



### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009 starting at 11:00  
(Re-sail, if required: Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2009)

Host club: The Newhaven Yacht Squadron Inc. ("NYS")

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the sailing instructions and the current *rules* as defined in YA special regulations *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008* (RRS). Where there is a conflict the sailing instructions will take precedence over the RRS.
- 1.2 All boats must comply with Category 6 safety regulations with the following inclusions;
  - 3.07.4(b)(ii) *Removable hatches to have lanyards*
  - 3.24.3(a) *Engine, permanently installed or outboard*
  - 3.24.3(b) *Outboard motors for Trailable boats, to be mounted at all times*
  - 3.24.1 & 3.24.2 *Engine to provide minimum speed into 12 knot headwind*
  - 3.25 *VHF or 27 MHz transceiver installed as specified*
  - 4.21.1 *Lifebuoy or other approved device with drogue (no light for daylight race)*
  - 4.23 *Heaving line readily accessible to cockpit*as specified in the RRS Special Regulations, Part 1 for Racing Boats.
- 1.3 Listening watch:- Radios (27 MHz or VHF) **must remain functional from 1 hour prior and for the duration of the race.**

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board at The Newhaven Yacht Squadron in the lower deck. A weather forecast and course notification will be given over the radio, on 27.94 Mhz and VHF Channel 73, prior to the first warning signal.

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be broadcast on 27.94 Mhz and VHF Channel 73. At the time of posting, code flag 'L' will be displayed on the signal mast on the NYS Committee Boat.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

N/A

#### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The Western Port Challenge Race is scheduled on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009. Starting signal 11:00 hours.
- 5.2 The Re-sail, if required, will be held on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2009. Starting signal 11:00 hours.

## 6 DIVISION FLAGS

The race will be conducted in divisions and the divisional code flags will be:

Division A	Trailable Yachts	Code Flag A
Division B	Keelboats	Code Flag B
Division C	Multihull Boats	Code Flag C

If there are less than 4 boats in a division, then more than one division may be started simultaneously.

## 7 RACING AREA

The race area will be the waters of Western Port, North and or East of Cowes Yacht Club.

## 8 THE COURSES

8.1 The courses, indicated by the displaying of Numeral pennants 1 to 3 are described below:

### **Course 1: Numeral Pennant 1: (Distance Approx. 18Nm, All Marks left to Port)**

- Start between NYS Committee Boat and NYS Orange Marker Buoy
- NYS Windward Buoy 1
- Channel mark No17
- Channel mark No13
- NYS Windward Buoy 1
- Tortoise Head Buoy
- Channel mark No17
- NYS Windward Buoy 1
- Channel mark No17
- Finish between NYS Committee Boat and NYS Orange Marker Buoy

### **Course 2: Numeral Pennant 2: (Distance Approx. 18Nm, All Marks left to Starboard)**

- Start between NYS Committee Boat and NYS Orange Marker Buoy
- NYS Windward Buoy 1
- Channel mark No13
- Channel mark No17
- Tortoise Head Buoy
- Channel mark No.13
- Channel mark No17
- NYS Windward Buoy 1
- Channel mark No.13
- Finish between NYS Committee Boat and NYS Orange Marker Buoy

### **Course 3: Numeral Pennant 3: (Distance Approx. 16Nm, All Marks left to Port)**

- Start between NYS Committee Boat and NYS Orange Marker Buoy
- NYS Windward Buoy 1
- Loelia Shoal west cardinal mark.
- Loelia Shoal east cardinal mark
- Tortoise Head Buoy
- Finish between NYS Committee Boat and NYS Orange Marker Buoy

8.2 The Numeral Pennant of the course to be sailed will be displayed from the NYS Committee Boat prior to the first warning signal and notified to all competitors by radio.

- 8.3 Courses may be shortened by displaying code flag 'S' on the signal mast of the NYS Committee Boat near a mark of the course. In this instance the finish line will be as described in section 11.2 below and boats crossing the finish line will receive a sound signal to denote they have finished. If code flag 'S' is displayed alone it applies to all divisions. If division flags are flown below code flag 'S', the shorten course applies only to those divisions.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks will be as named above. Refer to Admiralty Chart AUS 150. The NYS Windward Buoy 1 and the NYS Orange Marker Buoy used for the start and finish marks will be orange inflatable buoys.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 The start will be controlled by the raising and lowering of flags, and may be accompanied by a sound signal.  
5 minute warning:- Raising of division code flag/s.  
4 minute warning:- Raising of code flag "P"  
1 minute warning:- Lowering of code flag "P"  
Start:- Lowering of division code flag / raising of next division code flag.
- 10.2 The race will be sailed in divisions starting at 5 minute intervals. Start for Div A will be the 5 minute warning for Div B, and the start for Div B, will be the 5 minute warning for Div C. If there are less than four boats in a division, or at the discretion of the NYS OOD, then more than one division may be started at the same time.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between the NYS Committee Boat and NYS Orange Marker Buoy.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal, or at a time set at the discretion of the NYS OOD, will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

## **11 THE FINISH**

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the NYS Committee Boat and NYS Orange Marker Buoy.
- 11.2 If the course is shortened in accordance with section 8.3 above, the finish line will be between the NYS Committee boat and the course mark it is stationed near. The course mark must be passed on the same side set for the course.

## **12 RETIREMENT OF A BOAT**

- 12.1 A boat that retired for whatever reason shall sign off by radio to the NYS Committee Boat.

## **13 TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1 The time limit shall be four and a half hours for the first boat in each division.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within six hours from the start of their division will be scored as Did Not Finish. This changes Rule 35 and A4.1.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 Due to the nature of the course location with respect to home clubs, it is only possible to initially lodge any protests by radio communication with the NYS Committee Boat.
- 14.2 It is the responsibility of the reporter to inform the NYS Committee Boat of all boats involved and any witnesses.
- 14.3 Written notices are required to be lodged along with a \$50 fee to NYS within 24 hours. The Protest Chairman will organise and convene the Protest Committee at a time and place to be advised. A quorum for this committee shall be 3 people.  
Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.  
Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final.

## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS will apply.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS – Sign On/Off**

- 16.1 Sign on: Entrants must sign on by radio to the NYS Committee Boat VHF Channel 73 or 27.94 Mhz.
- 16.2 Sign on can only be made from 2 hours before and up to 20 minutes before the first warning signal.
- 16.3 Sign off: Boats must sign off by radio to the NYS Committee Boat within 15 minutes of finishing the race.
- 16.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the NYS Committee Boat by radio as soon as it makes its decision to retire.
- 16.5 All radio communications must be made in the first instance to the NYS Committee Boat on VHF Channel 73 or 27.94 Mhz.

## **17 HANDICAPS**

- 17.1 A boat should provide a CBH or club handicap on its entry form but the final decision of the CBH or handicap allocated for the race rests with the race committee. A home club handicap is normally acceptable, at the discretion of the race committee.

## **18 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

The NYS OOD may make communications to the whole fleet or a division of the fleet.

## **19 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given at the discretion of the YW committee as follows:

- Individual prizes per division.
- The Western Port Challenge Shield perpetual trophy for the best team.
  - Prizes will be presented at the Yachting Western Port Annual General Meeting.

**20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participating in the race do so at their own risk. Attention is drawn to the fundamental rule: “It shall be the responsibility of each skipper to decide whether to race or to continue.” The organising authority will not accept any liability for damage to property or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

**21 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party legal liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per event or the equivalent and adequate racing insurance.