



# Tri Club Yacht Racing Association



## 2012 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

The races will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) and the rules of the class associations, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions (SIs).

### 2. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 2.1 The racing schedule is available in the Notice of Race from [www.centerport-yc.org](http://www.centerport-yc.org) and the Race Committee (RC).
- 2.2 The time of the first warning signal each day shall be 9:30 AM
- 2.3 The order of starting the first race of the day shall be Class I (Stars) provided at least three boats are in the starting area and then Class II (Ensigns), followed by Classes III, IV, etc. (any other classes, by prior arrangement with the RC, provided three or more boats race consistently).

### 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the host club's flagpole and communicated to the other club(s).

### 4. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will show the class insignia, except that the flag for Class III will be that numeral pennant.

### 5. RACING AREAS AND MARKS

The racing area and description of marks will be as shown in Illustration A below.

### 6. THE COURSES

- 6.1 Courses will be signaled by displaying letters indicating the turning marks as set forth in the list of marks. Marks indicated by letters on a green background shall be left to starboard, and those indicated by letters on a red background shall be left to port. Course signals will be displayed under the respective division numbers and should be read from top to bottom. A numeral under the course letters designates the number of times around the preceding marks of the course, if greater than one.
- 6.2 Government marks may be disregarded unless used as a mark of the course, except Bell #8 (Huntington Bay Mark O), which must be passed to the eastward side unless used as a mark of the course.
- 6.3 Olympic and Modified Gold Cup courses will be signaled by code flag O [diagonal red and yellow] and G [blue and yellow vertical bars] respectively for those classes affected prior to their warning signal. The finishing lines for Olympic and Modified Gold Cup courses will be as indicated by the course diagrams in Illustration B below.
- 6.4 When the RC changes a course designation following the initial course display, flag L [black and yellow squares] shall be raised (with one horn blast) and displayed until the start of the affected class(es).
- 6.5 A sanctioned race for the Stars must include two weather legs unless the course traverses both bays.

### 7. THE START

- 7.1 Races will be started using RRS Rule 26. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the nearby starting mark. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area; failure to comply may result in disqualification.
- 7.2 The RC will hail the sail numbers of On Course Side (OCS) boats after the starting signal; this changes RRS Rule 41. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the order of hail or lack of timely hail shall not be grounds for granting redress; this changes RRS Rule 62.1
- 7.3 A second race for classes so designated will be indicated by code flag R on the RC boat; their warning signal shall be given one minute after the lowering of this flag.

### 8. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat and the nearby mark or pin.

### 9. TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 The time limit is two hours.
- 9.2 Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat in that class that sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS Rule 35.

### 10. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

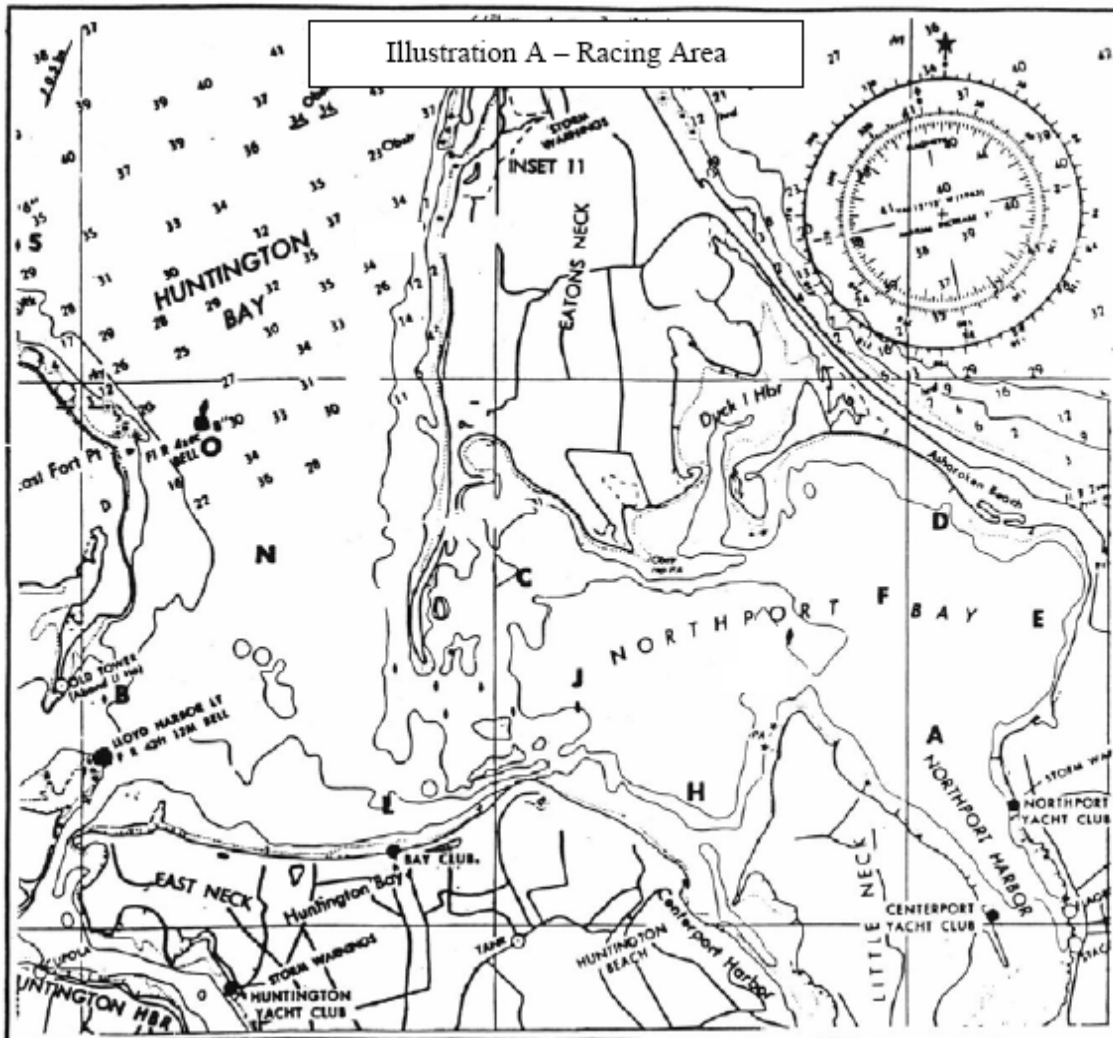
- 10.1 In the event of a foul, the "Two Turn" penalty is modified so that the boat being protested may exonerate itself by making one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS rule 44.1.
- 10.2 Boats protesting or requesting redress shall file written protests with the club representative listed in the current Notice of Race. Protest forms shall be delivered or postmarked not later than the day following the incident.
- 10.3 Protest hearings shall be scheduled for a weeknight following the race at 8:00 PM as soon as practical at the host club.

## 11. SCORING

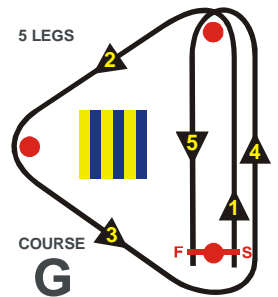
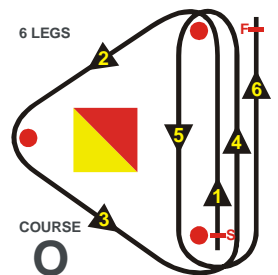
- 11.1 Regattas – The Low Point Scoring System will be used. Three boats must start in any one race to qualify as a regatta.
- 11.2 Sunday Series - Each fleet will determine the scoring system to be used, the number of races to qualify and the number of races to be excluded. Depending on the scoring method selected, this could change RRS Appendix A. Three boats must start in any one race for the race to count in a series.
- 11.3 Race, Regatta and Series ties will be resolved per RRS Appendix A.
- 11.4 Participation by a boat owner as PRO, whose boat does not sail if a race is scored, shall receive a scoring qualifier credit.

## 12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.1 Radio communication to and from the RC shall be as permitted by class rules and shall be on VHF Channel 72. Competitor transmissions shall be limited to matters of safety and to inform the RC of a boat's withdrawal from a race.
- 12.2 The RC may announce individual recalls and make other announcements by radio broadcast, where permitted by class rules.
- 12.3 The failure of competitors to hear oral or radio broadcast announcements from the RC shall not be grounds for redress.
- 12.4 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions other than on Channel 72 while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.



**Illustration B**  
Olympic & Gold Cup Courses



**Huntington Bay**

**Northport Bay**

- B. Red Nun #2 off Lloyd Harbor.
- L. Movable club mark off Bay Club Beach
- N. Movable club mark in Huntington Bay
- O. Light Buoy #8 off Target Rock
- S. Red Nun #6 off Lloyd Neck

- A. Movable club mark off Northport Harbor
- C. Fixed club mark off Price's Bend
- D. Fixed club mark off Asharoken Beach
- E. Fixed club mark off Asharoken Beach Police Booth
- F. Movable club mark in Northport Bay
- H. Moveable club mark in Centerport Harbor
- J. Red Flasher #6 entrance Northport Bay