

# **BARKER'S ISLAND YACHT CLUB**

## **2011 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

1.1. BIYC PHRF Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the current rules of LMPHRF. When there is a conflict between a rule, the LMPHRF will take precedence. All Divisions will be scored using the PHRF handicapping system using the Time on Time scoring method. Boats with current LMPHRF certificates will be scored using their issued rating. Boats without a current LMPHRF certificate will be assigned a PHRF rating by the BIYC Race Committee.

### **2. NOTICES**

2.1. Notices will be posted at the BIYC clubhouse at Barker's Island Marina.

### **3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced at the skipper's meeting and will be posted at the BIYC Clubhouse at Barker's Island Marina.

### **4. RACE POSTPONEMENT**

4.1. Before the starting signal, the race committee may postpone or abandon the race per RRS 27.3. When Race Signals are displayed ashore they shall be displayed 1 hour before the scheduled time of the 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal. When the AP flag is displayed ashore, the 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal will be made, not less than 60 minutes, after the lowering of the AP flag ashore. This changes Race Signals.

### **5. RACE CANCELLATION**

5.1. A race may be cancelled if consistent winds over the series limits are measured by the Race Committee one hour prior to the scheduled starting sequence. Spring Series - 25 knots, Summer and Fall Series – 30 knots.

5.2. Racing events held over consecutive days may or may not have skipper's meetings on consecutive day(s).

### **6. THE COURSE AND MARKS**

6.1. Specifics of the day's race course shall be determined by the Race Committee.

6.2. The Race Committee will advise the competitors of the course to be sailed after it arrives on station at the intended start line.

6.3. Diagrams will be provided to show the possible courses and the order in which the marks are to be rounded.

### **7. THE START**

7.1. The starting line will be between the staff holding the starting flag on the committee Boat and a mark of the course.

7.2. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The warning signal for each succeeding division shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding division.

### **8. RECALLS**

8.1. Individual recall will be made in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Committee Boat will display flag X and one blast of the horn. The Committee Boat may attempt to notify premature starters by hail and or VHF radio channel 72, but is under no obligation to do so.

8.2. If a division receives a general recall, for any reason, that division's warning signal for a new start will be a the start signal of the last division in the start sequence. If the division receiving the General Recall is the last division in the start sequence, that division's new warning signal will be its preceding start signal. This changes RRS 29.2 and Race Signals.

- 8.3. The general recall flag (the First Substitute) shall be lowered, with no sound signal, when all boats have returned to the pre-start side of the starting line, or its extensions, but no later than 4 minutes after the recalled divisions start signal. This changes RRS 29.2 and Race Signals.
9. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START
- 9.1. To maintain a course configuration or change course length, marks may be moved as necessary, but no marks shall be moved when any boat is near the leg that it terminates. When making a change of course the Race Committee will display the “C” flag with three sounds and make an announcement on VHF channel 72. This changes RRS 33.
- 9.2. Failure of the Race Committee to display the “C” flag or to make an announcement on the radio when making a “change of course,” shall not be grounds for redress.
10. THE FINISH
- 10.1. The Finish will be located between the staff displaying a Blue & White Flag on the Committee Boat and a mark of the course. Except, when the course is shortened the finish line and the flag signal shall be as described in RRS 32.2.
- 10.2. The Race Committee will make one sound signal when a boat finishes and record each boats finish time in the order of its finish.
- 10.3. Boats retiring from the race shall notify the race committee by hail or VHF channel 72 when they leave the race area.
- 10.4. In the event the Race Committee is not on station at the scheduled finish line, all yachts shall finish between designated finish marks per the events NOR. All boats shall take their own finish times if a Race Committee is not on station to record the finish times.
11. TIME LIMIT
- 11.1. The time limit will be determined by the specific event and will be posted at the Barker’s Island Club House at the BIM.
12. PROTESTS
- 12.1. The Race Committee shall be notified, while on station at the finish line, of a yacht’s intention to file a protest except, when the yacht intending to protest is unable to complete the race. The Race Committee shall notify the PHRF Fleet Captain/Racing Chairman and the scorer that a protest will be filed. This changes RRS 61.1
- 12.2. Protests shall be filed in writing with the Protest Committee/PHRF Fleet Captain/Racing Chairman with in 90 minutes of the last yacht in the fleet to finish. This changes RRS 61.3
- 12.3. As soon as possible after docking the Race Committee will post, at the BIYC Club House, the time that the protest time limit begins.
13. RADIO COMMUNICATION VHF CHANNEL 72
- 13.1. Race Committee “Hails” and announcements will be made on VHF channel 72.
- 13.2. The Race Committee will hail the boat names or sail numbers of OCS boats by VHF radio channel 72. Failure of a boat to hear her hail, or the order and timing of such hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a)
- 13.3. The Race Committee may make announcements relative to changes of course, shortening of course, and race abandonment on VHF channel 72. This alters RRS 32 and RRS 33.
- 13.4. Hails and broadcasts by the Race Committee do not replace flag and sound signals required by the RRS. When there is a conflict between the RRS flag and sound signals and the hails and broadcasts of the Race Committee, the flag and sound signals and the RRS shall take precedence.