

**Pequot Yacht Club – Onion Patch Regatta  
Sailing Instructions**

*Date of Regatta: Saturday, August 4th, 2018*  
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**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*.
- 1.2 The following [United States Sailing National Prescriptions](#) will not apply: 60, 63.2, 63.4.
- 1.3 The [Ideal 18 class rules](#) will apply.
- 1.4 No changes shall be made to the standing rigging of any boat.
- 1.5 Spinnakers will be used at the discretion of the race committee.
- 1.6 The Organizing Authority is the Pequot Yacht Club.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the Pequot Yacht Club junior clubhouse deck.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted no fewer than 30 minutes before the harbor start.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Pequot Yacht Club race committee boat.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 Five races are scheduled. At least one race must be completed to have a series.

5.2 The racing schedule is as follows:

Registration and Lunch	1100	<i>Senior Clubhouse Lawn</i>
Competitors' meeting	1130	<i>Senior Clubhouse Lawn</i>
Harbor Start	1215	
First Warning	1300	

5.3 No race will start after 1530.

**6 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be south of the Southport Harbor outer channel.

**7 THE COURSES**

7.1 Course diagrams will be posted on the official regatta notice board. The course will be hailed by the race committee or shown on a white board utilizing alphanumeric designations before the

warning signal. The approximate course length will be 18 minutes.

7.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will hail the course and will display the course utilizing alphanumeric designations on a white board.

### 7.3 Alphanumeric Course Coding

M = Modified course (start/finish line is between the windward and leeward mark)

L or W following an M indicates position of finish line (W = finish to windward, L = finish to Leeward)

L or W without an M preceding it indicates a Windward/Leeward course, with the W or L indicating position of finish line. The windward mark and/or the leeward mark will also be the pin end of the start/finish line.

(number) = number of WINDWARD legs to be completed

*Examples:* MW2 = Windward/leeward/finish to windward. (Start/finish line is set between the windward and leeward marks)

L2 = Windward/leeward/windward/finish to leeward. (Pin end of the start/finish line is the same as the leeward mark).

ML2 = Windward/Leeward/Windward/finish downwind. (Start/finish line is set between the windward and leeward marks)

## 8 BOAT SELECTION

8.1 The boats used for this regatta will be eight Pequot YC Ideal 18s , 5 Black Rock YC Ideal 18s, and two Fairfield Community Sailing Ideal 18s.

## 9 MARKS

9.1 All marks will be orange buoys unless the pin end of the line is also the leeward mark, in which case the mark will be a flag.

9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a committee boat anchored at the starboard end of the line, and a flag at the port end of the line.

## 10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix S - Sound-Signal Starting System with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying flags on the starting marks.

10.3 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

## 11 RECALLS AND OCS BOATS

11.1 When an individual recall is signaled ( "X" flag and one sound signal), the race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of all boats that are OCS. This adds to rule 29.1.

11.2 A general recall will be signaled by "First Substitute" flag and two sound signals. After a general recall, the three-minute sequence will begin one minute after the lowering of the "First Substitute" flag.

11.3 When the "I" flag is displayed it signals that rule 30.1(Round the Ends Rule) is in effect. The "I" flag will be hoisted with the three minute warning signal. The "I" flag will be lowered at the one minute signal and the race committee may begin hailing sail numbers then.

## 12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a yellow flag on the race committee boat and the finishing mark.

### **13 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the first boat in each race to finish will be 25 minutes.

### **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located in the one-design sailing room of Pequot Yacht Club's junior clubhouse.

14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 5 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the upstairs of Pequot Yacht Club's senior clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

14.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 12.2, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.

### **15 SCORING**

15.1 The low point scoring system will be used.

15.2 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed in a day of racing, a boat's daily series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When five (5) races have been completed in a day of racing, a boat's daily series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### **16 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew of the top three finishers.

### **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1 Each boat must comply with the Ideal 18 Class Association rules.

17.2 A boat that does not finish a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the race area. If this is impossible, the competitor shall notify a regatta representative immediately after arriving ashore.

### **18 RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY**

As a condition of participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Pequot Yacht Club, the helmsperson of each boat agrees that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. Each of them waives all claims which he or she or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Pequot Yacht Club and their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each participant as does the responsibility for the safe condition of the boat including safety equipment and rigging and wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel aboard them is at the risk of the participant.

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