each class that has at least three entrants. For handicap classes there is also a perpetual trophy for the Fishers Island Yacht Club member/skipper with the best corrected time. The Island Cup winner will also be announced. Launch service will be available in West Harbor after the race. Refreshments will be served as soon as possible after the racing at the Yacht Club, where protests will be heard, results announced, and prizes awarded.