

2008 Women Skippers Invitational Regatta at GYC

July 19, 2008

Genesee Yacht Club

Rochester, New York

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1. The Regatta shall be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the *USSA Racing Rules of Sailing (2005-2008 edition)*.

1.2. Where appropriate, the 2005 Genesee Yacht Club Sailing Instructions shall apply, copies of which will be available at the Skipper's Meeting.

1.3. All boats shall have a female at the helm from and including the start to the finish.

2. SKIPPER'S MEETING

2.1. The Skipper's Meeting will be held at 9AM on Saturday, July 19th at GYC.

3. DIVISION SPLITS

3.1. Division Splits will be determined by the Race Committee (RC) prior to the Skipper's Meeting, copies of which will be distributed to the competitors at that time.

4. THE COURSES

4.1. The diagram attached to these instructions shows the possible course configurations. (See Section 13.)

4.2. The course designation and approximate distance and bearing to the first mark, will be displayed on the RC signal boat. All marks are to be taken to port. In addition, the RC may announce this information on VHF Channel 71.

5. MARKS

5.1. Marks will be large ORANGE TETRAHEDRONS.

5.2. All marks are to be taken to port.

6. DIVISIONS AND ORDER OF STARTS

6.1. Races will started in the following order

6.1.1. Division 1 - Fun Fleet – International Code Flag 1

6.1.2. Division 2 – Geneoa Only – International Code Flag 2

6.1.3. Division 3 – Spinnaker – International Code Flag 3

6.1.4. Division 4- Sonars – International Code Flag 4

7. STARTING

7.1. The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and an orange tetrahedron.

- 7.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 7.3. The starting sequence will follow the current USSA Rule 26
 - 7.3.1. The Warning Signal for each start will be the division flag for that division (code flags 1 through 3) with one loud sound. It will be given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
 - 7.3.2. The Preparatory Signal for each start will be code flag "P" with one sound. It will be given 4 minutes before the starting signal.
 - 7.3.3. At the One-Minute Signal, Code flag "P" will be lowered with one long sound, one minute before the starting signal.
 - 7.3.4. The Starting Signal is the lowering of the division flag for the division that is starting, accompanied by one loud sound.
 - 7.3.5. The Warning Signal for each succeeding division is the Starting Signal for the preceding division.
 - 7.3.6. As a courtesy to the fleet, an attention (sound) signal may be given approximately six minutes before the first start.
8. Finishing
 - 8.1. The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and an orange tetrahedron.
9. SAFETY/SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITY
 - 9.1. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper/owner of the boat, who must do his/her best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and fit to face any condition that can reasonably be expected.
 - 9.2. A boat retiring from a race is required to notify the RC before leaving the course area, or, if that is not possible, immediately after arriving ashore.
10. PROTESTS
 - 10.1. Notice of intention to protest shall be given to the RC immediately upon finishing either by VHF radio Channel 71 or by hail.
 - 10.2. Notification of Protest against a Boat: A protest flag must be displayed promptly and until the protesting boat is no longer racing; the protested boat must be verbally hailed, with the word "Protest" clearly indicating the protestor's intent, and a US Sailing Protest Form (available bulletin board) must be submitted to a Regatta Chairwoman. Protests must be submitted within two hours of the time of the Race Committee's docking. *This replaces rule 61.3 in the USSA rules.*
 - 10.3. Protests will be heard immediately following the end of the Regatta.
11. SCORING

11.1. Scoring for all divisions will be on a corrected time basis (time-on-time) using PHRF-LO time-on-time correction factors.

11.2. The Regatta will be scored as provided in *Appendix A* of the *USSA Racing Rules (2005-2008 edition)* using the Low Point System. Boats receive points equal to their corrected finish order except for first place, which shall receive 0.75 points. *This is an exception to the USSA Racing Rules of Sailing, Rule A4.1.*

12. PRIZES

12.1. Keeper trophies and flags will be awarded to the first three boats in each division with the lowest points in the regatta.

12.2. In addition, the following GYC perpetual trophies will be awarded, with each winner receiving a keeper trophy.

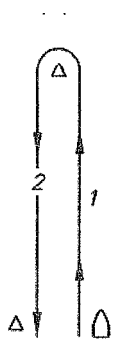
12.2.1. The *Mighty Mary Award* is given to the all female GYC boat with the best corrected time. In order to be considered for the *Mighty Mary Award*, competitors must complete the first race of the Regatta.

12.2.2. The *Guest Trophy* is given to a non-GYC boat with the best corrected time.

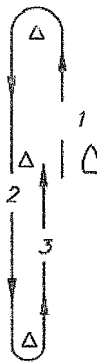
12.2.3. The *Lindsley Award* is given to the most improved GYC skipper in the Spinnaker division.

12.2.4. The *GO-GO-GO Trophy* is given to the most improved GYC skipper in the Geneoa Only division.

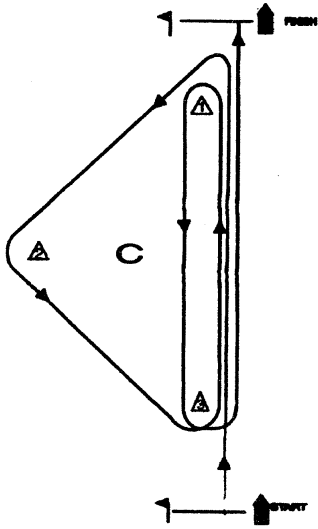
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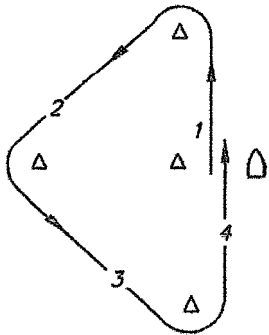
Course A



Course B



Course C



Course D