



REGATTA INSTRUCTIONS

Spring Open Dinghy Regatta

April 28 & 29, 2012

1. **INVITATION** - Harbor Island Yacht Club cordially invites you and your crew to attend the Spring Open Dinghy Regatta, April 28 and 29 on Old Hickory Lake in Old Hickory, TN.
2. **RULES**
 - 2.1. The race will be governed by the *rules* as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - 2.2. Changes to the following RRS sections will be made for this regatta: 29.1 (Individual Recall), 33(a) (Changing the Next Leg of the Course), 35 (Time Limit and Scores), 44 (Penalties at the Time of an Incident), 61 (Protest Requirements), 62 (Redress), 63 (Hearings) 65 (Informing the Other Parties), 66 (Reopening a Hearing), A2 (Series Scores), A4.1 and A4.2 (Low Point Scoring System), A8.2 (Scoring – Series Ties), Race Signal AP (Postponement), US Sailing Prescriptions for RRS 60, 63.2, 63.4
3. **SAFETY REGULATIONS**
 - 3.1. The course, set on Old Hickory Lake, may intersect the navigational channel. Commercial traffic (barges) and deep-draft craft in the channel have right-of-way over sailboats and must be treated with utmost respect. **When a boat sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, the rules of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) are replaced by the [Inland Navigation Rules](#). Any boat impeding the passage of a right-of-way vessel is subject to protest by the race committee or the protest committee.**
4. **SITE ACCESS AND LAUNCHING** - [Harbor Island Yacht Club](#) will be the site of all racing activities. Launching, docking and hauling may be done at Harbor Island Yacht Club free of charge. Access to the club is through a security gate. Non-HIYC members may scroll down to and dial CLUB on the gate control panel and ask that it be opened.
5. **FEES** - The regatta registration fee is \$20.00. There will be separate charges for meals (lunches and dinners). Lunches and the Cookout are fundraising events hosted by HIYC's Sea Scout Ship 851.
6. **SCHEDULE** - The official time will be kept by the Race Committee Clock above the coffee maker in the clubhouse ashore and by the PRO's watch (synchronized to the RC Clock) on the race committee boat on the water.

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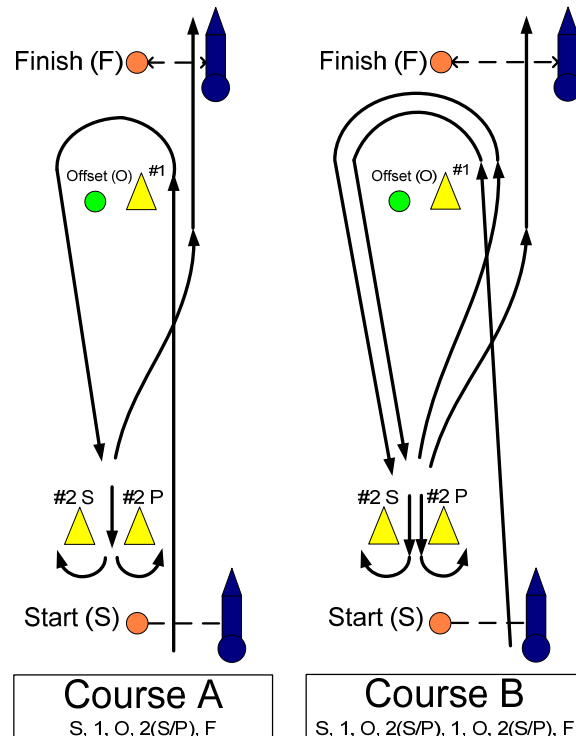
- 6.1. **SATURDAY April 28, 2012**
 - 8:00 am: Registration, Coffee and Donuts
 - 9:30 am: Skippers' Meeting
 - 10:55 am: Warning Signal for Race
 - Noon: Lunch provided on the water(*)
 - 6:00 pm: BBQ Dinner
- 6.2. **SUNDAY April 29, 2012**
 - 8:00 am: Coffee and Donuts
 - 9:55 am: Warning Signal for Race
 - 3:00pm: Cookout (*)
 - 4:00 pm: Trophy Presentation (or ASAP)

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7. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 7.1. The regatta will be open to dinghy boats and J/22s properly registered with HIYC. Participants may enter the race by completing registration at the table in the HIYC clubhouse before the skippers' meeting.
 - 7.2. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.
 - 7.3. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Competitors agree that the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. As an inducement to the race organizers to produce the race, each competitor agrees that by participating in this event each competitor is deemed to have waived all claims against and released the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law and is deemed to have warranted that he has obtained this same release of the race organizers by each crew member.

8. **CLASSES** - The following classes are anticipated for this event.
 - 8.1. Four boats of the same kind will constitute a one-design class. Anticipated one-design classes include Vanguard 15s, Lightnings, DaySailors, Lasers, Y-Flyers and J/22s
 - 8.2. Handicap classes will be comprised of all other entries and will compete under the DIYRA/US Sailing Portsmouth Number System using wind-range (Beaufort number) specific values.
 - 8.3. The Race Committee may combine or split classes at its sole discretion. **Assignment of the competitors to classes and courses will be posted on the Notice Board.**
9. **NOTICES AND INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPETITORS**
 - 9.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official **Notice Board located on the lakeside windows of Harbor Island Yacht Club.**
 - 9.2. Any changes to these Instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 45 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race.
 - 9.3. Any change to the schedule of races for the second or subsequent day's racing will be posted by 1700 hours (5:00 pm) on the day before it will take effect.
10. **CLASS FLAGS**
 - 10.1. A Class Flag will be a unique color, pattern, shape or class logo. **A description of each Class Flag will be posted on the official Notice Board.**
 - 10.2. Reminder - as stated in the preamble to Race Signals: "When a visual signal is displayed over a Class Flag, the signal applies only to that class."
11. **RACING AND THE RACE AREA**
 - 11.1. No races will be started in less than three (3) knots of sustained wind as determined by the Race Committee.
 - 11.2. The racing will consist of buoy courses for all classes.
 - 11.3. One race will constitute a series.
 - 11.4. No races will be started after 3:00 pm on Sunday.
 - 11.5. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.
 - 11.6. The racing area is between mile Cumberland River 216.5 and mile 227 on [Old Hickory Lake](#).
 - 11.6.1. The "Upper Course" is approximately one mile northeast of the harbor entrance, below Lindsley's Light.
 - 11.6.2. The "Lower Course" is just west of the harbor entrance, between the mouth of Shute's Branch and the mouth of Drake's Creek.
 - 11.6.3. The "Harbor Course" is inside the harbor, north of HIYC.
 - 11.6.4. Classes may sail different race courses in different racing areas
12. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
 - 12.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee boat at the dock.
 - 12.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal "AP". This changes the meaning of Race Signal "AP"
13. **ON-THE-WATER COMMUNICATIONS** – A Loud Hailer will be used by the Race Committee for warnings and communications to the competitors while on the water.
14. **COURSES AND MARKS**
 - 14.1. **The color and shape of the Marks for a Course, including the start and the finish will be posted on the Notice Board.**
 - 14.2. The optional mark identified 15.3 may be any shape or color.
 - 14.3. All courses will be windward/leeward in configuration.
 - 14.4. Two courses are available: "COURSE A" and "COURSE B".
 - 14.5. COURSE A is windward/leeward/windward course (once around, finish to windward).
 - 14.6. COURSE B is windward/leeward/windward/leeward/windward course (twice around, finish to windward).
 - 14.7. Courses may be different for each class and each race.
 - 14.8. All courses may utilize an optional windward offset mark "O". If a course uses a windward offset mark, there will be two windward marks. Each boat must pass both marks by leaving them to port.
 - 14.9. All courses may utilize an optional leeward gate "G". If a course uses a leeward gate, there will be two leeward marks comprising the gate. Each boat must pass between the two leeward marks (through the gate) from the direction of the previous mark and round either of the marks.
 - 14.10. In the event that the optional windward offset mark, "O", and optional leeward gate, "G" are not used, a **signal flag bearing "A" or "B" may be substituted for a Course Board.**

14.11. Course Diagrams:



14.12. Course Board – If applicable

- 14.12.1. The course designation, "A" or "B"; and if used, the optional windward offset mark, "O", and optional leeward gate, "G", will be displayed on the starboard side of the race committee boat before the warning signal of each class.
- 14.12.2. The approximate magnetic bearing to the first mark will be noted on the course board following the "@" symbol, unless flags are used
- 14.12.3. Course Designation Example: "BOG @345" means "Course B with a windward offset mark and a leeward gate. The first mark is at approximately 345 degrees."

Course Board Diagram Example

BOG@345

- 14.13. When sailing the finish leg, marks of the course are not obstructions and do not have a required side.
- 14.14. The Race Committee may adjust the position of a mark of the course and the course adjusted for a shift in the wind direction. If the mark position change is 25° or less, the change may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33(a).

15. **THE START**

15.1. The starting order for the classes will be posted on the official Notice Board.

- 15.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 15.3. The race committee may, no later than the warning signal, trail a mark from the stern of the race committee boat stationed at the starboard end of the starting line. The trailing mark will be considered to be an extension of the race committee boat. No boat may pass between the trailing mark and the race committee boat.
- 15.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area after the first warning signal of a race and shall not interfere with boats that are in their starting sequence.

- 16. **RECALLS** - When individual recalls are signalled, the race committee may (at its discretion) attempt to hail the sail numbers of the recalled boats by loudhailer. Failure of the race committee to hail or failure of a boat to hear the hail of its sail number shall not relieve the boat of its obligation to start correctly. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).

- 17. **THE FINISH** - The finishing line will be between a race committee boat displaying a blue flag and the nearby mark.

18. **TIME LIMIT**

18.1. Vanguard 15 (Only)

- 18.1.1. The time limit for a race is 15 minutes to the first mark, and 45 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 18.1.2. If a boat in the Vanguard 15 Class sails the course and finishes within the time limit, only those boats in the same class finishing within the time limit or within fifteen (15) minutes of the first finisher in the Class, whichever is later, will be counted as finishing. This changes RRS 35.

- 18.2. All Other Classes:
- 18.2.1. The time limit for a race is 40 minutes to the first mark, 1 hour and 45 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 18.2.2. If a boat in a class sails the course and finishes within the time limit, only those boats in the same class finishing within the time limit or within 20 minutes of the first finisher in the class, whichever is later, will be counted as finishing. This changes RRS 35.
19. **ALTERNATE PENALTY**
- 19.1. **A1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT** - The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 19.2. **A2 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE** - (a) After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Scoring Penalty. Rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply when such a penalty is taken. Rules 44.3(a) and (b) are deleted and replaced by: "A boat takes a Scoring Penalty by informing the race committee in writing, identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred." (b) If taken before the protest time limit, the penalty shall be a 20-percent Scoring Penalty. If taken after the protest time limit but before the start of a hearing of a protest involving the incident, the penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty. The penalty shall be calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c).
20. **PROTESTS**
- 20.1. A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
- 20.2. The Protest Filing Time will begin when the committee boat docks and end 60 minutes later. **These times will be posted on the Notice Board.**
- 20.3. Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the end of "Protest Filing Time" to inform competitors of the place and time of hearings.
- 20.4. Protests will then be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt.
21. **HEARING PROCEDURES** - This rule applies to all hearings except hearings under rule 69.
- 21.1. If the protest committee is able to assemble the parties to a hearing before the protest or redress time limit, it may begin the hearing and may waive the requirements of rule 61.2 or 62.2.
- 21.2. Rule 63.5 is changed to: "At the beginning of the hearing, if there is no objection, the protest or request is valid and the hearing shall be continued. If an objection is made, the protest committee shall take any evidence . . . [no further change]."
- 21.3. Rule 63.6 is changed by inserting a new sentence after the third sentence: "However, the committee may limit the number of witnesses, and the time during which parties may present evidence and ask questions."
- 21.4. The first sentence of rule 65.2 is changed to: "A party to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks the protest committee for it no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision or coming ashore following the last race of the day, whichever is later."
- 21.5. The US SAILING prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 21.6. The third sentence of rule 66 is changed to: "A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening."
22. **RACE SCORING**
- 22.1. A boat that did not finish within the required time and that was still racing when the time limit expired, will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats in the class that finished the race. The scoring abbreviation for such boats will be TLX (did not finish due to time limit expiring). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A11.
- 22.2. A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS and OCS), did not finish (DNF), or retires after starting (RAF) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats in the class that started the race. This changes RRS A4.2. A boat that was disqualified (BFD, DSQ, DNE and DGM) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to two more than the number of boats in the class that started the race. This changes RRS A4.2.
- 22.3. All other boats will be scored in accordance with RRS A4.1 and A4.2.
- 22.4. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races, excluding her worst score if six or more races are completed. This changes rule A2.
- 22.5. If a tie still remains after applying the series tie breaking procedure of A8.1, the procedure outlined in RRS A8.1 will be repeated using all races, including those previously excluded. If a tie still remains, the tie will be broken in accordance with A8.2. This changes RRS A8.2.
23. **PRIZES** - Trophies will be awarded for all classes.
24. **FURTHER INFORMATION** - For further information please contact Regatta Chairman John Robertson (615) 351-8070 or by email to jdrobotson@tds.net or HIYC's Race Director Jim Waller (615) 828-3997 or by email to jimwaller@bellsouth.net.