

# PEQUOT'S FALKNER ISLAND RACE

## SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

THE PEQUOT YACHT CLUB IS THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* ("RRS"), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the PHRF regulations of the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Boats shall comply with the Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations of the YRA of Long Island Sound for Category B races. A copy of these regulations is available on the YRA of Long Island Sound web site at [www.yralis.org](http://www.yralis.org)
- 1.3 RRS 40 is replaced by: "It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear personal flotation devices when they or their skipper determines that conditions warrant the same. US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area."

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Pequot Yacht Club Sailing Center.

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted and broadcasted on VHF channel 69, thirty minutes before the Warning Signal, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee boat while docked.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. The warning signal may be made earlier if all boats entered to race have checked in.

#### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Rendezvous in the waters off Southport Harbor. The first Warning Signal will be at 1825.

#### 6 DIVISION SHAPES

Division signals will be as follows:

Division 1	Red Shape
Division 2	White Shape

## 7 RACING AREA

The racing area generally includes the waters of Long Island Sound from the area south of Southport Harbor to the area around Falkner's Island.

## 8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The Starting Line will be between the staff of a yellow flag on the Race Committee boat and "A" Mark located to the south of Southport Harbor.
- 8.2 The Finishing Line will be between R "22" Fl R 4s Bell (located south of Pine Creek Point) and an unmarked position located 100ft bearing 180 degrees magnetic from R "22". There will be no Race Committee boat on station at the finish.
- 8.3 From the start, leave R "22" Fl R 4s Bell (located south of Pine Creek Point) to port, then leave G "15" FL G 4s (Gong north of Falkner Island) to starboard, then leave Falkner Island to starboard, then leave R "10GI" Fl R 4s (Bell to the south of Goose Island) to starboard, then to the finish.
- 8.4 **Navigational Hazards: All competitors should be aware that obstructions exist on the straight lines from G "15" to Falkner Island and from Falkner Island to R "10GI" and that, depending on the state of the tide, currents, wind and seas, boats might need to stay significantly East of such lines in order to avoid the risk of running aground.**
- 8.5 **Offset Mark:** At the discretion of the Race Committee, an offset mark may be added to the course and will be signalled by displaying Code Flag "K" prior to the warning signal. The additional mark shall be "KR" Fl R 6s (pillar buoy striped red/green/red to the east of Falkner Island), which shall be passed to starboard after rounding G"15" and before rounding R"10GI".

Code Flag "K":



9 not used

10 not used

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 Prior to the Warning Signal for her Division, each yacht shall approach the Race Committee Boat and check in so that she will be assured of being recorded as a starter. Please do not check in via radio. The Race Committee will not acknowledge boats attempting to check-in via radio.

- 11.2 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. The starting sequence is as follows:

A series of short sounds will signal that the warning is about to occur. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Shape/Flag and Sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class shape(s) 1 sound	5 minute before start
Preparatory	Blue Shape + flags P, I, Z or Z with I 1 sound	4 minute before start
One-minute	Preparatory shape removed 1 long sound	1 minute before start
Starting	Division shape removed 1 sound	0 – Go!

- 11.3 The race committee may attempt to notify boats identified as OCS by announcing their sail number or boat name on VHF Channel 69. Failure to hear or receive such transmission, or the order of sail numbers or boat names announced, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62. The failure to notify such a boat via VHF does not relieve her of her responsibility for making a proper start.
- 11.4 At the discretion of the Race Committee, Division 1 and Division 2 may be started either separately or at the same time.. If started at the same time, both Division's shapes will be raised at the warning signal.

## 12 not used

## 13 THE FINISH

Boats shall take their own GPS-based finish time upon crossing the Finishing Line and report their finish time as soon as practicable after finishing. Finish times shall be reported by email to [racecommittee@pequotyc.com](mailto:racecommittee@pequotyc.com) .

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 A boat protesting another boat or requesting redress shall comply with the requirements of RRS Part 5. In addition, such boat shall notify the Race Committee at the earliest time possible after finishing or withdrawing from the race. This modifies RRS 61.1.
- 14.2 A boat which breaks a rule of RRS Part 2 and which fails to take a penalty under RRS 44.1, may elect to take a scoring penalty under RRS 44.3(c) by notifying the Race Committee at any time prior to the start of a protest hearing. This modifies RRS 44.3(a) and (b). The scoring penalty shall be three places.
- 14.3 Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a boat which breaks a rule of RRS Part 2 and caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

There is no time limit.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at Pequot Yacht Club in the Sailing Center or online at pequotyc.com. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Pequot's Club Manager's office within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The time to file a protest ends two hours after the last boat finishes.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted as soon as practical after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the Pequot Yacht Club, beginning at as soon as practical after a protest is filed.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

## **17 ARBITRATION**

- 17.1 Appendix T of the RRS applies.
- 17.2 The arbitrator will be designated by the Pequot Yacht Club Protest Committee in its sole discretion.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1 Boats will be awarded finish positions based on their corrected elapsed time. To calculate corrected times, the PHRF Time on Time method will be used, under which a boat's elapsed time will be multiplied by that boat's Time Correction Factor (TCF), which will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{TCF} = 650 / (550 + \text{PHRF handicap})$$

$$\text{Corrected Time} = \text{Elapsed Time} \times \text{TCF}$$

- 18.2 YRA-LIS PHRF Spinnaker Distance ratings will be used.

## **19 not used**

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1 The race committee may use VHF channel 69 to broadcast courtesy information to all competitors.
- 20.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the fleet using VHF channel 69, and shall notify Pequot's Club Manager on 203-255-5740 x13.

## **21 PRIZES**

The Starring Trophy will be awarded to the Pequot Yacht Club boat with the lowest corrected time. Competitors in each Division will receive prizes as follows: First place will be awarded if three boats start in the Division. First and second places will be awarded if four boats start in the Division. If more than four boats start in the

Division, first, second and third places will be awarded. Prizes will be presented at the Pequot Yacht Club annual Awards Dinner.

## **22 SAILOR'S RESPONSIBILITY**

By participation in racing, a sailor acknowledges that he or she is solely responsible for his or her own safety and that of the crew and boat; that he or she represents that the boat and its equipment are in sound condition and all required safety equipment is aboard, accessible for use and in operable condition; that the decision to race, not to race, or to withdraw after starting is solely his or hers; and he or she hereby releases the organizing authority, its officers, trustees, employees and all members of the Race Committee, whether or not members of the organizing authority, from any and all liability or claims for personal injury or property damage or death resulting from participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Assisting Boats in Distress- In the event that a boat assists another vessel or crew in distress, and the assisting boat wishes to continue in the Race, the boat may do so provided that, in rendering assistance, with or without the use of the engine, the boat shall return promptly to the position on the course at which the Race was interrupted and resume the Race from that point. The boat shall, promptly upon finishing, report to the Race Committee all details of the assistance rendered and supply extracts from her log showing her position at time of rendering assistance, names of other competing boats in the vicinity, time spent in giving such assistance, and any other details regarding assistance rendered which might affect the boat's standing in the Race. Upon receiving and verifying the foregoing information, the Race Committee, with or without a hearing, may at its discretion record such boat as an official finisher and subtract such time from the boat's elapsed time as may be deemed fair under the circumstances. This modifies RRS 63.1.