



# 2017 Robie Pierce Women's Invitational Regatta

Organizing Authority  
Larchmont Yacht Club & American Yacht Club  
Hosted by American Yacht Club  
Thursday, June 1, 2017

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendix T will apply as changed  
Add to Appendix T:  
T 5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the panel that decides the protest but will be allowed to observe the evidence presented and provide testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).
- 1.3 RRS Appendix V1 shall apply.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the tent by the junior club house.

### 3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0945 on the day they take effect.
- 3.2 Amendments may be made on the water by hailing on VHF 5 and receiving acknowledgement from each boat.

### 4 BOATS

- 4.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them in any way except as follows:
  - a) A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars.
  - b) Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat.
  - c) Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.
  - d) The race committee will consider requests to further modify the boats and equipment that are adaptive aids specific to a competitor. Requests are to be submitted in advance and in writing.
  - e) Jib leads on the clew may be adjusted.
- 4.2 All equipment provided with the boats for sailing purposes shall be carried while afloat.
- 4.3 Neither the able-bodied sailor (AB) nor the crew may sit forward of the mast during a race.
- 4.4 All competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the race committee immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for a breach of this instruction, unless the jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

**5 BOATS, CREW AND AB ASSIGNMENTS**

- 5.1 Boat assignments for the regatta will be made by the organizing authority at or before the Competitors’ Meeting on Thursday, June 1. Teams will sail the same boat throughout the regatta unless there is a breakdown and written approval to substitute another boat is received from the race committee.
- 5.2 The organizing authority (OA) will endeavor to pair sailors who register for the regatta without a crewmate. If the OA is unable to do so, it may substitute an able bodied sailor for the second disabled sailor. This will not be grounds for redress.
- 5.3 All AB assignments for boats not providing their own AB will be made by the organizing committee.
- 5.4 It is the sole responsibility of the skipper of each boat to ensure that the AB assigned to her boat by the OA is the AB that actually sails with the boat. Any boat that sails with an AB other than the one assigned or pre-registered shall be disqualified from those races sailed with the unassigned AB. Appendix A contains additional instructions and restrictions that apply to ABs.
- 5.5 The penalty for a breach of sailing instruction 5.1 or 5.4 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of the instruction.

**6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the junior flagpole at the American Yacht Club.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in race signal AP.

**7 SCHEDULE**

All regatta events will be held at the American YC, Rye, NY

Thursday, June 1

- 0800 – 0900 Registration and continental breakfast in the tent
- 0915 Competitors’ meeting in the tent
- 1000 – 1100 Practice sailing
- 1100 First Warning
- 1630 Awards ceremony – Carlsberg keg, snacks and cash bar in the tent

**8 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in the waters off Milton Harbor.

**9 COURSES**

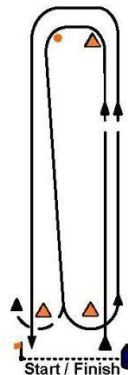
Sample course board

BEARING	RANGE	DIVISION	COURSE
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Course 3

(schematic-not to scale)



Course 4

- 9.1 The course will be a windward-leeward course for a specified number of legs.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal the signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and range to the windward mark.
- 9.3 Course 3 – Start-windward-offset-leeward gate-finish to windward.  
Course 4 – Start –windward-offset-leeward gate-windward-offset-finish to leeward
- 9.4 The windward mark shall be rounded to port.
- 9.5 No race will be shortened to less than two (2) legs.
- 9.6 Course lengths are at the discretion of the race committee.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks will be orange inflatables.
- 10.2 The offset mark will be an orange hippity hop.
- 10.3 New marks as provided in instruction 12, Change of the Next Leg of the Course, will be yellow inflatables.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end.
- 11.2 The race committee will attempt to call OCS boats by sail number using VHF 5. Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification and the order and timing of such hail shall not be grounds for redress.

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (yellow) (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original (orange) mark.

## **13 THE FINISH**

Course 3 – the finish will be between a yellow flag on the signal boat and a staff with a yellow flag on the port end.  
Course 4 – the finish will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and an orange flag on the starboard end.

## **14 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be sixty minutes. Boats failing to finish within twenty minutes after the first boat has finished will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).

## **15 PROTESTS**

- 15.1 As soon as possible after finishing, boats shall attempt to notify the race committee boat of their intent to protest including the sail number of the protested boat.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the front desk. Protests shall be filed at the jury desk in the clubhouse within the protest time limit, which will be one hour after the race committee comes ashore. The protest time limit and a list of all protests filed at the jury desk will be posted.
- 15.3 Hearings will be held in the Board Room inside the main clubhouse as soon as possible after the expiration of the protest time limit. If a party to a hearing does not appear when called, the protest committee may proceed as provided in rule 63.3(b). Witnesses must be available when called. If witnesses are not available when called, they may not be heard.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 One completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 16.2 If fewer than 4 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If four or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.3 A boat scored TLE will receive two (2) points more than the number of finishers within the time limit, except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF. This changes rule 35.
- 16.4 If a boat sails a race with one disabled and two able-bodied sailors, that boat shall be scored with a 20% scoring penalty applied to all races sailed with that configuration.

## **17 BREAKDOWNS/INJURIES**

- 17.1 A boat disabled by a breakdown that is no fault of its team may seek redress from the jury. Every effort must be made to finish the race, provided that continuing to race will not cause further damage to the boat or danger to its crew.
- 17.2 Any team requesting redress because of a breakdown shall notify the signal boat on VHF Channel 5 at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.3 Redress will not be granted if, in the opinion of the jury, the breakdown resulted from carelessness, poor seamanship or incompetence.
- 17.4 Breakdowns and/or injuries should be reported to the race committee as soon as possible on VHF channel 5.

## **18 SAIL CONFIGURATIONS**

Racing will be conducted using one of three sail configurations as indicated from the signal boat as follows prior to the warning signal:

- 18.1 No signal: full main and full jib
- 18.2 Signal flag Romeo: reefed mainsail and full jib

## **19 EMERGENCY PROVISION**

In the event of an emergency that prevents a helmsman or crew member from sailing in a race, an alternate may be approved or provided by the OA.

## **20 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION**

Each team shall provide and carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF Channel 5. Except in an emergency, physical need, or to report a protest or withdrawal, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and data communication.

## **21 LAUNCHING AND HAUL-OUT**

All Ideal 18s will be in the water at American Yacht Club prior to the start of the event.

## **22 ADVERTISING**

- 22.1 No competitor advertising will be permitted.
- 22.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

## **23 PRIZES**

- 23.1 Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of racing on Thursday, June 1.
- 23.2 Prizes will be awarded for first through third place.
- 23.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## **24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the American Yacht Club, 499 Stuyvesant Ave., Rye, NY 10580. Telephone 914-967-4800 or Fax 914-468-7751.

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## Sailing Instructions Appendix A

- 1 All sailors with disabilities must use adaptive seats while racing except boats helmed by a blind person.
- 2 Use of Personal Flotation. All competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Competitors from outside the U.S. may wear a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty.
- 3 An able-bodied crew (AB) will be on board each boat during all racing.
- 3.1 All ABs will be assigned to boats in accordance with sailing instruction 5.
  - a) The primary duty of the AB is the safety of the other team members and of the boat.
  - b) It is the intent of the Robie Pierce Women's Invitational Committee that the disabled team members shall perform all possible activities on board the boat, with only the most limited assistance possible from the AB while racing. In general, the AB is permitted to do for a contestant only that which she would be capable of doing for herself were it not for the disability that qualified her for this regatta.
  - c) The AB may perform the following activities while racing as long as such activities conform to the spirit and intention of sailing instruction Appendix A 3.1.b:
    - i Steer the Ideal 18 for brief periods of time, but only to regain control of an out-of-control boat, or to avoid an imminent collision where injury or damage is likely to occur.
    - ii Cleat or uncleat any Ideal 18 running rigging at any time, but only at the direct request and under the direct supervision of one of the disabled team members.
    - iii Trim either the main sheet or the jib sheet, but not both, as the Ideal 18 rounds the leeward mark, or during the pre-start as a boat assumes her proper course to start, but only at the direct request and under the direct supervision of one of the disabled team members.
    - iv Release the main sheet as the Ideal 18 prepares to round the windward mark, but only at the direct request and under the direct supervision of one of the disabled team members.
    - v. The AB may help the helmsperson with concentration as it applies to sailing too low or too high.
    - vi. Hold out the jib wing-on-wing on downwind legs only on the side opposite from the forward crewperson unless that person's disability prevents winging the jib on that side.
    - vii. AB for a blind crew will act as "sighted guide" and may call tactics and provide sail trim directions as appropriate.
  - d) The AB may sit on the windward rail of the boat at any time and may hit out. In the case of a blind team, the AB may sit on the rail only when the other crew members are sitting inside the boat on opposite sides.
  - e) It is the Ideal 18 skipper's responsibility to ensure that the crew and AB are acting in accordance with all provisions of the notice of race and sailing instructions, and any other rules governing the regatta.
- 4 The number of partners in the mainsheet of the Ideal 18s may be reduced from three to two if sailing under full main and jib at the discretion of the competitor.