



Orienta Yacht Club 2015 Race Series
Mamaroneck NY
June 7th – October 11th, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.

2. ENTRIES

The Series is open to any sailing vessel skippered by a member of Orienta Yacht Club (“Club”). Competitors may enter by 1) registering on a pre-race signup sheet posted on the Club bulletin board or 2) registering with the race chair at the skipper and crew meeting held prior to any race or 3) hailing the race committee boat at the starting line prior to the registrant’s division starting sequence.

Individual races within the Series are open by invitation to skippers and their yachts not belonging to the Club. Invitations will be issued in the form of a Notice of Race prepared by the race committee at least two weeks prior to a race date.

Boats will be assigned to one of two divisions by the race committee prior to any race. The race committee will assign a PHRF handicap rating to each boat.

There is no entry fee required to register for any race in the Series.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Club bulletin board.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Club bulletin board before 1100 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

No signals will be made ashore.

6. SCHEDULE

The 2015 Series will consist of 4 regular races plus the WSL Cup Race. The schedule for the Series is shown in Table 1.

Table 1

Race	Scheduled Date	Rain Date
Race #1	June 7th, 2015 (Sunday)	Possible June 6th (if bad weather forecast)
Race #2	June 20th, 2015 (Saturday)	Possible June 21st
WSL Cup Race	September 12 th 2015(Saturday)	Possible Sep 13th (if bad weather forecast)
Race #3	September 26 th 2015(Saturday)	September 27 th (if bad weather forecast)
Race #4	October 11 th 2015(Sunday)	October 12 th (if bad weather forecast)

The race committee will hold a skipper and crew meeting at **1100** at the club house on the day of each scheduled race. The purpose of the meeting is to advise skippers of the any modifications to the sailing instructions & racing rules, discuss course options (the final decision will be made by the race committee when on station at the starting line) and to assist crew looking for a position to connect with racing skippers.

The preparatory signal for all races in the Series will be 1245. The starting times, sequences, sound signals, and visual signals (flags) for all races in the Series will be as shown in Table 2.

Table 2

Time	Action	Signal, Sound	Signal, Visual
1245 hr.	Preparatory (engines off)	horn (or gun)	Yellow
1250 hr.	1 st warning, division B	horn (or gun)	Blue
1255 hr.	2 nd warning, division B	horn (or gun)	White
1300 hr.	Division B start 1 st warning division A	horn (or gun)	red, blue
1305 hr.	2 nd warning, division A	horn (or gun)	White
1310 hr.	Division A start	horn (or gun)	Red

7. CLASS FLAG(S)

No class flags will be required for the Series.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area for the Series will the waters of Long Island Sound approximately bounded as follows:

- To the west a line drawn from the entrance to Echo Bay at New Rochelle to Prospect Point on Manhasset Neck.
- To the east a line draw from R 36 off Oakland Beach/Playland to Oil Neck Point on Long Island.
- To the north the shoreline of New York State.
- To the south the shoreline of Long Island.

9. COURSES

Courses for each division will be signaled by the Race Committee boat using black letters on a white board. Each letter represents a government mark per Table 3 the attached chart. The white board will also indicate mark roundings, i.e. leave marks to port or starboard.

Table 3

Mark Letter	Government Mark Spec	Mark Location
A	G "1" can	Delancy Point
B	FI R "42" bell	1.0 nm SSW Peningo Point
C	R "40A" nun	SSW of Parsonage Point & Porgy Shoal
D	FL G "21" gong	1.0 nm N Matinecock Point
E	G "1" can	1 nm N Weeks Point, east of Hempstead Harbor
F	R "6" nun	0.5 nm NW Mott Point, in Hempstead Harbor
G	FI G "23" gong	0.5 nm N Prospect Point
H	FL G "25" can	0.4 nm northwest of Sands Point
I	G "1" can	0.8 nm north of Execution Rocks
J	FL R "2" nun	1.0 nm S Hens and Chickens

10. MARKS

Table 4 lists the marks that may be used in the Series, and includes the distance and bearing from any mark to another.

Table 4

From To	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
A	---	0.8nm 272°	1.6nm 255°	3.9nm 295°	3.8nm 327°	4.2nm 344°	2.6nm 14°	3.3nm 28°	2.0nm 35°	1.4nm 50°
B	0.8nm 92°	---	0.9nm 239°	3.1nm 300°	3.4nm 338°	4.0nm 355°	2.9nm 30°	3.7nm 39°	2.6nm 51°	2.1nm 66°
C	1.6nm 75°	0.9nm 59°	---	2.8nm 317°	3.7nm 352°	4.5nm 5°	3.7nm 37°	4.6nm 43°	3.4nm 53°	3nm 64°
D	3.9nm 115°	3.1nm 120°	2.8nm 137°	---	2.1nm 41°	3.4nm 44°	4.2nm 77°	5.2nm 75°	4.7nm 90°	4.6nm 100°
E	3.8nm 147°	3.4nm 158°	3.7nm 172°	2.1nm 221°	---	1.3nm 48°	2.8nm 104°	3.6nm !94!	3.6nm 116°	3.9nm 126°
F	4.2nm 164°	4.0nm 175°	4.5nm 185°	3.4nm 224°	1.3nm 228°	---	2.4nm 131°	2.9nm !113!	3.4nm 136°	3.9nm 144°
G	2.6nm 194°	2.9nm 210°	3.7nm 217°	4.2nm 257°	2.8nm 284°	2.4nm 311°	---	1.0nm 66°	1.0nm 149°	1.7nm 164°
H	3.3nm 208°	3.7nm 219°	4.6nm 223°	5.2nm 255°	3.6nm !274!	2.9nm !293!	1.0nm 246°	---	1.3nm !196!	2.1nm !192!
I	2.0nm 215°	2.6nm 231°	3.4nm 233°	4.7nm 270°	3.6nm 296°	3.4nm 316°	1nm 329°	1.3nm !16!	---	0.7nm 185°
J	1.4nm 230°	2.1nm 246°	3.0nm 244°	4.6nm 280°	3.9nm 306°	3.9nm 324°	1.7nm 344°	2.1nm !12!	0.7nm 5°	---

* NOTE:

* Distances are APPROXIMATE in nautical miles

* Compass bearings are APPROXIMATE MAGNETIC HEADINGS

! Caution! Compass bearing may not be navigable (rocks, land, hazards, etc.)

11. THE START AND FINISH

The standard starting and finishing lines will be between Can 1 off Delancy Point and the race committee boat.

Alternative starting and finish lines may be established approximately 1 mile south of Can 1 off Delancy Point when offshore or northerly winds are unfavorable to the standard starting line. The alternate starting and finish lines will be between the race committee boat and a tetrahedron racing marker.

The decision about which starting line to use will be made prior to the skipper and crew meeting held at 1100 prior to the race.

Races will be started using the flag and horn signals described in Table 2

The race committee will signal a **premature start** with repeated horn signals and will attempt to hail on VHF channel 71 each boat starting early. Boats thus hailed must restart by crossing back over to the

starting side of the starting line either between the race committee boat and the mark or by going around either end. Boats failing to respond to the restart requirement will be disqualified (DSQ).

The race committee may signal a **postponement** by sounding a series of horn blasts immediately following the 1245 hr. preparatory signal, and by flying the red and white AP signal. The starting sequence in Table 2 will start again one minute after the removal of the postponement AP signal in combination with a Series of horn blasts.

The race committee may signal the **cancellation** of a race by flying the red and white AP signal over the blue and white A signal in combination with a series of horn blasts.

In addition to sound (horn) and visual (flag) signals, the race committee may broadcast information for the fleet and individual boats on **VHF 71**. Sailors are encouraged to monitor VHF 71 at all times when the race committee is on station.

The finish of the race will normally be between the race committee boat and Can One off Delancy Point, using the same configuration as the starting line. In other words, the race committee boat will not be changing position and will not be re-anchoring to the other side of Can One off Delancy Point. Boats must cross the finish line in the direction from the last rounded mark and cross between the race committee boat and Can One off Delancy Point. Note this OYC SI supersedes racing rule Number 28.

12. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat in a division to sail the course and finish will be 4 hours. Any other boat in a division must finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in the same division, or within 4 hours, whichever is greater, else will be declared Did Not Finish (DNF).

13. PROTESTS

No protests will be entertained unless they are reported immediately by radio (VHF chan. 71) to the Race Committee giving the name of the protesting boat, the boat protested and the nature of the alleged infraction. The Regatta Committee whose decisions are final and are not subject to appeal will hear protests immediately after the conclusion of the race. Should a member of the Regatta Committee be involved in a protest, that member shall recuse himself from the deliberations. **RACERS ARE URGED TO FILE PROTESTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE INVOLVING FLAGRANT BREACHES OF THE RULES.**

14. SCORING AND PRIZES

For each race boats will be scored using the time-on-distance method based on published PHRF ratings as determined by the race committee, except that ratings will be modified as follows:

1. A boat's rating will be decreased by 10% for any race in which she flies a spinnaker, flasher, drifter or any other type of special sail the luff of which is not attached to the forestay. The decrease applies only to the race during which the special sail was flown.
2. The bottom 50% of finishers in a race will have their ratings increased by 10% for the subsequent race. The adjustment is a one-time only event; a boat sailing with an adjusted rating will not receive additional adjustments even if she again finishes in the bottom 50% of the fleet.

3. The 10% adjustment will continue for each boat until she finishes in one of the top 3 spots, at which time the rating will revert to the published, original value.

For the season scoring will be calculated by the use of the Cox-Sprague system, with the points for each race determined by the number of starters in the division and the finishing position of each yacht. Participation in a minimum of two (2) of the scheduled races is needed to qualify. If a yacht sails in more races than needed to qualify, its season standing shall be determined by the average score of the yacht's best two (2) races. Boats in the starting area during a postponement prior to a cancellation, shall receive credit toward qualifying should the yacht not otherwise complete the required two (2) races. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third season standings of qualifying yachts in each division.

For the WSL race scoring is determined separately from the season and is based on the low point system. However, participation in the WSL race will count towards the required two (2) qualifying races for season scoring. The first place finishers in each division are recognized by an engraving on the WSL Cup perpetual trophy.

15. Disclaimer of Liability

As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by Orienta Yacht Club, the owner and each crew member agree that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. All competitors waive all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against Orienta Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity.