



# 2009 SQUAN TRI-SAIL OFFSHORE REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Should there be a conflict between the sailing instructions and the Notice of Race (NOR) the sailing instructions will take precedence. This changes rule 63.7.
- 1.3. The skipper/owner shall be responsible for all actions and conduct of crew and guests.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1. Eligible yachts shall enter by completing registration with the Organizing Authority. Eligibility requirements for yachts and method of entry are detailed in the Notice of Race.

## 3. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards at the host clubs, except that protest notices will be posted only at Manasquan River Yacht Club (MRYC) on Saturday and Metedeconk River Yacht Club (MCYC) on Sunday.
- 3.2. The Race Committee will use VHF channel 6 to communicate with the classes.

## 4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2. The Race Committee will also broadcast its intentions via VHF channel 6 each morning at 0800 hours and again at 0900 hours.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Flag signals will be flown from the flagpoles of the Bay Head Yacht Club (BHYC), MRYC.
- 5.2. When Pennant "AP" is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than one hour" in Race Signal "AP".

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

| Race     | Day and Date          | Course Signals |
|----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Multiple | Saturday, 1 Aug. 2009 | 1100           |
| Multiple | Sunday, 2 Aug. 2009   | 1100           |

No warning signal will be made after 1430 hours on 2 Aug. 2009.

## **7. CLASS ASSIGNMENTS and CLASS DESIGNATORS**

- 7.1. The Organizing Authority will divide yachts into classes. Classes will be assigned a numeral designation as shown in Appendix 2
- 7.2. A scratch sheet will be distributed at registration and posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 7.3. Each yacht shall display bow numbers provided by the organizing authority. Bow numbers shall be affixed to port and starboard sides of the hull, six inches below the shear line and 12 inches aft of the stem.

## **8. RACING AREA**

- 8.1. The Race Committee will rendezvous with the fleet at 1000 each day, in vicinity of Manasquan Inlet R "2M", FL 4s bell buoy.

## **9. THE COURSE**

- 9.1. The courses are illustrated in Appendix 1 – Offshore Course Card.
- 9.2. Course "W" is a windward/leeward course and may have an offset mark. A numeral pennant indicating the number of LEGS to be raced will be flown beneath flag "W". The distance between the windward mark and the offset mark shall not be counted as a leg.
- 9.3. Course "O" is a triangle/windward/leeward/windward course.
- 9.4. Course "U" is a, triangle/windward/leeward course.
- 9.5. The leeward mark for courses "W" and "O" will be an inflatable buoy set approximately 100 yards to windward of the starting line.
- 9.6. The approximate compass bearing and distance to Mark 1 will be displayed from the Race Committee Signal Boat.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1. Marks will be yellow inflatable marks.
- 10.2. New marks as defined in SI 13-1 CHANGE OF COURSE will be yellow and black inflatable marks.
- 10.3. Offset marks, if used, will be small orange inflatable buoys.
- 10.4. The starting and finishing marks will be orange.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1. Prior to the warning signal of the first race of the day, each yacht shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number and class, which will be acknowledged by responding with the number heard. Any yacht failing to do so may be scored with a 20% penalty (calculated as described in RRS 44.3(c)) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1
- 11.2. Races will be started using rule 26.
- 11.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.4. Competitors not starting an additional race, on any day, shall notify the Race Committee of such intent, as soon as practical.
- 11.5. A yacht starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.1.
- 11.6. Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.

## **12. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS**

- 12.1. The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each premature starter over VHF channel 6.

- 12.2. Failure to make such an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

### **13. CHANGE OF COURSE**

- 13.1. A change of the position of the next mark will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33, although the new mark may not yet be in position. The Race Committee will remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change of position of the next mark, a new mark is replaced; it will be replaced with an original mark.

### **14. THE FINISH**

- 14.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark.
- 14.2. For Course "W", with an odd number of legs, and Course "O", the finish line will be located approximately 100 yards to windward of the windward mark.
- 14.3. For Course "W", with an even number of legs, and Course "U", the finish line will be located approximately 100 yards to leeward of the leeward mark and the finishing mark will be on the opposite side of the Race Committee Signal Boat from the starting mark. See diagrams in Appendix 1 – Offshore Course Card.
- 14.4. An additional race will be held when the Race Committee Signal Boat displays flag "Romeo", at the finish of a race. When flag "Romeo" is displayed over one or more class flags, it applies only to those classes. The next race for each class will begin as soon as practicable after the previous race, even though other classes may still be racing.

### **15. TIME LIMIT**

- 15.1. The time limit for the race(s) will be three (3) hours and will apply to each class from its start. If a yacht does not finish within the time limit she shall be scored DNF. This changes rule 35.
- 15.2. Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes (plus their handicap allowance, if applicable) of the first yacht to sail the course and finish, or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) and scored points as described in SI 19.3. This changes rules 35 and A4.

### **16. RETIREMENT**

- 16.1. A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area, or if that is impractical, then as soon as practical, after arriving ashore.

### **17. PROTESTS**

- 17.1. Intention to protest for a rule of Part 2 and the yacht being protested shall be signified to the Race Committee on the VHF Channel 6 at the finish of a race, until acknowledged by the Race Committee. This modifies rule 61.1(a).
- 17.2. The protest time limit in rule 61.3 is 1 hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks. Protest forms are available on the Protest Committee notice board. On 26 July the Protest Committee and notice board will be at MRYC and on 27 July, the Protest Committee and notice board will be at MCYC. The end of protest time will be posted on the Protest Committee notice board.
- 17.3. Notices will be posted to inform competitors of protest hearings in which they are parties as soon as possible after the protest time limit. Hearings will be held as soon as possible, approximately in the order received. Location and times will be posted.

- 17.4. Yachts may not protest other yachts for breaches of Bow numbers, retirement from race notification, safety equipment, disposal of trash. The penalty for breaking these rules is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 17.5. On the last day of the regatta, rules 66, 62.2, and the US SAILING prescription to rule 62.2 are changed such that a request for reopening a hearing or a request for redress based on an action or omission of the jury shall be delivered: within the protest filing deadline if the requesting party was informed of the decision the previous day; no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day; or no later than 30 minutes after a signal to abandon racing is displayed ashore.

## **18. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 18.1. A yacht that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident as provided below. This changes rule 44.1.
- 18.2. as provided in her class rules, or
- 18.3. by taking a Two-Turns Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2

## **19. SCORING**

- 19.1. A yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be no drop race. This changes rule A2.
- 19.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.3. Yachts that have started and fail to finish within the time limit for any reason, shall, without a hearing, be scored by the Race Committee with points equal to the number of yachts in her class that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit, plus two. This changes rule A4.1, A4.2, and A5.
- 19.4. PHRF classes will be scored using time on distance.

## **20. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 20.1. All yacht racing in the ocean classes shall carry an operable VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels 6 and 16.
21. A yacht shall neither make telecommunications while racing nor receive telecommunications while racing that is not available to all yachts. This includes mobile telephones.

## **22. SAFETY**

- 22.1. All yachts shall carry the safety equipment required by National, State, Local, applicable Class Association rules and/or regulations.
- 22.2. No yachts shall carry anchors affixed to their bows.

## **23. DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH**

- 23.1. Yachts observed discharging trash over the side shall be either disqualified from all races sailed on the day of the infraction, or subject to other suitable disciplinary action, or both.

## **24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

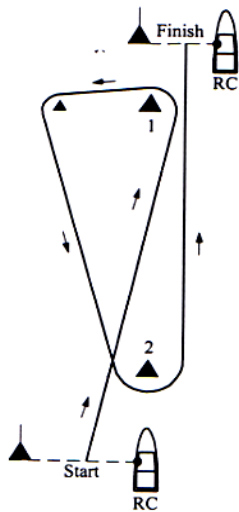
- 24.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, "Decision to Race". The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **25. PRIZES**

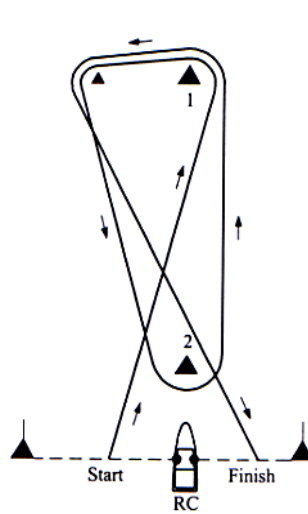
- 25.1. The prizes will be presented on 1 Aug., at the Metedeconk River Yacht Club, following completion of all races.



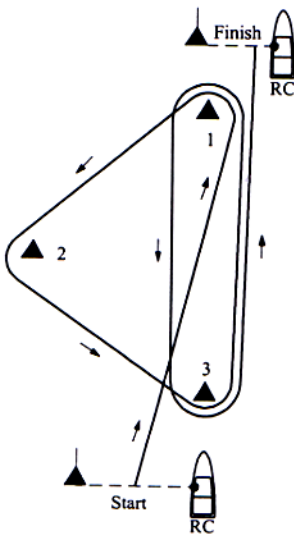
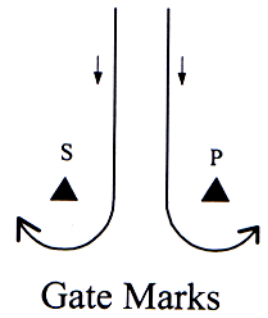
Appendix 1 – Offshore Course Card.



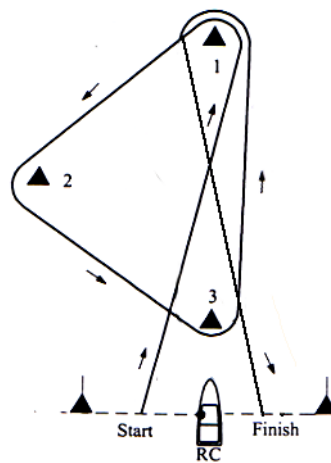
Course 'W', Odd # Legs



Course 'W', Even # Legs



Course 'O'



Course 'U'